



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 19th October 2018



### Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term of the school year has rattled past and we are well under way. The children have been busy with their learning and it has been a very positive start to the year with everyone settling well into their new classes. We hope you enjoy the half term break and get a chance to rest and recharge the batteries ready for the second half of term. To keep up to date with all the exciting events happening in school, have a look at the news section of the website.

**Magic Breakfast** As many of you will be aware, at the beginning of the term we launched our Magic Breakfast facility, offering a free breakfast to every child at the school and ensuring that no child is too hungry to learn. We have been delighted by the number of people accessing this service and are pleased that it is proving to be so popular. We have seen a marked improvement in punctuality and we know that many parents are thankful for the help the service provides as it can make mornings a bit less of a rush at home. It is also lovely to see members of the school community gathering for a chat before school. In order to help the service run smoothly, please help us to enforce a few simple rules around Magic Breakfast by speaking to your child about what we expect. Children are welcome to have as much breakfast as they like but should not take more than they need. We do not want to waste food. Children should get their breakfast and then wait by their class door so that they are ready to go in and start learning as soon as the doors are open. Once the children have got their breakfast they should not then need to return to the patio area. Children should be mindful of others when getting their breakfast and clear up any mess they make so that the area is left clean and tidy. Parents and carers, you are also welcome to help yourself and feed younger siblings but please always let the school children eat first. Note that the breakfast will start to be cleared away at 8:55am so children wishing to eat should arrive at school before then. Thank you for your support.

**Another polite reminder** Thank you to the vast majority of people heeding the no parking signs in Attlee Close and trying to keep the road clear. Thanks also to the people who choose to park a bit further away from school and walk in to avoid causing a traffic jam outside the school. This keeps the road clear for children to cross and provides a passing place so that traffic can flow in and out of the close. This helps to keep the children safe. Please do not park on the yellow lines or stop on the zig zag lines to drop off your child. Not only is this illegal, it puts the children at risk. Also, to the few persistent offenders, please respect our neighbours by not parking in the residents' spaces as this causes a great deal of frustration for people in Attlee Close. Thank you.

**Year 6 secondary transfer forms** Please note that the deadline for completion of secondary transfer forms is October the 31st. These forms must be completed online. If you do not complete the form, you will have no say in which secondary school your child attends when they leave Ecclesbourne next summer.

**Harvest** Many thanks to all the children and parents who donated food or supplies as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. The collections will go to support the work of the Croydon Refugee Centre which supports families in need in this area.

### Diary dates

Monday 29th October	First day back at school
Friday 23rd November	Mars class assembly - 9:15am
Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December	KS2 Winter production - 7pm
Friday 21st December	End of term
Tuesday 8th January	Back to school

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