

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 18th December 2017:

Day		Time	Event
Monday 18th December	Morning	am	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal (performing for year 5 and 6)
	Afternoon	pm	Year 5 and 6 Dress Rehearsal (performing for year 3 and 4)
Tuesday 19th December	Afternoon	2pm	Year 3 and 4 'Stable Story' Performance
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club Orchestra Racquets Club
	Evening	7pm	Year 3 and 4 'Stable Story' Performance
Wednesday 20th December	Lunch time	12:30pm	Year 3/4 Choir
	Afternoon	2pm	Year 5 and 6 'Scrooge' Performance
	After School	3:30-5pm	Film Club
	Evening	7pm	Year 5 and 6 'Scrooge' Performance
Thursday 21st December	All day	All day	Children may wear a Christmas jumper (school trousers/skirt to be worn as normal)
	Morning	9.30am	Year 3 & 4 –Carol Service at St Peter's Church (leaving school at 9.10am)
		10am	Year 5 & 6 –Carol Service at St Peter's Church (leaving school at 9.45am)
	Lunch time	12:30pm	Christmas Dinner
Friday 22nd December	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	Afternoon	2pm	<u>2pm FINISH</u>

ASSEMBLIES

ASSEMBLY THEME

This week the children have been thinking about the Christmas story and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Edwardo De'Melo, Lexie Draper-Black, Luchia De'Amoko, Tess Jochemko-Wills, Fresia Thompson, Nathan Bage, Joseph O'Reilly, Scarlett Davis and Evie Goodwin.

ATTACHED

Please find attached the minutes from the PTA Meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2017.

SCHOOL EVENTS

MANCHESTER CAROLS

WOW! What a fantastic concert! The children sang beautifully and Mrs Blezard had so many compliments from members of the Orchestra and adults of the Choir who performed on the night. We raised over £2000 in ticket sales and our school raised £600 of that money! Thank you all so much for your support and for encouraging your children to sing. We are so proud of all of them. A huge thank you to Mrs Blezard!

YEAR 3 SWIMMING LESSONS

There will be no swimming lessons next week for the children in year 3. This is due to the Christmas plays and rehearsals. Parents were not charged for this.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES – FILMING

As in previous years, each Christmas play will be recorded and a DVD will be available at a cost of £10 (cash only). All money raised will go towards the refurbishment of the spare classroom. It's a perfect gift for grandparents or even a stocking filler for the children as they love watching themselves! To order a copy, please fill in a form at the performance with £10 and hand into reception. **DVD's, photos and any other video clips are for personal use and not to be shared online.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICE/ST PETER'S CHURCH – Thursday 21st December

The whole school will be attending a Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Dunchurch, during the morning of Thursday, 21st December 2017. The children will go in two groups with the lower school (years 3 & 4) leaving school at 9.10am and the upper school (years 5 & 6) leaving at 9.45am. We would be extremely grateful if any parents/grandparents are able to help supervise the children during their walk. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Our children have been working hard in readiness for their Christmas shows and are looking forward to entertaining you all. The afternoon shows begin at 2pm and the evening performance at 7pm. On the evening of their performance the children need to be in school by 6.45pm. During the afternoon shows parents may use the top playground as a car park from 1.40pm, although we would ask drivers to be aware of pedestrians particularly when leaving the playground following the performance. At the performances the PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the class hampers which will then be raffled off at the end of the evening shows.

TOY DAY- FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2017

Children are welcome to bring in a toy to play with on Friday, 22nd December 2017, our last day of term.

GUITAR LESSONS

Due to the dress rehearsals, the Monday Guitar lessons will take place on Tuesday instead and Friday's lessons will take place on Thursday. Please remember to bring your guitars!

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

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – Thursday 21st December

Next Thursday, 21st December, children may wear a Christmas jumper to school. Donations are voluntary and will go towards the 'Save the Children' charity. Children will need to wear their normal school trousers/skirts but may wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

A reminder that last Friday was the deadline for paying for Spring term music fees. If you have not yet made payment on ParentPay, please do so by Monday 18th December. A letter has been sent home yesterday to those who have not yet paid.

Please note that if your child no longer wishes to continue with their instrument, as stated in the letter sent home, the deadline for giving notice for them to stop lessons at Christmas was **before the October half term** and that payment for the Spring term is still required. If you did not inform the office in writing that your child wishes to stop lessons, payment is still due for next term and you will need to send a letter in by the end of this term.

Please be aware that the deadline for giving notice to stop instrument lessons at the end of the Spring term is the morning of Friday 16th February 2018.

WALES RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The next instalment of £20 for children who are participating in the Wales residential visit is due today, Friday 15th December. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

IMPORTANT NOTICE – AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The only after school clubs which are running next week are Chess Club (Tuesday), Racquets Club (Tuesday), Orchestra (Tuesday) and Film Club (Wednesday). All other clubs have finished and unless you have pre-booked your child into Woosh would parents please arrange for their child to be collected at 3.30pm. To help prevent last minute telephone calls to busy parents please would you ensure that your child is aware of their home time arrangements in light of their club not running.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

In view of clubs finishing and the early finish on Friday 22nd December, we would like to remind parents to please inform the school office if there are any changes to your child's regular Woosh booking or bus arrangements.

VACANCIES

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>.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We currently have a vacancy in school for a Midday Supervisor. Working hours are one hour and fifteen minutes per day from 12.20-1.35 pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. For more information and for the job application form, please visit <http://www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk/school-information/vacancies>.

OTHER MESSAGES

FOUND PROPERTY

A black leather glove has been found and handed in at the office. If you think this may be yours, please come to reception.

RIMO GARDEN CENTRE

Our beautiful Christmas tree has been very kindly donated to us by Rimo Garden Centre. They are a small independent garden centre situated on A45 close to Thurlaston, they have a large selection of premium grade Christmas trees for sale, plus lots of other gardening items for you to browse through.

CLASS LISTS

We are happy to supply class lists to help with Christmas card writing and birthday invitations in return for a donation of 20p.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

SOUTHAM UNITED FOOTBALL COURSE JANUARY 2018

Southam United are running a football course for boys and girls aged 5-13 from Wednesday 3rd January-Friday 5th January from 10am-3pm each day. The cost is £10 a day or 3 days at a cost of £25. There are plenty of prizes and certificates to be won. Please contact Sophie Bourton to book on 07446023651 or email sbourton7@googlemail.com.

Finally,

As you will have seen in the letters given out today, my tenure as interim Headteacher of Dunchurch Boughton CofE Junior School is coming to an end this term. It has been a huge privilege to help lead this school over the past seven months. My most sincere thanks go out to our dedicated staff for all they do on a daily basis to ensure they provide quality educational opportunities for our pupils; DBJS is blessed to have them. Also to the governing body who have worked tirelessly to lead the school through challenging circumstances. Finally to the children and families who make up this community, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and alongside you as you learn and grow in this special place.

I have complete confidence that the staff and leaders of this school will continue to take it from strength to strength under the Executive headship of Ian Dewes, and I look forward to following the School's progress in the future. Thank you for your kindness and welcome into your community, it has been a pleasure to serve you. God bless you and have a wonderful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Taylor

Interim Head Teacher