



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 26th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many aspects of school life have been able to return to normal this term and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying some of the enriching opportunities that we traditionally offer. This week Year One have been to London on a visit to the Science Museum to support their learning about Space and Year 6 have visited Greenwich park via the Thames to support their learning about rivers, longitude and latitude. Nevertheless, we are still mindful of the risks associated with the pandemic and although the children are mixing more in school we want to keep everyone safe in the run up to the Christmas holidays. With this in mind, we have been thinking carefully about how we can put on a Christmas show without the children and adults mixing more than is necessary. Please see below for details of our Christmas productions this year.

Christmas Productions

All of Key Stage Two will be producing a class based, Christmas - themed scene which will be filmed and put onto the class blogs for families to enjoy at home. Whilst this is not the same as our usual Christmas extravaganzas, it will allow us to celebrate and give the children an opportunity to perform in front of an audience of their peers. Those of you who have been at Ecclesbourne for a while will know that the hall gets extremely busy for evening shows and having assessed the risk we do not feel that it is safe to put on our traditional evening performances this year.

In Key stage One, where fewer children are involved we are pleased that we will be able to offer a traditional Christmas Nativity production. This will be performed in school on **Tuesday the 14th December at 1.45pm** and **Wednesday the 15th December at 9.30am**. These will be ticket only events and numbers will be limited per family in an effort to avoid over crowding. We will also film these events so that they can be viewed on the class blogs, if people are unable to come to watch the shows live. The Reception classes and Nursery are also making arrangements for their traditional Christmas singalongs in their classrooms in the final week of term on **Thursday 16th December; Nursery at 10.45am. Reception at 2pm**. We look forward to warming up for the Christmas break with some uplifting music and singing.

Positive cases In line with Government guidance, there is no longer any requirement to send classes or bubbles home from school in the event of a positive case. However, if your child has coronavirus and this is confirmed by a PCR test, you must inform the school. The school will then issue a 'warn and inform' letter to the class to advise that there has been a case. Parents need to take no further action as a result of this letter but should test their children if they go on to develop any of the symptoms of coronavirus. This will help us to manage the spread in school.

The Poppy Appeal Many thanks to everyone who bought a poppy or contributed to our Poppy Appeal. All of the money raised (over £200) goes towards the valuable work of The Royal British Legion.

School Festive Lunch This year, the festive lunch is on Friday the 10th December. 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 (there is a vegetarian option available) 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 10th December - Festive lunch (and Christmas jumper day)

Friday 17th December - End of term

Tuesday 4th January - Inset day (school closed)

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Return to school

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

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