



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Thursday 1st April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the term and get ready for the Easter break it is time to reflect on the last term in and out of school. It has been a term like no other and hopefully one we won't ever have to repeat. The postponed return after Christmas and the long period of lockdown was a huge change for everyone children, parents and staff. After what seemed like a very long time with children learning at home, we have then had a short period of reintroduction to school. I am have been amazed by the resilience the children have shown to cope with all the challenges. They have been amazing, Also, I think that you as parents should be proud of your response in the move to online learning or keyworker provision. It was not easy for anyone and everyone had to get through it in their own way. Since the 8th of March, the children have managed a calm and orderly return to school and this is again to their credit. I would also like to put on record my thanks to all the staff who worked incredibly hard to maintain our educational offer during the period of online learning.

Who knows what the Summer will bring but hopefully, we are over the worst of the pandemic now and we can start to look forward to a more normal time in school. We will regularly be reviewing our risk assessment and government guidance to see what we can do as restrictions ease. For the time being, children will remain in class bubbles and I urge everyone to keep maintaining social distance and following guidance when collecting and dropping off children. This way, we can minimise any further disruption to school. I know that some of you will be anxious that children might be behind or need to catch up with missed work and we are conscious of the need to support children on their return. However, we are also conscious that children have missed out on lots of opportunities to play with their friends, to enjoy being outdoors and to be creative so we will be seeking to address this through the Summer.

For now, I would just like to wish you all a restful break. We look forward to seeing you back again on Monday the 19th of April.

Scooters and Cycling It is lovely to see so many children using sustainable and healthy methods for getting to school. Now that the school is on a Safer Street, there is much less traffic using Attlee Close but please be aware that residents are still allowed to drive on the road so there are still cars to watch out for. Please can I also remind cyclists and scooters to watch out for pedestrians on the pavement and the play-ground. I'm reluctant to ban children from scooting on the playground as I recognise this is a safe space to develop important skills but please be mindful of others by going slowly and giving people plenty of space. To avoid accidents, the rule needs to be that anyone on wheels needs to give way to anyone walking. Please keep this in mind.

Lateral Flow Testing Parents of primary school children are now able to order or collect lateral flow tests to check their children for Coronavirus. Regular testing can help to stop the spread from asymptomatic cases. The nearest place to collect tests is Croydon Sports Arena or they can be delivered to your home. Contact www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests. If anyone tests positive during the Easter break please email the school office to let us know at epsadmin@pegasusacademytrust.org

Return to proper Uniform I appreciate that, with the shops closed, it has been difficult to keep everyone in school uniform but as we return after Easter we will be returning to our normal expectations about what children wear to school. Children will still be able to wear PE kit on PE days but full school uniform must be worn at all other times. Please note that we have updated our guidance to allow black trainers to be worn but they must be completely black with no visible logos. Furthermore, as the weather improves, we will no longer be allowing the children to wear coats or hats in the classroom either.

Nursery places If you or anyone you know is looking for a nursery place, we have spaces available for our September intake. Please contact the office.

Diary dates

Monday 19th April - Return to school for summer term

Thursday 29th April - Individual school photos

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Thank you to everyone who helped us raise £282 for Comic Relief.