

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Welcome to my end of half term newsletter. Reflecting back over the last eight weeks it's amazing how much we have done in that time. Phew!

### **Fun Run**

This year's Fun Run was very successful once again, with children running or walking enthusiastically wearing their fancy dress costumes. The day was perfect, with warm sunshine and cheerful music playing. What a great way to end our week!

Thank you if you have already sent in your child's sponsor money which I know many of you have done! If you haven't, may I ask that it is handed in straight after half term please?



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT** Thank you so much for supporting our fundraising for this amazing charity. We had a very good attendance at the coffee morning once again, and in total we raised £295.10 which I know will be put to excellent use supporting those with cancer, as well as their families.

A big 'thank you' must go to Mrs Cartwright and her team of school council children who planned the event and helped on the day. I would also like to thank our staff for kindly donating all the ingredients.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to our cook, Mrs Berriman, and her team of ladies for giving up their time to make all those delicious cakes!

### **Open Morning**

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and other family members in to school to visit their child's classroom and also see other classrooms whilst teaching was 'in action'.

Feedback from the morning was hugely positive so thanks if you took the time to complete a feedback sheet. Feedback is important to us as it allows us to

reflect on what we do and make improvements where needed.

### **Parents' Evenings/Book Fair**

Thank you to those of you who attended parents' evening last week. If anyone hasn't yet had chance to sort out an appointment, please contact your child's teacher directly or speak to a member of staff at the main office. Thank you.



The book fair held last week was extremely well supported so thank you very much. We have earned over £365 in commission which will allow us to buy books for use by the children in school. Fantastic!

### **Harvest Assembly**

The children did a great job earlier this week, sharing their learning about Fairtrade, food waste and plastic packaging with their families and the rest of the school. Well done everyone!

Thank you so much for all the food donations brought in to school; the Driffield Foodbank organisers will be delighted to receive such a huge donation and I know it will be put to good use, supporting families in and around the town who need it.

### **End of the day confusion**



At the end of the school day we have had a growing number of children who are confused about who is picking them up, where they are to meet, whether they should be at Kidszone or another club etc.

To avoid upset, as your child leaves for school each morning please ensure that you clarify the particulars of what is happening at 3.30pm. This is especially important for those of you who have different things happening on different days. Thanks for your help with this!

### **Lost property**

Due to a lack of storage space in school, please note that lost property still here by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November will be given to charity if it has not been claimed. Thanks.

### **Online safety at DJS**

In order to provide you with the most up to date information about online safety, all families of children at DJS have free access to National Online Safety's resources centre. You have access to a range of videos about current online issues, how to recognise them and ideas for preventing issues such as online bullying, online reputation and screen addiction.



All you have to do is follow the link and use your email address to set up a free account.

<https://lms.nationalonlinesafety.com/school/driffie>  
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There is also a fantastically stocked resource hub with contains information about all currently popular apps, games and trends.

### **Outdoor gym**



Our newly installed outdoor gym has gone down a treat with the children and it's lovely to see them using it so enthusiastically every break time! Thanks to the £4000 donation from the Tesco Bag of Help scheme and other school funds, we were lucky enough to be able to afford such a super resource. Getting fit and having fun at the same time – perfect!

### **Pastoral assistant**

Starting after half term we are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Riby to our pastoral team. Mrs Riby will be fulfilling the ELSA role that was previously led by Mrs Potter as well as complimenting some of the work done in nurture. Under the direction of Mrs Tate, Mrs Riby will also support with child protection and other safeguarding issues.

After a week of settling in and getting to know the children, staff and school routines, Mrs Riby will be starting her role. I know she is looking forward to joining us!

### **Sporting achievements**

This half term has been filled with many great sporting events and successes. To keep up to date with DJS sports, please see our APP or visit the school website.

### **Remembrance**

The 11<sup>th</sup> November this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War 1. All Saints' Church in Driffield wanted to mark this important centenary and asked the schools in Driffield to help. All the schools in Driffield were approached to make poppies or something more elaborate to be displayed in the Side Chapel of the Church.

The Side Chapel in All Saints will be converted to display all these poppies, along with a carpet of poppies which has been made by the church congregation. From the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, the Church will be open every day from 10am to 4pm for anyone to look at the poppies, reflect on the anniversary of the end of the war and just spend a little time in the stillness of the Church.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, there will be two services in the Church. At 10am there will be the civic remembrance service organised by the Royal British Legion, with the two minutes silence at war memorial at 11am, the time the guns fell silent 100 years earlier. At 5:30pm, the Town Council are organising a celebration service which will mirror the evening service held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918.

In school, Year 5 pupils will be leading our Remembrance Assembly with Year 5 parents invited to attend at 9.30am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Reminder – Year 3 Read and Stay**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2:45pm and 6:00pm.

Top tips for getting the most out of reading with your child.

### **Happy Half Term**

I wish all children and their families, as well as our fabulous staff team, a super half term break. See you all on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

*LJ Laird*

