



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 12th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a big welcome back to everyone. It has been lovely to see all the children and they have all returned so enthusiastically. It has also been lovely to see parents and staff back on site as we start to feel like a community once again. The return to school has been a long time coming but now that we are back, I hope that we will not need to return to online learning and that we can keep any bubble closures to a minimum.

Although case numbers are dropping locally, we must all still do our bit to keep the school open and keep everyone safe so please continue to follow all government guidance. Whilst dropping your children to school, you are reminded that you should not be lingering to chat on the playground and you must not mingle with people from outside of your household. Please follow all signs and one way systems in place. You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask and if your child is in Key Stage Two please drop them at the school gate and let them make their own way to class. Hopefully, if cases continue to fall then we will be able to review some of these measures after the Easter break to allow a greater semblance of normality. In the meantime, children will still be sanitising their hands on entry to school and working in year group bubbles as much as possible. We have also limited some of the activities such as assemblies to avoid children mixing.

I know that some of you will be thinking about whether or not your child has 'fallen behind' as a result of the lockdown but for now our priority will be to get the children settled back in to school and to allow them to re-establish their friendships. Please rest assured that the staff will be paying close attention to what learning is needed and will be addressing this over the rest of the year. However, we are also mindful that many children worked incredibly hard during lockdown and what they have missed more than anything is the opportunity to play with their friends, to enjoy being outdoors and to take part in physical activity. Hopefully, we will get plenty of sunshine and dry days so that the children can get out and enjoy the fresh air.

Laptops and chromebooks Thank you to everyone who has already returned laptops and Chromebooks that were loaned out. If you still have one at home, please make sure that it is returned to school as soon as possible so that it is available in the event that we have to send a class home to self isolate.

Class assemblies Now that the children are back in school, we are hopeful that we will be able to start our class assemblies again. Although, for the time being, they will need to be presented virtually we look forward to inviting the parents to join us and giving the children an opportunity to showcase their talents. Please keep an eye out for dates.

Fallen tree Some of you will have seen that, on Thursday, one of the trees on site fell into the staff car park. Fortunately, no one was hurt although some staff cars were damaged. I would like to reassure people that all the trees on site are checked annually by our facilities team and a tree surgeon. This was a previously healthy tree that has been caught by a strong gust of wind; this couldn't have been prevented or anticipated but all trees will now have an additional inspection.

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

Friday 19th March- Red Nose day (wear something red or some RND merchandise to school)

Thursday 1st April - Last day of spring term.

Monday 19th April - Return to school for summer term

Remember to keep checking the website for news stories and updates.

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