



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. The time has flown by and yet there is still so much to look ahead to after half term. As we move towards the summer term, we will start preparing children in some year groups for upcoming assessments so please encourage your children to keep reading and practising their times tables over the break. Not too much though! It is important to get some rest too. As ever, we are looking forward to some warmer weather and sunshine. The snowdrops are in bloom by Nursery and the bulbs are starting to show around the playground. The spring and summer allow us to make full use of our outdoor space and we are getting ready to take more of our learning outside. Let us hope that we have seen the last of the cold weather and winter for the year.

Museum Day It was lovely to see so many parents visiting our Ecclesbourne Museum today. We hope you enjoyed seeing all of the children's work on display. All across the school, there were sights to behold with Egyptian Mummies, Roman shields, Viking helmets and replica dinosaurs. The children have been getting creative making everything from toys and portraits to mosaic tiles and Tudor houses. The museum was a lovely way to showcase the skills that children have learnt in History, Geography, Art and DT as part of our Thematic curriculum. At Ecclesbourne, we recognise that school is not just about reading, writing and maths and all of these subjects give so many children the opportunity to shine. We loved seeing all the work and the progression through the school. We hope that you did too.

Safer Internet Day On Tuesday, we recognised Safer Internet Day in school. This involved all the children having an assembly discussing how children can keep themselves safe online. As the digital world becomes ever more involved in our daily lives and younger and younger children access online content, it is vital that children are taught how to behave responsibly online and what to do if they find something they are worried about. The awareness the children have gained this week means that over the half term will be an ideal time to talk to your child about what they understand and how they use the internet. This is particularly relevant for those older children who use their phones to stay in touch with friends. There is a lot of useful information on our website at <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/online-learning>

Financial Advice Some of you will recall that we recently held some financial management workshops in association with an organisation called All Inclusive Advice and Training. On **Monday the 20th February**, our helpful experts will be back at school and are offering a free workshop on how to make extra money using Facebook market place. All parents are invited to attend to find out more about how you could give your income a useful boost by selling surplus stuff you already own or picking up a bargain. The workshop will start at **9.15am**.

World Book Day A reminder that this year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday the 3rd March**. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. As ever, please do not feel obliged to rush out and buy something from the shops. We love to see the creativity involved when people make their own costumes or repurpose something that they already have indoors.

Diary dates

Monday 20th February 2023 - Return to school

Thursday 2nd March - Potential NEU strike action (TBC)

Friday 3rd March 2023 - Dress up for World Book Day

Wednesday 15th/ Thursday 16th March- Potential NEU strike action (TBC)

Friday 31st March 2023 - Last day of half term

Monday 17th April 2023- Return to school

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