

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday, 17th September 2018:

		Time	Event
Sunday 16th September	St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch	10.15am-11.30am	Education Sunday
Monday 17th September	Lunch time	12.30-1.30pm	Recorder
	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3K Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Chess club Gardening Club Fit2Dance Year 5 and 6 Girls Football <i>Year 6 Boys Football (to be confirmed)</i>
Tuesday 18th September	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Orchestra Dodgeball Club Mad Science Club Year 3 and 4 Boys Football Club Year 4 Girls Football Club Rock Solid Club
Wednesday 19th September	Morning	9am	School photos (Braiswick)
	Lunch time	12.30pm	Choir
	After School	3.30- 4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3/4)
		3:30- 5pm	Film Club
Thursday 20th September	All day	8am-5.30pm	Year 6 visit to Blists Hill
	Lunch time	12.30-1.30pm	Brass
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Play on Theatre Club French Club Construction Club CCFC Football Club
Friday 21st September	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3.30- 4.15pm	Cheerleading Club
		3.30-4.30pm	Spanish Club Tag Rugby Club

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Kara D, Ella M, Andrei, Laura, Hettie, Lacey-May, Lilly-May, Cara and Donnie.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday 9th September, Ryan L and Haris travelled to Wolverhampton to compete in the 'Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu UK Nationals' competition. Ryan won all his matches decisively to take a hard fought gold medal. Haris fought back after an initial defeat to claim silver in the finals, showing great heart and tenacity. Great results for their first competition! Well done Ryan and Haris!

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

You will today be receiving with the newsletter information about our new governing body and how you can be involved. As you know, Dunchurch Infants and Juniors federated at the start of this month. This means that although the two schools are still schools in their own right, (e.g. they have different uniforms, separate budgets, one school is Church of England, the other isn't) we have one governing body. This will make it easier for the schools to work closely together. Whereas in the past it has been difficult to agree on a curriculum which complemented each other we are beginning to synchronise approaches. The new governing body have a crucial role in making sure this work continues. Two of the core functions for any school's governors is to set the strategic direction and make sure that myself and my colleagues follow that direction. Our new governing body is being put together and today we start the process of recruiting representatives from parents and staff. I hope as many parents as possible give some thought as to whether they would like to be involved. I am sure anyone with an interest in education would find school governance interesting.

A reminder that St. Peter's Church is holding it's Education Sunday service this Sunday at 10.30. A number of Dunchurch children are involved in various ways. All are welcome to attend, I hope to see you there.

ASSEMBLIES

Next week the children will be learning about Democracy, as part of British Values. The school are planning to hold an election to choose the new head girl and head boy.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award goes to 5HB!

Class	Attendance AM	Attendance PM
3J	98.2%	98.2%
3K	98.8%	97.6%
4B	98.9%	99.4%
4C	98.0%	96.7%
5D	98.8%	98.8%
5HB	100%	100%
6R	97.0%	97.0%
6T	97.1%	98.3%

ATTACHED

Please find attached the minutes from the PTA meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

The newly federated governing body currently has two vacancies for Parent Governors. All parents and carers of registered pupils at both schools are eligible to become parent governors. Governors play an important part in the leadership of both schools and work together with staff to make sure that the schools provide a challenging and supportive environment for all our pupils. Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education, but you do need to have the time and the willingness to get involved. Meetings are held in the evenings, but it is important you are able to visit the school once a term during normal hours, so you can see the school in action. It is also expected that you will undertake training to help you develop as a governor. Sessions are usually held in the evening or online at a time of your choosing. Governors also need to be able to work as team and develop relationships with a range of people, have the ability to question and to make connections between different types of information. We would be particularly interested to hear from parents/carers with experience or expertise in

finance/accountancy, human resources and procurement, who possess professional leadership skills, and those who have links with the local community. The usual term of office is four years from the date of appointment.

Initial expressions of interest and requests for further information should be made to the Clerk to the Governing Body, Mrs Maria Page at page.m@welearn365.com

Closing date for applications is Friday 21st September 2018 at 12 noon.

SCHOOL EVENTS

EDUCATION SUNDAY – Sunday 16th September 2018

Will all children who are singing in the choir please meet Mrs Blezard in St. Peter's Church at 10.15am on Sunday. The service starts at 10.30am. The children do not need to wear school uniform. I hope as many of you are able to attend and we look forward to seeing you there!

BRAISWICK SCHOOL PHOTOS – Wednesday 19th September

Braiswick Photography Co Ltd will be in school next week on Wednesday 19th September. The children will have an individual photo taken and siblings will also have a photograph. When we receive the proofs in school, we will send them home with the children.

YEAR 6 VISIT TO BLISTS HILL – Thursday 20th September

A reminder that year 6 are visiting Blists Hill next Thursday and will need to be in school early, ready to leave for **8am**. They will return to school at approximately **5.30pm**.

NEW TO YEAR GROUP MEETINGS

It was great to see so many parents at our new to year group meetings on Wednesday evening, thank you to all those who came. Please let the office know if you were not able to attend and would like a copy of the information that was given out.

WARWICKSHIRE MUSIC INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Warwickshire Music lessons have now started. If your child has an instrument, please ensure they are brought to school on the day of their lesson. If your child does not have their own instrument, this should have been ordered through Warwickshire Music. If you have not ordered an instrument, please have your child discuss this with their teacher.

We were unaware of some of the changes that Warwickshire Music had made and we hope that lessons run more smoothly next week. Please be aware that Warwickshire Music have instructed their teachers not to teach anyone that has not yet paid. If you have not yet paid for your child's instrument lesson, please do so as soon as possible through the Warwickshire Music website. <https://www.warwickshiremusic.org/>

If you have expressed an interest in your child's music lesson but you didn't complete a form, please do not do this through school, but through the Warwickshire Music website. This is the only way to sign up for lessons.

Monday –Guitar, Recorder and Strings (FULL – waiting list only)

Tuesday – Keyboard (FULL – waiting list only)

Thursday – Brass and Drums

Friday - Woodwind (Flute/clarinet) and Guitar (FULL – waiting list only)

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT – Friday 12th October (6.30-8.30pm)

The PTA will be holding a family bingo evening on Friday 12th October from 6.30-8.30pm, for new year 3 families. Should families from other year groups wish to attend, they are also welcome. This is a fun family event so all family members may join in e.g younger / older siblings, grandparents. Tickets are £1 per person, please complete the slip below as soon as possible if you would like to come along. If any parents have any prize donations they'd be gratefully received.

PTA DISCO – Thursday 25th October 2018

The PTA have organised a children's disco which will take place in the school hall on Thursday 25th October. The disco, for children in years 3 and 4, will take place from 6.30-7.30pm and the year 5 and 6 disco will run from 8-9pm. Please let us know if you are able to help. Cost is £2 which includes a drink and crisps. Candyfloss will be available at 50p each for the children to purchase on the night. If you think your child will be interested in

attending the event please return the slip below together with the entry fee of £2 by Tuesday 23rd October 2018 Children who arrive on the night and who have not paid in advance will not be allowed entry to the disco. Please note that parents must collect their child from inside the school hall at the end of the disco, children will not be allowed outside on their own. **Strictly no mobile phones to be brought into the disco and no caps or hats to be worn.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

OPEN EVENING/OPEN MORNINGS

We are holding open sessions for prospective Year 3 children and their parents as follows: Open Evening is **Wednesday 3rd October from 6-7pm** and the open mornings are **Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th October 9.15am-12 noon**. We look forward to seeing you there.

MANCHESTER CAROLS – Saturday 8th December 2018

Manchester Carols – choir rehearsals start for all children on Wednesday lunch time. Further information about the concert will follow. Please put the date in your diary.

FUTURE PTA MEETINGS

Dates of forthcoming PTA meetings are as follows: 9th October, 13th November and 4th December. All meetings start at 3.30pm in Mrs. Hayward's classroom and last for approximately 45 minutes. Everyone welcome to attend.

Attached is an event timetable for this academic year, 2018-19.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

PARENTPAY

Gardening, football clubs, Orchestra, Film Club and Spanish are all now on ParentPay. If your child attends one of these clubs, please make payment online if you have not yet already done so.

ROCK SOLID CLUB

A reminder that there is a sub increase from 50p to £1 at Rock Solid Club, starting from next week, Tuesday 18th September.

OTHER MESSAGES

LOST PROPERTY

Chloe O-S has lost her size 13 school shoes, which have a pink named sticker inside, James C has lost his blue and orange watch, which has a velcro strap, and Gracie has lost her purple and yellow swimming goggles. Would parents please check their child's belongings and ensure that they have the correct items.

WOOSH CLUB MORNING DROP OFF

A reminder that children should not be arriving at Woosh club any earlier than 8am as before this time, children are not supervised. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DUNCHURCH YOUTH GROUP – STORYTIME AND CRAFTS

Storytime sessions return on September 21st, taking place at Dunchurch Community Library on Fridays in term time, from 9.30am-10am.

SOUND OF MUSIC SING-A-LONG (Saturday 22nd September)

Dunchurch Festival Group present a sing along night with the film 'The Sound of Music' on Saturday 22nd September at Dunchurch Village Hall from 7pm. Tickets are £6 for adults and £3 for juniors (under 14). For tickets please call 01788 817307 or buy them from Wanda's Fashions. There will be prizes for fancy dress and there will be a bar, ice cream and snacks available.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday 6th October (10.30am-12.30pm)

Dunchurch Baptist Church are running their Messy Church event on Saturday 6th October, from 10.30am-12.30pm. There will be crafts and lunch for all the family. The cost is £1 per person (payable on the day). Please book your place asap: messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk . For more information, please visit www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk .

