



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the term and it has been lovely to have the children back in school with us and able to operate many of our normal systems without restrictions. This has allowed the children to mix more socially and given us the chance to meet in assemblies and have some visitors in the school. We are keeping a close eye on case numbers and government advice to make sure everyone keeps safe but we are hopeful that we will be able to ease things further soon. In the meantime, I thank you for your ongoing cooperation and patience as we try to navigate our way safely through the winter.

Trips and Visits. Now that there are fewer restrictions on schools, we have been able to offer the children some of the wider curriculum experiences that have been missing over the past eighteen months. We have had a range of visitors. Last week, the Year 2 children had a Diwali workshop and the whole school met, albeit remotely, with Alim Kamara who is a wonderful story teller. He spoke to all the Key Stage Two children about Black British History and inspired us all. We have had children from Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 competing at the Croydon Inter Schools Cross Country with some stand out performances including some top 10 finishes. Year 3 have visited the local church as part of their learning about places of worship and Year 2 are off to Hampton Court next week. We are so pleased that we can restart this important aspect of the children's learning and we look forward to a full offer of trips and visits over the coming year.

Donations and collections. Many thanks to everybody who kindly donated to our Jeans for Genes day, Macmillan Coffee Morning and cake sale and for our Harvest collection. Altogether your generosity gathered over £650 for the valuable work of these charities and a huge collection of produce went off with The Salvation Army to help local people in need.

Please keep off the grass. As many of you will have noticed, we have now lifted the temporary pathways and standing areas from the field. They had become uneven and were presenting a trip hazard. This has left us with a bare patch of mud that we will be reseeding and re-turfing over the coming weeks. Apparently, now is the right time of year to plant grass seed so we are hopeful that by the spring we will have our field fully restored to its former green glory. In the meantime, please ensure that children keep off the grass to allow it to grow. Thank you.

Black History Month This month, the children will be researching and learning about significant figures in Black British History. We hope that the children will get to hear some of the untold stories of Britain's past and to understand the contribution that people from all over the world have made to our society today. As part of our celebrations, we are inviting children to come to school on Friday 22nd October in non uniform. We are especially keen for children to come to school in clothes that celebrate their national heritage or home culture. This could be something as simple as a t-shirt with a national flag on or a country's football kit all the way to full national dress. We look forward to seeing how many countries and cultures are represented. Later in the year, when the weather is warmer, we are also hoping to host an international event where we will be able to celebrate the diversity in our school.

Dates for the diary

Friday 22nd October - End of half term

Wednesday 3rd November - INSET day- school closed

Thursday 4th November - Back to school

Friday 19th November - Individual school photos

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