



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 16th December 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy term but we have finally made it to the Christmas break. It was lovely to see all of the children performing their shows last week and especially lovely that we were able to invite parents in to watch the children. I'm sure you'll agree that all of the children did an excellent job of learning their lines, singing their songs and perfecting the dance routines. Performing in front of a live audience can be a real challenge for some children while others relish the opportunity to shine. We think that being part of a show is an important part of a wider curriculum and we are often amazed and delighted to unearth some hidden talents in the children. My thanks go to all of the staff who go above and beyond to put the shows together. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed them. All that remains is to wish you all a restful break and a Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you again in 2023.

Online Safety We have added a new online safety page to our Trust website which contains lots of useful information for children and parents about how to stay safe online. For those of you with older children who might be starting to use social media on their phones there is useful information through the following link <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/> about what is age appropriate. It is worth noting that the vast majority of apps are rated as only being suitable for children aged 13 years old and upwards. Unfortunately, we sometimes have to deal with issues that arise in school where children have been using social media inappropriately despite the apps not being suitable for primary school-aged children. If you are thinking about getting your child a phone for Christmas or you already let your child use social media on their phone, please take the time to talk to them about how to use it responsibly and regularly check to see that they are following your advice. This will help to keep your child safe and prevent problems arising that can affect their friendships and learning in school.

Financial Advice Some of you will recall that we recently held some financial management workshops in association with an organisation called AI Inclusive Advice and Training. The feedback from people who attended was that they found the information provided extremely helpful. We are pleased that the advisors will be coming back to school on Wednesday the 18th January at 9.15am to offer more help and advice on issues ranging from housing advice, debt management, increasing your earning power or starting and running a business. They are keen to help as many people as possible so please come along. If you are not sure if they can help, ask in advance and we will be happy to help out.

Lost Property Please can I urge everyone to spend five minutes over the holiday making sure that all uniform and other items of clothing that come in to school are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will make it much easier to return lost items to their rightful owners and save everyone time when things get left behind in school.

The Downs Syndrome Association Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our collections at the end of the shows. The school managed to raise £ 251 for the vital work of this important charity.

Diary dates

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Inset day (school closed)
Wednesday 4th January 2023 - Return to school
Friday 10th February 2023 - Last day of half term
Monday 20th February 2023 - Return to school

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