



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 26th May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an extremely busy half term with children in Year 2 and Year 6 completing national assessments as well as the visit of Ofsted. You may have read reports in the press about this year's KS2 test papers and whether or not they were fair for 11 year olds. The papers were certainly challenging but all we can say at this stage is that we know the children tried their best and we are proud of their efforts. We also know that whatever the children achieve in the tests, they are more than a score and have a whole range of talents that can't be measured by SATs papers.

I would like to thank everyone who completed the parent survey or took the time to speak to inspectors during our Ofsted visit. We received lots of positive feedback. Although we are not allowed to share any results at this stage, we can say that we are pleased that the inspectors really understood Ecclesbourne and all that we are trying to achieve for the children and community here. The full report is being written and should be ready for publication some time in the summer term.

Please check the dates below to keep up to date with all the things happening in the summer term. Although most of these dates were shared with you back in March a few new ones have been added so make sure you have a look. All that remains is to wish everyone a restful break and hopefully we all get to enjoy some sunshine.

Maternity Leave As many of you may have noticed, Miss Mackenzie is leaving us to go on maternity leave. She has done very well to keep going in school as long as she has and we hope that she manages to get a few days rest before the arrival of the baby. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting the new arrival.

Safe Parking Please can parents avoid parking on the double yellow lines at the junction of Attlee Close and Kimberley Road. I know that finding a proper space in the surrounding streets may mean having to walk an extra 100 yards to the school but surely this is a small price to pay for ensuring all of the children can walk safely to school and be seen when crossing the road.

Diary dates

Friday 26th May- Break up for half term

Monday 5th June - Return to school

Week beginning 5th June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables check

Tuesday 6th June - Zoolab Visiting Reception classes

Week beginning 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening check

Monday 12th June - Year 2 beach trip

Tuesday 13th June - Year 4 Natural History Museum

Wednesday 28th June - Venus Class to Tower of London

Friday 23rd June - Year 2 Morden Hall Park trip

Monday 26th/ Tuesday 27th June - Reception classes to Crystal Palace Farm

Weds 28th-Fri 30th June - PAT Year 6 School Journey

Tuesday 4th July- KS1 Sports' Day

Wednesday 5th July - KS2 Sports' Day

Friday 7th July - Year 6 Secondary transition day

Friday 7th July—Saturn Class to Tower of London

Thursday 13th July— Year 5 Science Museum trip

Thursday 13th July- Year 6 Production

Friday 14th July - Pupil Reports out

Friday 21st July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 21st July— End of Term

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