

# DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017:

Day		Time	Event
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12:30pm	Recorder Club
	Afternoon	2–2:30pm	3KB- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Fit 2 Dance Kidz Year 5/6 Girls Football Year 6 Boys Football
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Afternoon	2–2:30pm	3J- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club Orchestra Rock Solid Club Racquets Club
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12:30pm	Choir
	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Between 1.30-6pm</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
	After School	3:30pm-4.15pm	Year 3/4 Hotshots Basketball
		3:30-4:30pm	Cookery Club – FULL Year 3/4 Girls Football Year 4/5 Boys Football
		3:30-5pm	Film Club
	4:30-5:15pm	Year 5/6 Hotshots Basketball	
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12:30pm	Brass Band Cru Club (3KB)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Play on Theatre CCFC Football Club Imagineering Club
		<b>Between 3.30-8pm</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Morning	8:55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3:30-4.15pm 3:30-4:30pm	Cheerleading Club Spanish Club Tag Rugby Club (Spaces available)

#### STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Charlie Sinclair, George Unsworth, Summer Harvey, Connor Darcy, Frankie Kerry, Lydia Huhle, Elliot Page and Sophia Dixon.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Anya and Francesca Watson who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a trampolining competition last Saturday (28<sup>th</sup> October) and also won the combined team award. Well done to both!

## **ASSEMBLIES**

### **ASSEMBLY THEME**

In assemblies this week we have been focusing on respect as one of the key British Values. Children have considered what they think respect is and also how they can be respectful. We also thought about firework safety and keeping ourselves safe. Next week, the assembly theme is Remembrance. The children will have the chance to produce a poppy and then on Wednesday we will hold a special Remembrance assembly with lots of time for reflection. Poppies are now on sale in school; we suggest a donation of 50p.

### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Next week children from the School Council will be leading an assembly to share with the school some of their current projects - this will include outlining the activities they have planned to raise money for Children in Need. More details will follow next week, but we do know that Friday 17th November will be a non-uniform day in return for a donation for Children in Need.

### **ATTACHED**

Attached is the new school menu starting from Monday (6<sup>th</sup> November) and also the minutes from the PTA meeting held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Parent Consultation meetings are being held on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November. Your child should have brought home an appointment time. The meetings will be held in the classroom and we ask parents to arrive via the main entrance to be directed to the correct location. May we politely remind parents not to use the school car park. ***If your child normally goes home on the school bus, please inform the school office if there will be a change in their home time arrangement next week due to parent consultations.***

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

We will be holding a book fair in school from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1st December**. There will be a full range of children's books from pre-school upwards and lots of the latest and most current titles. This is a great opportunity to get some bargains for Christmas as all stock will be half price, which is an offer given to few schools, but is extended to us due to your continued support over the years. The fair will be open at lunchtimes for pupils and again between 3.30pm and 4pm for adults and children.

### **CHILDREN'S SURVEY AUTUMN 2017**

Below are the results from the survey that the children recently took part in.

99% of children said they felt safe at school.

99% of children said they enjoyed lunchtimes.

95% of children said that school was good at rewarding children.

83% of children said that school was very enjoyable or enjoyable.

74% of children said they learn new things in lessons most of the time.

25% said they sometimes learnt new things.

91% of children said that the adults in school were good or very good at listening to the children.

93% of children thought school dealt well with children who behaved badly.

### **WARWICKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE VISIT**

Year 5 had a visit from the Fire Service on Monday. They came into school as part of their Fire Safety Education Programme to recap key messages delivered in Year 2, such as 'Stop, Drop and Roll' and also extend their knowledge further. They discussed fire escape plans, the importance of smoke alarms and also how to make a 999 call. The children received information booklets and other goodies. They have also been given a fire escape plan checklist to complete at home and return to school. If they return it they will get a bookmark and be entered into a prize draw.

### **ROTARY CLUB BULB PLANTING**

On Tuesday 31st October, Mike Beck from the Rotary Club led our school assembly and told the children all about the work that they are doing to help raise awareness of Polio. He explained to the children that this very nasty disease is on the verge of being eradicated, with only handfuls of cases being reported in places such as Afghanistan. For the past few years the Rotary club, assisted by other local community groups and schools, have been planting purple crocus bulbs to raise awareness of Polio. They use purple as when children in other countries receive the polio vaccination their finger is marked with a purple spot. Following the assembly, children from 3KB went to the green in the village to help plant 5000 bulbs, which should create quite a display in the spring. The Rotary Club also kindly donated 1000 bulbs to school, which we hope to get planted soon.

### **VISIT BY REV. PATRICIA TOWNSHEND**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November we had another visitor in school. Rev. Patricia Townshend led the assembly and toured the school leading prayers in each class. The children prayed for a range of issues, including peace from war and for snow at Christmas!

### **YEAR 3 TRIP TO BUCK'S COUNTY MUSEUM**

Also on Wednesday, the children in Year 3 headed off to the Buck's County Museum to feed into their learning on Roald Dahl. They had a whiz-popping day exploring the artefacts in the museum which inspired them to write dreams and make dream jars. They also learned about the life of Roald Dahl which linked in nicely with some of their science topics.

\*Remember to look at the school website to read more about what we have been doing in school and also to see some of the pictures of the events. \*

### **SHOEBOXES**

We are supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. The children were given a leaflet to bring home before the half term break. If you would like to join us in supporting this charity, full details of how to do so are in the leaflet (spare copies of the leaflet are available in the school office). Please note that the deadline for bringing shoeboxes to school will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 Open Air Nativity at 4pm in the village for choir members. **Letters have been sent home this week.**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017- Choir (Years 4, 5 and 6) Manchester Carols at St Andrew's Church, Rugby. **Letters to purchase tickets will be sent out next week.**

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE / CHRISTMAS PLAYS**

The date for our Christmas Fayre this year is Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. The year 3 & 4 Christmas play will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 7pm and the year 5 & 6 performance will take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December also at 2pm and 7pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

### **VACANCY**

#### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CO-ORDINATOR**

We currently have a vacancy for a before and after school club coordinator (Woosh club) for 17.5 hours per week (7.50-8.40am and 3.20-6pm). For details and an application form, please visit <http://www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk/school-information/vacancies>.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

#### **TAG RUGBY CLUB**

There are still spaces available at Tag Rugby club. There are forms available in the school office if your child would like to join the club. The club cost is £12 (£4 per session) and will run on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

#### **RACQUETS CLUB**

After last week's postponement, there are now enough children signed up for Racquets club to go ahead this half

term. If you originally made payment of £28 and enclosed a cheque, please bring a replacement cheque for £24.50 and if you made payment of £28 in cash, a £3.50 refund will be sent home.

### **OTHER MESSAGES**

#### **UNWANTED INSTRUMENTS NEEDED**

Do you have an instrument that your child has grown out of and you no longer want? Mrs Blezard has contact with a charity in Kenya who are hoping to teach children how to play instruments and they urgently require violins, flutes, clarinets, cellos, guitars, brass instruments etc. If you would like to donate your instrument that would be wonderful but if you require a small fee for it, Mrs Blezard could arrange this. Please contact her for further details.

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

Ellie Weston has lost her named school fleece. Would parents please check their child's belongings and ensure that they have the correct items.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **OUR RUGBY OUR FUTURE**

This year's Our Rugby Our Future event will be taking place at the Benn Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10am-2pm. The purpose of the event is to promote the activities, services and organisations available to the community across Rugby Borough. The format for the event will be a market place of displays from the voluntary, community and public sectors with lots of information about local groups, activities and services on offer within the Borough. There will also be a series of short workshops throughout the day as follows: Anxiety management workshop, a warmer Rugby: help to stay warm and well this winter, Craft activity and staying safe online. You can also explore Coventry and Warwickshire Mind's Journey bus and a fire engine from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. Free refreshments (hot drinks) will be available throughout the day.

#### **MUM2MUM MARKET**

There will be a baby, kids and maternity 'Nearly New Sale' at Avon Valley School on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November between 2-4pm. Admission is £2 on the door (a 2for1 voucher is available on the website). There will be 35 pre-loved stalls and lots of bargains. More dates and venues are on the website. For stall booking and more information, please visit [www.mum2mummarket.co.uk](http://www.mum2mummarket.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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