

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 4th December 2017:

Day		Time	Event
Monday 4th December	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
Tuesday 5th December	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 6th December	Morning	9am-11.30am	6T Visit to Cemex
		10.30am-12.30pm	6M Visit to Cemex
	Lunch time	12:30pm	Year 3/4 Choir and Manchester Carols choir rehearsal
	After School	3:30pm-4.15pm	Year 3/4 Hotshots Basketball
		3:30-4:30pm	Cookery Club – FULL
		3:30-5pm	Film Club
	4:30-5:15pm	Year 5/6 Hotshots Basketball	
Thursday 7th December	Lunch time	12:30pm	Brass Band Cru Club (3KB)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Play on Theatre CCFC Football Club Imagineering Club
Friday 8th December	Morning	8:55am	CHRISTMAS FAYRE/NON-UNIFORM DAY
	After School	3:30-4.30pm	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TODAY

ASSEMBLIES

ASSEMBLY THEME

This week the children have been considering 'Sharing Good News', just as St Andrew shared good news about Jesus. In Thursday's assembly, many children received Bronze and Silver House Point certificates and Jo-Jo in year 4 was the first child to get her Gold House Point Award for receiving 200 house points – Well done Jo-Jo!

ASSEMBLY VISITORS

On Tuesday 28th November, Philip Selcombe, Warwickshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, came into assembly to present Sophia Dixon with a trophy for designing a winning Online Safety poster. Last year a PCSO visited 10

local schools to talk about Online Safety and launch the competition. We are delighted that Sophia's informative poster was picked from all the entries as the winner and this reflects the ongoing work we do to keep the children informed and allow them to keep themselves safe online.

Rugby Youth for Christ completed Tuesday's assembly with a lively activity demonstrating how Jesus fed thousands with just a few fish and pieces of bread.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: William Shaw, Francesca Watson, Adam Bage, Emily Shields, Annabel Brimley, Zachary Wadsworth, Martyna Was, Aimee Vennard and Hollie Duckett.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Elliot Page who was recently awarded his green belt in Tae Kwon Do! Congratulations Elliot!

LETTERS GIVEN OUT THIS WEEK

- Year 3/4 Choir have been given an invitation to sing at the Methodist Church on Friday 15th December.
- Year 5 change of staffing letter

ATTENDANCE

The school has a duty, as outlined by ACE, to monitor and act on poor levels of attendance and repeated lateness. We are very proud of the excellent levels of attendance and punctuality shown by most of our children and we also understand that absence is sometimes unavoidable. We are however, currently reviewing both attendance and lateness of children across the school for this term and also the rolling year; letters will be sent out to parents of children who are concern.

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 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.

STAFFING

Sadly, Mrs Clarke will be leaving us on Friday, 22nd December 2017 after fifteen years' service. We will be extremely sorry to see her leave as she has inspired many DBJS pupils and has been a real asset to the teaching team, but we wish her the best of luck in the future. To ensure continuity for the year 5 classes, we are pleased that Mrs Hayward (4 ½ days) and Mrs Lester (½ day) will be teaching.

SCHOOL EVENTS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came and purchased books from the book fair – it was very well supported and the school has been able to take a selection of books for the school library.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Year 3 have made the decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church in Rugby, which is now in place. If parents and children would like to see our tree and about 20 others, they are there until the start of January.

EXPLORE MATHS CHALLENGE

Well done to the four children from year 6 who took part in round 2 of the Young Mathematician's Competition on Wednesday afternoon. They did very well, working brilliantly as a team and supporting each other. We will find out how they did on Monday.

YEAR 6 ATHLETICS

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of year 6 children took part in the Rugby Primary Schools Sportshall Athletics Championship at Harris School Sports Centre. The children represented the school extremely well and won their heat! Well done to all. If they qualify for the next round, we will inform parents as soon as we find out.

Remember to visit the website to see more details and photos of the events:

<http://www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk/news-and-events/future-events>

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DAY – NON UNIFORM

On Friday 8th December (Christmas Fayre Day), children may come to school in non-school uniform with a Christmas theme i.e. Christmas jumper, festive colours red/green, Christmas headbands. We do not require a monetary donation for this non-uniform day, as it is a thank you for all the various donations which have been made over the past few weeks to the Farye.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Thursday 21st December 2017

As in previous years, Educaterers 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, governors 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 8th 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 6th December** along with full payment (there are spare copies of the letter in the office).

PTA CHRISTMAS HAMPERS/ STALL DONATIONS

A big **THANK YOU** from the PTA to those of you who have already donated chocolates, bottles, mystery gifts, books, bric-a-brac and nearly new items for our Christmas Fayre stalls. There's still time to bring these items in if you haven't already done so.

We still need your help and for week commencing 4th December, we welcome your donations of **shop bought cakes**. Don't forget to bring in your home-made cakes on a plate this Friday 8th, Christmas Fayre day!

Are you able to give up an hour or two to help out at our Christmas Fayre? We are desperate for volunteers to make the day runs smoothly. If you can help, please contact the school office with your contact details that we can pass on to the PTA.

HAMPER DONATIONS

Your child should have brought home a slip this week listing a hamper item to donate, ideally please send this item in by return or at the very latest by Wednesday 13th December. Thank you for all your donations!

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

We are delighted to announce that Dunchurch Festival Committee have awarded the school £750 from money raised at the summer fete. We are extremely grateful for this donation, which will be topped up by the PTA to refurbish the 'Spare Classrrom'. We plan to install a projector, re-carpet the room and buy new chairs and desks to make it a really effective learning environment. Thank you to the Festival Committee and also to all those parents and families who support their events.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th November, we raised £381.20 for Children in Need! A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise this fantastic amount by sending in donations and cakes to sell.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st 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 3rd December 2017 Open Air Nativity at 4pm in the village for choir members and children performing in the nativity. Children singing and performing should meet Mrs Blezard and Mrs Broderick from 3.45pm by the Christmas tree in the square, in front of St Peter's Church. Please dress warmly as this is an outdoor event.

Saturday 9th December 2017- Choir Manchester Carols at St Andrew's Church, Rugby.

Rehearsal 2-4pm, Concert 7.30pm.

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

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

Friday 22nd December 2017- School will close at **2pm** on Friday, 22nd 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 22nd, 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 today, Friday 1st 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 3rd December. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER 2017

Please note that there will be no after school clubs after school next Friday, 8th December, due to the Christmas Fayre. If your child's after school arrangements will be different to normal, i.e. not attending Woosh or not going home on the school bus, please inform the office.

FOOTBALL CLUBS (MRS CLUSKER/MR JAMES) - please note these clubs have now finished.

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. The bag contains a number of men's items of clothing. Please see the office if you think this may belong to you.

LOST PROPERTY

Charlie Edie has lost his blue and green named swimming goggles. Would parents please check their child's belongings and ensure that they have the correct items.

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.

DUNCHURCH BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dunchurch Brass Band will be presenting their Christmas concert on Friday 2nd December 2017. It will start at 7pm at Dunchurch Village Hall. There will be cakes and a raffle. Tickets are £6/£4. Tickets are available from Wanda Fashions, Dunchurch or email Dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com .

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MULTISPORT CLUB

Harris CofE Academy Sports Centre are running a Christmas Holiday Multisport club from Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th January, from 9am-4pm at a cost of £12 per day. Early drop off from 8am for an extra £3 and late pickup until 6pm for an extra £3. Open to ages 5-12 years. To book your place, or for more information, please email sports.centre@harriscofeacademy.co.uk or phone 01788 818925.

PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Princethorpe College will be running a Christmas Fayre and raffle this Sunday, 3rd December from 2pm-4.30pm. Meet Santa, enjoy some bratwurst and glühwein whilst listening to Bilton Silver Band, stock up on Christmas presents at the fabulous stalls, try your luck on the tombola and raffle (£250 first prize) and enjoy children's craft activities, refreshments and much more! Entrance is £2 per car.

DUNCHURCH GUIDE AND BROWNIE EVENT

The Dunchurch guide and brownie Christmas Fayre is next week on Wednesday 6th December from 6-7pm at Dunchurch Methodist Church. There will be stalls with homemade cakes, books, toys, games, Christmas gifts, decorations, refreshments, children's activities and more. All are welcome, to support the Girlguiding fundraising event.

DUNCHURCH PANTOMANIACS PRESENT...

... "Rum Baa Baa and the Four Tea Thieves", written by Sue Protheroe. Book now! It will be at Dunchurch Village Hall on January 19th, 24th, 25th, 26th at 7.30pm, 7pm on January 20th, 6.30pm on January 27th and 2.30pm on January 20th and 21st. Tickets for adults cost £7, £4 for children (up to age 16) and £6 for seniors. Gala night is January 25th (£15, food served at 6.45pm). Tickets are available from Wild & Free, Bank Street Rugby, or Wanda Fashion, Dunchurch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Taylor

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