

# DBJS Newsletter

## 23rd November 2017



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### Forgiveness - Honesty - Kindness - Patience - Peace

Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017:

Day		Time	Event
<b>Monday 27<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 ( <b>LAST SESSION</b> ) Year 6 Boys Football ( <b>LAST SESSION</b> )
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12.30pm	Manchester Carols choir rehearsal
	Afternoon	2–2:30pm	3J- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	<b>PTA Meeting in 5HC classroom</b> Chess Club Orchestra Rock Solid Club Racquets Club
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12:30pm	Dunchurch Open Air Nativity and Manchester Carols choir rehearsal
	After School	3:30pm- <b>4.15pm</b>	Year 3/4 Hotshots Basketball
		3:30-4:30pm	Cookery Club – FULL Year 3/4 Girls Football ( <b>LAST SESSION</b> ) Year 4/5 Boys Football ( <b>LAST SESSION</b> )
		3:30- <b>5pm</b>	Film Club
	4:30-5:15pm	Year 5/6 Hotshots Basketball	
<b>Thursday 30<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>NO IMAGINEERING THIS WEEK</b> )
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Morning	8:55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3:30- <b>4.15pm</b>	Cheerleading Club
		3:30-4:30pm	Spanish Club Tag Rugby Club (Spaces available)
	Evening	<b>7-8pm</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal at St Andrew's Church (Manchester Carols)</b>

## **ASSEMBLIES**

### **ASSEMBLY THEME**

In this week's assemblies, the children have been exploring the school value of **patience**. They listened to the Bible story of Abraham and Sarah and had time to reflect on situations where they may need to be patient. Next week's theme is 'Sharing Good News' which will link to St Andrew.

### **ASSEMBLY VISITORS**

Dave Woods from Dunchurch Baptist Church led Thursday's assembly.

### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

Due to training day there are no Star of the Week awards this week. However we congratulate all those children who have received Bronze Awards for house points so far this year and also those who have been entered into the Golden Book – well done.

## **LETTERS GIVEN OUT THIS WEEK**

- Woosh invoices.
- Year 6 Cemex visit letters.
- Data collection sheets for whole school.
- Letters giving details of payment for instrument lessons in the Spring term 2018.

### **PARENT SURVEY**

Parent surveys were distributed at the recent parent consultation meetings and then sent to any remaining parents at the end of last week. We have been over-whelmed with the mainly positive response and a summary and action plan to address areas of concern will be published online soon (please note some actions have already been put into place to address more pressing concerns). If you still have a survey to return please send it back to the office as soon as possible.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

### **FOOTBALLS IN SCHOOL**

Following a number of first aid incidents and also feedback from the children, we have made the decision to use foam footballs only on the playground during the winter months. We have purchased a number of these for the children to use, so ask that from Monday the children **do not bring any leather footballs** into school. As soon as the weather improves and the children are allowed back on the field, they can bring proper footballs in again.

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **TEACHER TRAINING DAY**

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, is a Teacher Training Day therefore the school will be closed to children.

### **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 – please access via reception so you can be signed in and out. 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> .

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> December and lessons missed will be made up at the end of this term.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

As in previous years, Educaterers will be providing us with a Christmas dinner which will be served on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **CHARITIES AND FUNDRAISING**

### **PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

This is a day full of fun activities for your child, including face painting and a visit to Santa's Grotto, should you wish. Please return the slip to school no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December along with full payment (there are spare copies of the letter in the office). This is a 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 donated a mystery gift this week towards our Christmas Fayre Lucky Dips. Just a little reminder that we still need your help and this week, commencing 27th, we welcome your donations of any books and nearly new items which we can sell at our Bric-a-Brac stall. Your donations are very much appreciated.

## **SHOEBOXES**

Thank you to those of you who sent in a shoebox for the Christmas Shoebox appeal. They will be on their way abroad very soon. Thank you for your generosity.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 7-8pm- Children performing in the Manchester Carols rehearsal at St Andrew's Church, Rugby, please arrive in time for a 7pm start.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 Open Air Nativity at 4pm in the village for choir members and children performing in the nativity.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017- Choir Manchester Carols at St Andrew's Church, Rugby. Please send in your completed ticket request form as soon as possible.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 7pm - year 3 & 4 Nativity – Stable Story

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 7pm – year 5 & 6 Christmas Play – Scrooge

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017- School will close at **2pm** on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. School coaches will run at 2pm. Woosh will be open from 2 – 6pm that day. If your child usually attends Woosh on a Friday and will not be attending on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, or if their collection time will be different, please inform the school office. If this arrangement causes problems for children with siblings at Leamington Hastings, please contact the school office.

## **PARENTPAY**

### **YORK RESIDENTIAL VISIT**

The next instalment of £15 for children who are participating in the York residential visit is due by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

### **CASTLETON RESIDENTIAL VISIT**

The next instalment of £35 for children who are participating in the Castleton residential visit is due by 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

#### **IMAGINEERING CLUB**

Please note that there will be no Imagineering club next week on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **FOOTBALL CLUBS MRS CLUSKER/MR JAMES**

Please note that next week will be the last session of year 5/6 girls football (Monday), year 6 boys football (Monday), year 3/4 girls football (Wednesday) and year 4/5 boys football (Wednesday) due to the darker and colder evenings. The clubs will resume at some point in the Spring term, however details of the restart date will be given 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 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**

#### **FOUND PROPERTY**

A large black Antler holdall bag with a luggage tag attached was found on the grass verge just outside the school gate on Monday. The bag contains a number of men's items of clothing. Please see the office if you think this may belong to you.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. [messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)

#### **ST PETER'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCHES**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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,

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