



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I would just like to give some updates to the work of the Safeguarding and Pastoral Team.

Firstly, the last half-term has been very busy but also successful, some highlights have included.

- The success of the student led groups which include, Well-being Ambassadors, Feminista Group, Student Council, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and the Diversity Group in Sixth Form
- Show Racism the Red Card Day which raised over £2,500 for charity
- The launch of the Tootoot app- our anonymised reporting tool
- The introduction of the Welfare Hub, this is open every morning, lunch and after school apart from Friday evening
- Increased capacity in the pastoral team so that we can spend more individual time with children that have more complex needs.

To continue to support your child/children this half-term we have

- Asked Safe and Sound workers to come in every Thursday lunch to chat to students who may be currently experiencing some difficulties. This is a drop-in session, so if you believe your child would benefit, they can come along to either the welfare hub or meeting room
- Asked Safe and Sound to deliver workshops to Year 7 on the importance of being an upstander not a bystander. This will be the 9th and 10th December. We have booked additional workshops for Years 9, 10, and 12 in the New Year for a range of topics
- Asked the local police to come in and work with Year 7 on how to keep themselves safe in the local community. These will be delivered in form groups to have a greater impact
- Arranged a Year 12 day to look at Health and well-being including what is a healthy relationship
- Arranged sessions for parents to come along and know more on how to support your child during their teenage years
- Trained the anti-bullying ambassadors and well-being ambassadors which will be cascaded to a number of other students
- Took our student council to the Matlock to visit the Derbyshire Offices to learn key skills in leading to a body of people
- Promoted the anti-bullying week

These are in addition to all the festive fun and house plays that are coming up shortly.

In order to best support your child further, could I please ask any parent that has adopted their child from care to contact me and let me know so that we can claim additional funding which we can then use to support your child. Also, could you let me know if your child is a young carer so that we can look at any package of support to help them, this can include referrals to the Young Carers association if you so wish.

Lastly just a reminder if you feel your child needs additional support (including financial support) then please contact me courabi@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk or 01332 843274 to see what help we can offer. I am also available to chat through any worries and concerns you may have. In addition, I offer a drop-in session every Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Lastly just a plea from the office admin team at school. If your child has a medical appointment, can you ensure that you either send a letter in or ring the main reception on 01332 843200 so that they are aware your child might be late or will need to leave school early. Could I also ask that you report any absences to school before 9.00am so that we can amend the register accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarissa Ourabi'.

Clarissa Ourabi
Deputy Head, Head of Pastoral & Behaviour & DSL