

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 26th February 2018:

Day		Time	Event
Monday 26th February	Lunch time	12.30	Recorder Club
	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3KB- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Mad Science (Last session) Fit 2 Dance Kidz Maths Club (children in Mrs Tildesley's and Mrs Gooch's Maths groups) Gardening Club (Subject to interest)
Tuesday 27th February	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Orchestra Chess Club Rock Solid Club Maths Club (children in Mrs Tildesley's and Mrs Gooch's Maths groups) Racquets Club will not be on this week
Wednesday 28th February	Lunch time	12:30pm	Choir
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3 and 4)
		3.30-4.30pm	Cookery Club
		3:30-5pm	Film Club
Thursday 1st March	All day	All day	World Book Day- children may dress up as their favourite book character
	Lunch time	12.30pm	Brass Band
		12:30pm	Cru Club (3J)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	CCFC Football Club Play on Theatre Imagineering Club
Friday 2nd March	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Spanish Club Dodgeball Club Cheerleading Club

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Jack Carey, Holly Compton, Shaan Fernandes-Coffey, Jamie Morrison, Erin Flint, Emily Kilborn, Billy Turner, Louis Huyghe and Easher Bassan.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to one of our year 6 pupils, Ava Farren, who plays for the Warwickshire County U11's badminton squad. On Sunday they won Gold in the North Midway Badminton League which is an annual 2 day tournament held in Sheffield. Warwickshire U11's A team finished first out of the 7 County teams who took part in the event this year! Well done Ava!

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We say goodbye to Philip Basioudis who is leaving Dunchurch Junior School today. We wish him all the very best for the future!

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

On Monday evening parents in year four joined us for an information meeting about their upcoming residential to York. Over their time in the school children have three stays away from home which gradually increase in length. York is for two days and one night, the trip to Wales in year five is for three days and two nights and in year six, children spend four days and three nights at Castleton. This helps to build confidence and independence and exposes children to challenges which they wouldn't get in school or at home. In addition to these residential visits, we run Space Camp for children in year 5. This week, Mrs McMahon's class stayed over on Wednesday night and as I write this on Thursday night, Mrs Hayward's children have (mostly) fallen asleep as they enjoy their turn. Space Camp gives children a chance to learn about space as well as staying away from home for a night. Like the residential trips, it provides children with a valuable opportunity to develop beyond the normal school curriculum. All of this is only possible because of the fantastic commitment of my colleagues. Working in a school often requires long hours, but to be willing to be responsible for children over night is going above and beyond. Thank you to all of the staff for giving up their time.

Keep an eye out on the website for photos from this event.

ASSEMBLIES

This week the children have been learning about Shrove Tuesday and Lent. On Wednesday, Rev. Pat Townshend came in and spoke to the children about Ash Wednesday.

When the children come back to school after half term, they will be learning about St David's Day.

LETTERS GIVEN OUT THIS WEEK

- Reading Challenge letter/reading log/sponsor form
- Parent consultation letters (Monday 26th March between 3.40-5.50pm and Tuesday 27th March between 3.30-5.50pm & 6.30-8.00pm). Please return the slip to your child's class teacher, indicating your preferred time slot for an appointment. Your child will be given a slip nearer the time confirming appointment time.

SCHOOL EVENTS

OPPORTUNITY TO START LEARNING A STRING INSTRUMENT

We have vacancies for your child to learn Violin, Viola or Cello beginning next half term. This opportunity is open to a child in any year group. Miss Slater will be running trial sessions for anyone interested. There will be four trial sessions, after which you can sign up for lessons in the summer term. If your child would like to take up this offer of free trial sessions, please complete the slip below and return at the beginning of next half term.

YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY – Wednesday 7th March 2018

Children in year 3 have been given a note to bring home today regarding the Egyptian Day that is planned in school on Wednesday 7th March. There are several exciting activities planned for the children to participate in, as a fun way to finish the unit on Ancient Egyptians. The children will be making some artefacts and accessories at school, leading up to and during this topic day. They will be able to wear these during the day. If you are able to send your child on the day with a large white T shirt, as a tunic with a simple tie/belt, it would be appreciated. Children could also wear trousers or black leggings. The children will be having some simple eye make-up (face paint) in the morning. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child is not able to have this applied.

WALES RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENING – Monday 19th March 2018

Parents of children in Year 5 who are taking part in the forthcoming residential visit to Wales are invited to an information meeting on Monday, 19th March at 7pm in the school hall. As well as receiving more information

about the visit parents will also have the opportunity to raise any queries or concerns they may have. The meeting is not expected to last more than one hour and children may also attend if you wish.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

Launching on Thursday 1st March 2018, school will be holding a number of events to raise the profile of reading and encourage children to develop a love of books. On Thursday 1st March 2018 we will be having a whole school dress up day, where your child can come dressed as their favourite book character. Take a look at <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> for some inspiration. During this week, Mrs Gooch and some of the year 6 reading discussion groups will be hosting a special reading assembly.

In addition to this, to celebrate World Book Day and to encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a school reading challenge between Thursday 1st March and Thursday 8th March. Should children (and parents) wish, they can be sponsored for the event and any money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books for the school! Children were given a letter and reading log form this week. Please return the reading log and send any sponsorship money that your child has raised to school by Wednesday 14th March. Spare copies of the letter are available in the school office.

PARENTPAY

WALES RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The next instalment of £20 for children who are participating in the Wales residential visit is due today, Friday 16th February. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

DINNER MONEY

The cost of school dinners for the next half term is £57.60 or £12 weekly or £2.40 daily. Please note that school meals should always be paid for in advance. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

SWIMMING LESSONS

The cost of swimming for the children in Year 3 is £3.83 weekly or £19.15 for the second half of the Spring term. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

ORCHESTRA/FILM CLUB

The fees for Orchestra and Film club for the second half of the Spring term are now due. The cost is £9 for Orchestra and £10 for Film club, payable on ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MAD SCIENCE CLUB

The current block of Mad Science club finishes on 26th February. We currently do not have enough children signed up for the new block which we were hoping would start on Monday 5th March. If your child wishes to participate in this club (Secret Agent Lab), please complete the form and return to school. Spare copies are available from the office. Confirmation will be sent out in the first week of the next half term.

GARDENING CLUB

Mrs Broderick will be restarting Gardening Club after the half term holiday, beginning on Monday 26th February. Children attending the club will need to bring Wellington Boots and old clothes to change into. Collection is at 4.30pm from outside reception.

Numbers are limited therefore in the event of the club being oversubscribed names will be chosen at random, and the remaining children will be placed on a waiting list. The cost of the club will be £9 for the half term. If you think your child would be interested please complete and return the consent slip below to the school office.

RACQUETS CLUB

Unfortunately we are having to postpone Racquets club as we have not had enough children sign up. Hopefully the club can restart at a later date if more children sign up, however it will definitely not be running the first week of the next half term. If your child has not yet signed up but would be interesting in Racquets club, please contact the school office.

OTHER MESSAGES

FOUND PROPERTY

We have found a small flowery rucksack (black with pink flowers) with some clothing inside (pink joggers, t shirt and green hooded jacket). If you think this may belong to you, please see the school office.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DUNCHURCH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In partnership with Explore Learning, Dunchurch Community Library are running a free KS2 SATS Workshop on Thursday 22nd February from 10am until 11am. To book a place, please contact clerk@dunchurchpc.org.

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL GROUP

Present 'The Big Quiz' at Dunchurch Village Hall on Friday 9th March at 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. There will be a licensed bar and prizes. The entry fee is £20 per team (up to 6 people). Please contact Helen on 01788 810212 for more details or download an application form from www.dunchurchevents.org.

NEC BIG BANG FAIR

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March, the Big Bang Fair returns to the NEC in Birmingham. This is a fantastic and free opportunity full of exciting Science demonstrations and interactive activities related to science and engineering, aimed at children.

For more information and to book tickets, see <https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/>

FUNDRAISING FASHION SHOW AND SHOPPING EVENT

There will be a fundraising fashion show and shopping event with all of your favourite brands at up to 75% off on Thursday 22nd March 2018 from 7pm, at Rugby Methodist Church Centre (Russelsheim Way, Rugby, CV22 7TB). Tickets are £5 in advance (from Extra Mile or RMCC) or £6 on the night. For more information, please visit charityfashionshows.co.uk

ST PETER'S AND ST EDMUND'S CHURCHES

...Invite you to their Easter Activity Morning on Saturday 31st March from 10am until 12pm. This is an activity event for children with their families or carers at St Peter's Church, Dunchurch. There will be Easter garden decorating, an Easter egg hunt, activities and light refreshments. The cost is £2 per child. Booking is essential and places are limited. Please book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-peters-and-st-edmunds-easter-activity-morning-tickets-42941909407> with names and ages of children and any dietary requirements.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Miller

Assistant Head Teacher

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STRING INSTRUMENT TRIAL SESSIONS- FEBRUARY 2018

My child..... in class..... would like to start learning the following instrument and would like to take up the offer of free trial sessions (please tick)

Violin

Viola

Cello

Signed..... Parent/carer Date.....

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GARDENING CLUB

Mondays 3.30-4.30pm

I give permission for my child.....in class..... to take part in gardening club.

I will pay £9 on ParentPay once my child's place is confirmed.

Signed..... Parent/ carer