



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 21st October 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term is here and it is hard to believe that we are whizzing through the school year at such a rate. Nevertheless, it has been a busy time in school and we have achieved much already. When I look back through the website I can see that so many things have been covered with things like Jeans for Genes, the MacMillan Coffee Morning, Wear Red Day and a Harvest collection. We've also held numerous parental workshops as well as parents' evenings and a number of class assemblies where parents and carers have been in school to hear about what the children have been learning. It has been lovely to see so many parents over the course of the half term and to welcome all of our new families to Ecclesbourne. The Reception children have settled in well and made a great start to their time here in school. We look forward to watching them grow and learn. If you want to keep up to date with what is going on in school, keep an eye on the website at pegasusacademytrust.org. In the meantime, I wish everyone a restful break and a happy half term.

Trips and Visits As well as all the usual academic work going on in school and the various celebration mornings and parent events, we have been able to have a number of special visitors to the school and children have been going out on trips. Year 2 had a Diwali workshop with a visitor in school and Year 4 have visited the Hindu temple this week. Today, Year 6 are visiting the Natural History Museum as part of their Thematic studies and Year 3 have been to Crystal Palace park to see the dinosaurs there.

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 will soon be collected and distributed to local people in need.

The Willows Family Centre and Nursery This term has seen the launch of our Willows family centre and our full time Nursery. We are delighted with the uptake in our Nursery and it is amazing to see that we now have some brave little ones who stay all day and come across to the lunch hall in the main school to have their lunch. In our family centre, we have launched child and baby yoga sessions and a Junior Jam session for little ones. These are both free and a great opportunity to get out and meet other mums in the community. We will be offering more services soon including financial management advice so watch out for news about what is coming up.

Eco Squad Our Eco squad have been thinking hard about planet saving tips and what we can do to reduce the school's environmental impact. They would like to remind everyone who comes to the Felix Project to bring their own reusable carrier bag rather than asking the school to keep issuing plastic bags that we all know are harmful to the environment. This sounds like a great idea.

Black History Month This week the children have been looking at significant figures and events in Black British History. Children have been learning about everything from John Blanke to the origins of the Notting Hill Carnival. We have been hearing about Mary Seacole, studying the Bristol Bus Boycott and celebrating the soldiers from all around the world who fought in World War II. All of these stories and many others are helping the children to build a fuller picture of British history and building our knowledge of events and people that have sometimes been overlooked. We are always trying to build more of this work into our whole curriculum through texts and resources so that everyone's story can be told.

Dates for the diary

Friday 21st October - End of half term

Wednesday 2nd November - Back to school

Please note that school is closed on Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November.

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