

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Events for week commencing Monday 6th May 2019:

		Time	Event
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – School closed		
Tuesday 7th May	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Rock Solid Club Dodgeball Club Year 4-6 Girls Football Club
		3.30pm	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 8th May	Morning	9am	
	Lunch Time	12.30pm	Choir
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3/4)
		3.30-5.00pm	Film Club
		3.30-4.30pm	Cookery Club – <i>full</i> Year 3 and 4 Boys Football Club
	4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)	
Thursday 9th May	Lunch Time	12.30pm	Orchestra
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	French Club Construction Club CCFC Football Club Play On Theatre Club
Friday 10th May	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Cheerleading
		3.30-4.30pm	Spanish
		3.30-4.30pm	Athletics Club (subject to interest)

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Oscar V, Edwardo D M, Kyran M, Jacob Ma. and Lara P.

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

You may have seen over the Easter holiday some discussion in the media about SATs. These are tests which are set nationally and sat by children in years 2 and 6. As is often the way when the

mainstream media report on educational stories, some of the nuance around the issue has been lost, so I thought I would write about the subject.

During a speech at the teachers' union conference Jeremy Corbyn pledged to scrap SATs. During the speech it was said that "extreme pressure testing" left children, among other things, in "floods of tears". I have never seen a child cry over SATs at either Dunchurch Infants or Dunchurch Juniors. I am not in a position to write about the experiences at other schools, but we work hard to protect children from any undue pressure. It is also important to stress that SATs in year 2, only help to inform the level children are assessed at; the teacher's own assessment of what children can do day-in, day-out, take precedent. In year 6, science and writing are no longer assessed by test, again, teacher assessments are used instead.

While schools are held to account for the results of pupils, it is my and my colleagues' job to make sure that pressure is not unduly put onto the children. Generally I think we do a very good job of this and it would be unfortunate if reports in the media about SATs gave a different impression. I should stress that none of this is meant to make a political point - I can find issue with other party's policies on education too!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award goes to 4B and 6R!

Class	Attendance AM	Attendance PM
3J	97.1	98.2
3K	98.8	98.8
4B	99.4	99.4
4C	97.4	97.4
5D	98.8	98.8
5HB	98.8	98.8
6R	99.4	99.4
6T	98.2	98.8

HOUSE CUP

This week the House Cup has been awarded to Arkwright. Points are given out for good behaviour, learning or work. Well done to all.

SCHOOL NEWS / MESSAGES

Wednesday 8th May – Year 3 Village Walk

Year 3 pupils will visit Dunchurch village on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th May. Mrs Keffler's class (3K) will be out between about 1.30 and 2.30pm, and Mrs Andrews' class (3A) between about 2.15 and 3.15pm. If you would like to accompany the children please contact the school office.

Advance Notice

This year's Induction day (County Transfer Day) is Thursday 27th June, 2019.
Thursday 23rd May, 6.30-8.00pm, Music concert.

No nuts/ sesame seeds

Please do not bring any foods containing nuts or sesame seeds into school, as we have children that are severely allergic to these items. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

ParentPay

Dinner Money The cost of school dinners for this half term is £46.55 or £12.25 weekly or £2.45 daily. Would parents please note that school meals should **always** be paid for in advance. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

Swimming Lessons The cost of swimming lessons for this half term is £12.69 for the children in Mrs Keffler's class and £16.92 for Mrs Andrews' children. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

Castleton Instalments The next instalment of £37 for pupils participating in the year 6 visit to Castleton is due today Friday (3rd May).

After School Clubs

Maths Club

A reminder that Maths Club has now finished.

Clubs – spaces

There are still spaces on Gardening, Dance, Football, Dodgeball, Construction, Chess, Theatre, French, Spanish and Athletics clubs. Spare copies of the letters are available from reception.

SCHOOL EVENTS

PTA

Next Meeting

The next **PTA Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 7th May at 3.30pm.**

Disco - Please note new date!! The next **PTA School Disco** will take place **Thursday 16th May from 6-7pm for years 3&4, and from 7.15-8.15pm for years 5&6.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dunchurch Youth Club runs every Monday evening from 5pm till 6:30pm from Dunchurch Methodist Church, with a whole range of activities from crafts to sports. Children aged 3 to 13 are able to attend and as the leaders are fully DBS checked children over 7 can stay without an adult... or adults are welcome to stay and join in or just have a cup of tea. Best of all the club is completely free!

Draycote Water will be holding their annual Open Day on Saturday 18th May (between 11am and 4pm) and would like to invite children and their families to come along and have a trial at sailing, windsurfing and stand-up paddle boarding.

Bilton Grange Holiday Club will be taking place from 28th May until 31st May and also between 22nd July and 23rd August. For further information please contact 01865 594325 or refer to www.active-camps.com

Yours sincerely

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