



Ecclesbourne Primary School

Newsletter Friday 21st July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

As another school year draws to a close it is time to reflect on what a year it has been. It has been lovely to make it through a whole school year without any further lockdowns or having to resort to remote learning. We know the value of face to face teaching and we recognise that having the children in school for this whole year is what is best for their education. Although less disrupted than the past two years, it is worth noting that the pandemic has not completely gone away and it has been a real challenge at some points in the year with staff and pupil absence affected by ongoing COVID cases.

Despite these challenges, it has been a successful year at Ecclesbourne. We have watched the children settle back into the routines of school life and it has been lovely to be able to welcome the community back into the school for things like sports days, assemblies, shows and parents' evening. We value the opportunity to work together and being able to see parents in school is important for us and your children's learning. Unlike some schools, we quickly took advantage of society opening up again to make sure that we could offer a host of trips and excursions this year. We have had children going everywhere from museums to beaches and everything in between. Our year sixes also managed to get away for a two night bushcraft experience. We believe that all these trips and visits are a crucial part of our curriculum and that they make a valuable contribution to your child's experience in school.

This year, we saw the return of national assessments and our children have bounced back from their time away from face to face learning with results that show we are working hard to address any gaps in their understanding as a result of lockdowns. As well as a strong set of academic results this year, we have had numerous other successes. There has been sporting success in a range of sports and our Djembe Kings and Choir have performed at a number of venues and concerts.

All in all, it has been a very busy year and we are all looking forward to the chance to recharge and refresh ourselves ready for September. It just remains to say a huge thank you, to all the staff who have worked so hard this year and goodbye and good luck to those staff who are leaving us. I would like to also say thank you to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support this year. Finally, I would like to wish the very best to our year sixes and anyone else leaving us this summer. To everyone else, I wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Please note: The first day of the new term is Monday 5th September.

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