



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 31st March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems as if we are finally through the worst of the winter and although it has been a pretty wet March, it is always heart-warming to see some bulbs beginning to push through and the daffodils bringing some colour to the playground. No doubt spring is on its way. It has been a busy term and the children have been working hard with many of them preparing for assessments later in the year. As well as all the hard work in class, the children have been out and about. Our choir is performing this week at Fairfield Halls and our Boys' football team have been busy racking up a series of wins. Our Netball team continue to develop and have managed a couple of wins after a difficult start to their season. We had a group of Year 6 children win the South London Poetry Slam after an incredible performance at Wimbledon's Polka Theatre and we have continued with various visits and trips although sadly, the fire fighters were called away to an emergency when they came to visit the Reception children. Hopefully, we can rearrange their visit. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back feeling refreshed and ready to go for the summer term.

Parental Questionnaire Many thanks to everyone who completed our parent survey. We managed to collect over 100 responses with lots of positive comments. As ever, we take your feedback seriously so keep an eye out for a newsletter detailing how we are responding to suggestions and comments. In the meantime, we know that some of you would like earlier notification of upcoming events so please see below for a list of dates, including Sports' Days, coming up in the summer term.

Social Media Unfortunately, as a school we are still sometimes having to deal with issues that arise through children's use of social media outside of school. We understand that many children want or need a phone and we have had many sessions in school covering how to keep safe online but nevertheless this is a message that needs reinforcing. If your child uses social media, please take some time over the holidays to have a conversation reminding them about safe online behaviour. Perhaps most importantly, children need to remember that when they say something unkind in a group chat it is not only upsetting, it is also very hard to take back as many people will have evidence of the conversation.

Red Nose Day Many thanks to everyone who donated for our Comic Relief collection earlier this month. I am pleased to say that we raised £212 for the valuable work of this charity.

Diary dates

Monday 17th April - Return to school
Wednesday/ Thursday 26/27th - April Year 3 Caveman experience
Tuesday 2nd May - Year 5 Gallery trip.
Monday 8th May - School **CLOSED** King's Coronation
Week Beginning 8th May - Year 6 SATs week
Monday 22nd May - Class Photos
Friday 26th May - Break up for half term
Monday 5th June - Return to school
Weds 28th-Fri 30th June - PAT Year 6 School Journey
Tuesday 4th July - KS1 Sports' Day
Wednesday 5th July - KS2 Sports' Day
Thursday 13th July - Year 6 Production
Monday 12th June - Year 2 beach trip
Monday 26th/ Tuesday 27th June - Reception classes to Crystal Palace Farm

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