

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 20th November 2017:

Day		Time	Event
Monday 20th November	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
Tuesday 21st November	Lunch time	12.30pm	Manchester Carols choir rehearsal
	Afternoon	2–2:30pm	3J- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club Orchestra Rock Solid Club Racquets Club
Wednesday 22nd November	Morning	9.15am	Year 3 and 4 Nasal Flu Vaccine
	Lunch time	12:30pm	Dunchurch Open Air Nativity choir rehearsal
	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	
Thursday 23rd November	Lunch time	12:30pm	Brass Band Cru Club (3KB)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Play on Theatre CCFC Football Club Imagineering Club
Friday 24th November	TEACHER TRAINING DAY		

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Lucas Hicks, Jessica Powell, Alex Wilson, Frankie Butlin, Maia Lee, Louis Knowles, Martyna Was and Catelyn Jones.

ASSEMBLIES

ASSEMBLY THEME

In this week's assemblies, the children have been exploring overcoming challenges.

SAFEGUARDING

Following a review of our Safeguarding procedures, with effect from Monday 20th November, we will be making a number of changes, that we are asking parents and pupils alike to support us with. Please see details below.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB COLLECTION

We are requesting that parents who collect their children from the reception area following their after school club wait either outside the front door (on the paved area and not between cars or in the car park) or inside the front lobby until their child comes out. As you will appreciate there are still a number of children in the building at school club pick up time and their safety and security is paramount. If you require a seat while waiting, you are welcome to sign in and receive a visitor sticker, so you can wait on the reception chairs.

CLOAKROOM DOORS

In the morning we position Teaching Assistants on the cloakroom doors, to greet the children and parents. We will now be placing a TA on each of the cloakroom doors at the end of the day to supervise children leaving and direct any uncollected children back to the office. They will also ask any parents wishing to come into school, for any reason, to do so via the main entrance so they can be signed in and out.

CAR PARK

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for use by staff and delivery companies only. Parents should park off the school site and then use the paths around the school to access the building. Could you please avoid walking across the car park and the grassy bank and instead use the paths around the school building, this includes children and parents coming to and from Woosh club. Children will be reminded in assembly of this message.

SCHOOL EVENTS

TEACHER TRAINING DAY

A reminder that Friday 24th November is a Teacher Training Day therefore the school is closed to children on that day.

NON UNIFORM DAY/CAKE SALE - CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you very much to parents who sent in cakes to sell in school today to raise money for Children in Need. Once the money has been counted from the cake sale and the 50p non-uniform donations, we will let you know how much was raised. Thank you once again.

YEAR 3 AND 4 NASAL FLU VACCINE

A reminder that children in year 3 and 4 who have returned their consent form will be having their nasal flu immunisation in school on Wednesday (22nd November).

GUITAR LESSONS

Mr Butler is in Europe touring with his band and will not be teaching Guitar for the rest of this month. Lessons resume on Friday 1st December and lessons missed will be made up at the end of this term.

CROCUS PLANTING

Year 3 children really enjoyed the time they spent planting crocus bulbs on the village green on Tuesday 31st October. They had learnt about the polio awareness campaign from Mike Beck in their school assembly and understood why they were doing the planting. They planted about 4000 purple bulbs with the help of the council workers and Rotary club members. There were plenty for each of them to plant. It was great that they were able to take more bulbs back to school for other children to plant around the school grounds. They are looking forward to seeing the bulbs come up in the spring, which will remind us all about this important campaign to eradicate polio around the world.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a book fair in school from **Monday 27th 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. There are book fair gift vouchers available on the Scholastic website where parents can get 20% extra when they buy online meaning a £12 voucher costs only £10, a £6 voucher costs only £5 and so on. This makes Gift Vouchers the most cost-effective way to enjoy a Book Fair. For more information, please visit <https://www.scholastic.co.uk/blog/32912>.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Thursday 21st December 2017

As in previous years, County Caterers will be providing us with a Christmas dinner which will be served on Thursday 21st December. Christmas dinner at school is always an excellent event with party hats, music and a great atmosphere with the staff and children all eating together in the hall. There will also be a vegetarian alternative available. This year the cost of a Christmas dinner is **£2.40** – the same price as a normal dinner. Please note if you have already paid for your child's meals for this half term in advance then you won't need to make an extra payment for Christmas dinner. If your child does not normally eat a school meal but would like a Christmas dinner, please send £2.40 cheque/cash into school.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Friday 8th December 2017

This is a day full of fun activities, face painting and a visit to Santa's Grotto, should you wish. Please return the slip to school no later than Wednesday 6th December along with full payment (there are spare copies of the letter in the office). This is a fun and fantastic day and as always we need lots of helpers. If you are able to volunteer some of your time, the PTA would love to hear from you. If you are happy for the PTA to have your contact details, please contact the school office.

PTA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS/ STALL DONATIONS

A big thank you from the PTA to those of you who have already donated chocolate & bottle items for our Christmas Fayre tombolas. Just a little reminder that we still need your help and this week, commencing 20th, we welcome your donations of a mystery gift wrapped up & labelled for a boy or girl to go into our Lucky Dip boxes. Your donations are very much appreciated.

SHOEBOXES

Thank you to those of you who have brought in shoeboxes for our appeal. If you would like to support the Christmas Shoebox Appeal there is still time to send a shoebox in to school. The last day for handing in shoeboxes is Monday 20th November. For further information please refer to the leaflet the children brought home or visit www.teams4u.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3rd December 2017 Open Air Nativity at 4pm in the village for choir members.

Saturday 9th December 2017- Choir (Years 4, 5 and 6) Manchester Carols at St Andrew's Church, Rugby. Please send in your completed ticket request form as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

The year 3 & 4 Christmas play will be on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm and 7pm and the year 5 & 6 performance will take place on Wednesday, 20th December also at 2pm and 7pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

ADVANCE NOTICE RE: IMAGINEERING CLUB

Please note that there will be no Imagineering club on Thursday 30th November.

VACANCY

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CO-ORDINATOR

We currently have a vacancy for a before and after school club coordinator (Woosh club) for 20 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>.

OTHER MESSAGES

INSTRUMENT LESSONS- SPRING TERM 2018

Letters giving details of payment for the Spring term will be given out next week.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE GREAT ADVENT-ure! at DUNCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH (Coventry Rd, CV22 6RF)

Saturday 2nd December from 10.30am-12.30pm. There will be crafts, lunch and celebration for all the family. The cost is £1 per person, payable on the day. Spaces are limited so please book as soon as possible.

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ST PETER'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCHES

Saturday 9th December, 2pm until 4pm- St Peter's and St Edmund's Churches invite you to their Christmas party! This is an activity event for children with their families or carers at St Peter's Church, Dunchurch. There will be activities, a visit from Father Christmas and light refreshments. The cost is £2 per child (includes a gift from Santa). Booking is essential and places are limited. Please book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-peters-christmas-party-tickets-35725068642> including names and ages of children and any dietary requirements.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Taylor

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