



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 11th September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is lovely to see all the children back in school and eager to learn. I would also like to welcome all the new members of our school community who have joined us in Nursery and Reception. We look forward to working with you over the coming years. It has been a hectic start to the term but things have been running remarkably smoothly given all the new procedures that we have had to implement and the new rules the children have had to get used to. I know that some of the changes mean that it takes a little longer for some of you to drop and collect your children but I thank you all for your patience and understanding which is helping to keep everyone safe. Please remember to keep up to date with news and information via our website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org. Also, please ensure that we have a current mobile phone number for you so that we can keep you informed via text. Finally, a polite reminder that the school is currently closed to visitors and no parents should enter the building.

Ecclesbourne's baby boom At a time that has been and still is so difficult for so many people, it is with great pleasure that I am able to share some happy news. You may have noticed that three members of staff have not returned to Ecclesbourne for the autumn term but I can tell you that Ms Matthews, Mrs Waters and Mrs Marsh have all been busy at home having babies. Ms Matthews gave birth in August to a little girl and in the past week Mrs Waters and Mrs Marsh have had a little girl and a little boy respectively. All babies and mums are doing well and we really look forward to meeting the new additions.

Coronavirus symptoms As you can imagine, it has been a tricky time getting all the children back in to school and we are all trying to make sure that we can keep everyone safe while at the same time not sending children home unnecessarily. Whenever children get together, there will inevitably be coughs and colds and sniffles and sneezes. Also, we recognise that every time a child has temperature or a cough it doesn't necessarily mean that they have Coronavirus. However, we also have a duty to try and keep everyone safe and ensure that the virus is not in school and spreading. We ask that people make themselves aware of the symptoms of coronavirus and exercise caution and judgement when considering whether or not your child can be in school. By working together we can keep everyone safe but also ensure that children aren't missing out on school with minor illnesses. I am aware of stories circulating on social media about schools testing children or keeping them against the will of parents to enforce testing. Please be reassured that we will never test any child, administer any vaccines or keep them on site to enforce a test. If a child displays symptoms in school we will be in touch with you and ask you to get a test. For more information please see the quick parents guide on our website. <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/news/back-to-school-some-things-you-may-not-know>

Book bags and birthday treats At the moment, we are trying to limit the items that children carry in and take home from school. Children will need a book bag for their reading diary, reading book and sunshine cards but there is no need for bulky bags, PE kits or other items to be brought in to school. PE kits can be worn to school on PE days. Please note that for the time being, we are unable to accept birthday cakes or goody bags to distribute for children's birthdays. We will celebrate children's birthdays by wishing them a Happy Birthday in class. If you want to send in a new book for the class to share in celebration of the child's birthday, please send it in 48 hours in advance so that it can be quarantined. Thank you for your understanding.

School street Please be aware that Attlee Close is now a school street and any car entering the street between 8 am and 9.30am and 2 and 4pm will be issued with a £130 fine. Please do not drive into the close when dropping or collecting your child.

Jeans for Genes Next Friday, the 18th September we will be acknowledging Jeans for Genes day. Children can wear their jeans and as much denim as they like to school on this day for a donation of £1. Please help us support the valuable work of this charity.

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