

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 12th March 2018:

Day		Time	Event
Monday 12th March	Lunch time	12.30	Recorder Club
	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3KB- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Fit 2 Dance Kidz Maths Club (children in Mrs Tildesley's and Mrs Gooch's Maths groups) Gardening Club (SPACES AVAILABLE) Mad Science club postponed until further notice
Tuesday 13th March	All day	9.15am-3.30pm	Year 6 visit to Coventry Cathedral/Herbert Art Gallery- <u>packed lunch required</u>
	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 postponed until further notice
Wednesday 14th March	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
		4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5 and 6)
Evening	6pm	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala (<u>Tickets will be given out on Monday</u>)	
Thursday 15th March	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 16th March	All day	8am-4.15am	Year 5 visit to Flag Fen- <u>packed lunch required</u>
	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Cheerleading Club
3.30-4.30pm		Spanish Club Dodgeball Club	

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Claudia Gee, Ollie Collins, Harry Fox, Annabel Hazell, Edward Gray, Leo Grimes, Maia Lee, Alex Lawrence, Isla Lee, Tyler Butlin and Ruby Slatcher.

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

Many thanks for the responses to my request for opinions on closing the school when there is bad weather. As expected there were a range of opinions. Some valued knowing earlier, while others preferred later notification in order to give every chance of keeping the school open. Roughly two thirds of parents preferred the former, so I will endeavour in future to ensure a decision is made by seven PM the evening before. This will increase the chances of school being closed, but will give parents more time to make any necessary arrangements. I hope this doesn't cause too many problems or disappointment for those who preferred leaving the decision later. I appreciate your input and understand your arguments. As many parents acknowledged, it is not possible to please everyone. It seems sensible however, to go with the majority.

ASSEMBLIES

This week the children have been thinking about our RE approach of windows and mirrors. Windows: opportunities to look out on the world and gaze in wonder; WOWs – the things we find amazing and OWs – things that bring us up short. Mirrors: opportunities to reflect, to look inward to consider some of the big questions of life: to explore their own insights and those of others. Next week, children will be learning about Common Wealth Day.

LETTERS GIVEN OUT THIS WEEK

- Year 3- Ryton Pools trip letter.
- Year 5 – Flag Fen trip letter.
- Guitar lesson letters from IMS.

SCHOOL EVENTS

WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

It was lovely to see all the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book character last Thursday! The year 6 children led an excellent assembly on Thursday morning. They had produced interesting posters linked to their books. The children read extracts from books and ran a quiz. Points were recorded against houses and children were rewarded with golden tickets. We don't know the winning house yet. We are asking all children to write their school house on top of their reading sponsorship form, so we can add these onto last week's quiz points. Thank you to Mrs. Gooch for all her support in organising the assembly. A reminder that reading logs and sponsorship money that your child has raised needs to be returned to school by **Wednesday 14th March** please. Spare copies of the letter are available in the school office.

CROSS COUNTRY

A group of children took part in the cross country race after school on Tuesday this week at Binley Woods Primary School. Both teams did fantastically well, finishing in the top 20. Well done to all that took part. A special mention goes to Ava Farren who won the girls race! We look forward to hearing about the next race.

YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY – Wednesday 7th March 2018

The children in year 3 had a fantastic Egyptian themed day on Wednesday as a fun way to finish the unit on Ancient Egyptians. The children and year 3 teachers dressed up and participated in several exciting activities; they did some painting, made Egyptian death masks, and they mummified a toy bunny rabbit! They had a very enjoyable day.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION SUMMER TERM PAYMENT

Instrumental tuition for the Spring term is coming to an end and we very much hope that your child has enjoyed their lessons. We are now collecting payment for the Summer Term 2018. As you are aware, we collect payment for your child's tuition in advance at the end of the previous term and these fees are due for payment by **Wednesday 21st March**. The fee for the Summer term for group lessons in Woodwind, Keyboard, Drums and Strings is **£54.00**.

The fee for individual 15 minute lessons for the above instruments is **£94.00**.

The fee for recorder lessons is **£22.00**

The fee for large Brass Group lessons is **£35.00**

Please make your payment on ParentPay by Wednesday, 21st March at the latest. Thank you.

PTA EGG DROP – Thursday 29th March 2018 The PTA Egg Drop is to be held as an Easter Event during the morning of Thursday 29th March. This is a free, fun event where the children use their D&T skills to secure a raw egg (boiled eggs will be disqualified) in a padding of their choice, decorated if they wish. The aim is for the raw egg to survive being thrown from the top of the hall roof. The packaging is to be no larger than an A4 sheet of paper, or loaf of bread, please do not attach balloons. A chocolate egg prize will be awarded to each child that takes part. The children will decide the best designed creation for their class and the class winner will receive a larger chocolate egg prize. The class with the highest percentage of successfully dropped eggs and also the class with the most entrants will receive a DVD afternoon. Volunteers will be needed for this event from 9am until it ends, usually about 11.30am. This is a fantastic, free, fun event, although it can get a bit messy! If you are available kindly let the office know, without your added support the PTA cannot run these events which the children get so much enjoyment from.

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.

PARENTPAY

YORK RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The final instalment of £15 for children who are participating in the York residential visit is due on Monday, 12th March. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

IMAGINEERING CLUB

Please note that on Thursday 22nd March there will be no Imagineering club as both Mr Mills and Mr Freeman will be away on the York residential.

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.

PARKING – DEW CLOSE

Following a complaint from a resident of Dew Close, we would like to remind parents to please park considerately in the streets surrounding our school. We have been informed that some parents are waiting in cars for up to half an hour in the afternoon with their car engines running and our neighbours are concerned about the noise and pollution that this is causing.

HAMSTER CAGE- FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

Hamster cage free to a good home! The cage is 60cm high, 46cm wide and 30cm deep and has 4 adjustable floors, 2 ladders, a wheel, a food bowl, water bottle and a tunnel/tube to run through. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Blezard.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Could you help your school claim all the money it's entitled to? Many schools across Warwickshire are missing out on a sum of money (known as pupil premium) that schools get for any pupil in receipt of free school meals and in turn pupils will miss out, on extra equipment and resources, school trips and visits, and extra learning and development support. In order for schools to access the money available to them, families must firstly apply for free school meals. If you are on benefits such as JSA, ESA, the guarantee element of state pension credit, Universal Credit or Child Tax Credit, and have an annual income not in excess of £16,190, you may be entitled to free school

meals. Please see the Warwickshire County Council website for further information: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or email freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or telephone 01926 359189.

WARWICKSHIRE EDUCATION STRATEGY 2018-2023

Please visit the following link <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/communities-group/education-strategy/> if you wish to comment on the draft Education Strategy. The consultation will inform the final decision about the vision and key targets for the new Education and Learning Strategy 2018 – 2023.

GRANDBOROUGH TRUST

Grandborough Trust is offering up to 10 educational bursaries to young people in the parish.

The Grandborough Trust is looking to award small financial grants to assist in any costs incurred in school trips, uniforms, school shoes and study costs (new folders, art requisites etc) and to assist with any other costs in educational activities to any young person in Grandborough Parish whose parents are on the electoral roll.

Please contact: Michelle Johns, Clerk to the Grandborough Trust, 3 Hargrave Close, Grandborough CV23 8DS, or email: mail@grandboroughtrust.org.uk if you would like to be considered, with a brief outline of what is needed and why. Bursary applications will be dealt with on a case by case basis, and all applications will be treated in confidence. **Deadline for applications is October 31st 2018.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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,

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