

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday, 3rd September 2018:

		Time	Event
Monday 3rd September	TEACHER	TRAINING	DAY
Tuesday 4th September	After School	3:30-4:30pm	No after school clubs today
Wednesday 5th September	Lunch time	12.30pm	Choir rehearsal for Education Sunday (Year 4, 5 and 6)
	After School	3:30-5pm	Film Club
Thursday 6th September	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Play On Theatre Club Construction Club (Subject to interest)
Friday 7th September	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Tag Rugby Club Spanish Club

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Joseph M, Freya, Murray, Sarah, Noah, Jonathan, Alex T, Corey and Libby O.

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

Today is the last day of the year and we bid farewell to our year 6 children as well as a handful of pupils from other year groups. We wish them all good luck for the future and hope they look back on their time with us fondly. We also say goodbye to some colleagues. After 28 years Mrs Freeman leaves our kitchen team. We wish her a very happy and restful retirement. Miss Guy and Mr Coppillie are moving to the infant school, Miss Wright to St. Gabriel's, Miss Aust to Long Lawford and Mrs Deitch to Brooke. Mr Kay is going to train to be a teacher and Mrs McMahon will soon start her maternity leave. Many thanks to all of them for all of their hard work over their time at the school; they have all helped to make the school what it is today. We also wish Miss Simms all the best for her wedding day.

Over the holiday we have our new ICT suite being installed, I look forward to the children being able to use it September. I would like to thank all our families for their ongoing support and I hope everyone has a restful holiday.

THANK YOU

PARENTAL SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has given up their time to help our children this year, without your on-going support a lot of what we do would not be possible. The ways in which parents have helped this year include accompanying children on school trips, transporting them to and from sporting and choir events, coming in to school to help, supporting the various fundraising efforts, providing costumes, donating to our various appeals and lots of other ways too. Your help is invaluable – thank you.

GIFTS AND CARDS

We would like to thank everyone for your very generous gifts, good wishes and lovely cards we have received. They are all much appreciated.

THANK YOU TO THE PTA

The PTA members and their volunteers have worked tirelessly behind the scenes raising money in a number of ways. All the hard work and time that you put in is greatly appreciated. This year some of the events/activities they organised were children's discos, Christmas Fayre, Santa visit and the Easter Egg drop. In addition to this they organised the wonderful year book for year 6, organised the year 6 leavers BBQ and also the leaver's hoodies. They also provided refreshments at the Christmas plays, summer music concert, sports day and the year 6 leaver's show. These are just some of the activities which they were responsible for and we appreciate them all. Thank you to all volunteers who have helped this year. Without your continued support we would not be able to organise many of the events that the children so enjoy.

SCHOOL EVENTS

OPEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone who came to our open evening on Monday, it was lovely to see so many visitors at school.

YEAR 6 – PERFORMANCE/BBQ NIGHT /WICKSTEED PARK

Our year 6 children have had a busy and exciting week. On Tuesday evening they performed their show to family and friends. They performed brilliantly and the show was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the parents for providing such authentic looking costumes, the Teaching Assistants for the quality of the stage set and to Mrs Blezard, Mrs Miller, Mrs Tildesley and the actors and stage hands for bringing it all together. On Wednesday they had their leavers BBQ and disco which was a very enjoyable evening. The event was organised and funded entirely by the PTA who did an amazing job in making it such a successful evening for the children. Yesterday the children went to Wicksteed Park. They all had a wonderful day. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children on their day out, your help is greatly appreciated.

EDUCATION SUNDAY – 16th September 2018 (St Peter's Church at 10.30am)

Thank you to the children who have returned their slips for Education Sunday. The date for your diary is Sunday 16th September at 10.30am. Mrs Blezard appreciates the support.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 will be visiting Blists Hill on Thursday 20th September. The letter with details and a permission slip will follow when the children return to school in September.

PARENTPAY

DINNER MONEY INCREASE

We have been notified by Educaterers of an increase in the cost of a school meal which will take affect from September. This means that the cost will increase from £2.40 to £2.45 from the beginning of the Autumn term – Tuesday 4th September 2018.

The cost of school dinners for the first half of the Autumn term is £95.55 or £12.25 weekly or £2.45 daily. Would parents please note that school meals should always be paid for in advance. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

E-SAFETY

During the long summer days, your children may be spending a bit more time on their portable devices. It's worth thinking about parental controls if you haven't before. They're designed to help protect children from inappropriate content they may come across online, and you can even use them to set usage times and to monitor activity. Remember to like the 'Staying Safe Online' Facebook page to follow their online safety updates.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If you have signed your child up to attend an after school club in September, please see the above diary dates as not all clubs are starting in the first week of term. Please contact the school office if your child requires Woosh or will be going home on the school bus.

OTHER MESSAGES

EDUCATERERS VACANCY

Catering Assistant - £8.50 per hour. Various posts available across Rugby Schools. Monday to Friday, Term time and training days, start date September 2018. For further information please call 01926 412010 or email contactus@educaterers.co.uk

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DUNCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB

Dunchurch Baptist Church (Coventry Road, CV22 6RF) are running a 'Pyramid Rock' holiday club for 5-11 year olds from Tuesday 28th – Friday 31st August, from 10am-12pm, and Sunday 2nd September from 10.30am-11.30pm. The cost is £5 for the week. To book places, please contact holidayclub@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk.

ST PETER'S CHURCH EVENT – Sunday 2nd September 2018

Join St Peter's Church (CV22 6PE) for their All Age Service for a Day at the Races on Sunday 2nd September from 10.30-11.30am followed by scones, jam and refreshments at St.Peter's church Dunchurch. Free admission.

Finally, all the staff at Dunchurch Junior School wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Tuesday 4th September**. We wish all of the Year 6 children luck at their new secondary school. Hopefully we have equipped them with the skills and confidence to tackle this next stage in their education successfully.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Miller

Assistant Head Teacher