



# Ecclesbourne Primary School

## Newsletter Wednesday 25th November 2020



### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Normally, at this time of year the school would be gearing up for various festive events and our Nativity production. Children would be rehearsing their lines and learning their songs. Sadly, we won't be able to put a production together in quite the same way this year but we are working hard to come up with some sort of virtual performance that we can share with you. It won't be quite the same as usual but hopefully it can raise everyone's spirits and generate some communal festive cheer. Once we have decided on the most practical solution, we will send out more details so please keep an eye on the website and texts for updates.

**Keeping everyone safe** Once again, I would like to thank everyone who is helping to keep us all safe by following the procedures for dropping and collecting children and moving around the school grounds. We have introduced more temporary paving and standing areas to reduce the need for people to be close to each other. We have also installed additional scooter storage so that people do not have to walk around to the front of the school when dropping off in key stage one. Please do not linger when dropping your children. Again, please remember to keep your distance from staff and each other when collecting your children. To help reduce risk and to ensure we can keep the school open, staff are now wearing masks in communal areas and I would encourage you to wear a face mask on the school grounds. At the time of writing, I am pleased to say that we have had no positive cases in school and I am keen that we keep it that way. Please can I remind you that the school is closed to all visitors and nobody should be entering the school or dropping in to the office in any circumstances. If you need to speak to someone, make an appointment by calling 0208 684 3187. Hopefully with news of a vaccine on the horizon, we can look forward to returning to some semblance of normality in the new year. Thank you.

**MAC vacancies** We currently have space for parents to join our Academy Council. Members of the Academy Council (MACs) play a vital role in offering support and challenge to the school leadership. The role typically involves attending 4 or 5 meetings a year and undertaking some training that is all provided. If you would like to know more about how the school is run and feel that you have something to contribute, please speak to Mr Robins.

**The Poppy Appeal** Many thanks to everyone who bought a poppy or contributed to our Poppy Appeal. The school managed to raise £276 which all goes towards the valuable work of The Royal British Legion.

**School Festive Lunch** This year, the festive lunch is on Friday the 11th December. Your child should have brought home a leaflet with details of what is on offer including a vegetarian option. If you want a lunch on this day it must be ordered by Friday 27th November. Please note that the normal menu is suspended on this day. All Key Stage One and Reception children are eligible for a free lunch. Anyone not wanting the Christmas lunch must provide their child with a packed lunch on that day. Also, on that day we are encouraging children to wear a Christmas jumper in return for a small suggested donation of £1. This money will go towards the work of Save the Children.

### **Diary dates**

**Friday 11th December** - Festive lunch (and Christmas jumper day)

**Wednesday 16th December** - End of term

**Monday 4th January** - Inset day (school closed)

**Tuesday 5th January 2021** - Return to school

**Remember to keep checking the website and familiarise yourself with how to access Google Meets and our online learning through the class blogs.**

Paul Robins

**Head of School**

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