

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday, 19th November 2018:

		Time	Event
Monday 19th November	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 Fit2Burst Dance
Tuesday 20th November	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Orchestra Dodgeball Club Rock Solid Club Mad Science Club
Wednesday 21st November	<i>Please send in the Christmas dinner form by today or email/verbally let the office know so that the kitchen can place their food order. Thank you.</i>		
	Lunch time	12.30pm	Choir
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3/4)
		3:30-5pm	Film Club (FULL)
		3.30-4.30pm	Cookery Club
	4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)	
Thursday 22nd November	Morning	9.10-11.20am	6T Visit to Cemex
		10.40-12.50pm	6R Visit to Cemex
	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 23rd November	TEACHER	TRAINING	DAY

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Olivia H, Jamie G, Lauren C, Bella M-G, Jessie H, Alice P and Maairah.

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

At Christmas we will be saying goodbye to Leslie Blezard our music teacher. Leslie has worked at the school for 16 years and the whole school will be sorry to see her leave. Over her time at the school Leslie has championed the role of music in the school and established it as a key part of school life. We have over 100 pupils learning at least one instrument, far more than most schools. Our performances are always well received and our choir is much in demand, performing in Daventry and Rugby in the run up to Christmas. It is reasonably rare for schools in the primary sector to have specialist qualified music teachers and with budgets being tight they may well become rarer. I am pleased to say that this won't be the case here. We have appointed Louise Fairbrother to be our new music teacher from January.

Last week I posed the question about the finish time on the last day of term before the Christmas and Summer holidays. Eight parents responded and all but one wanted to keep the 2PM finish. This surprised me a little, so I am grateful to the parents who shared their views. I have also consulted staff who (perhaps not surprisingly!) were also happy to continue with the 2PM finish. The same question was asked of Leamington Hastings parents, who on the whole were keener to change to a later finish time. However, Leamington Hastings' Head, Mrs. Marson and I have agreed that we need a clear consensus to make the change and so we will continue finishing at 2PM on the last day of the Autumn and Summer terms for Dunchurch Infants and Leamington Hastings and **2.15PM at Dunchurch Juniors**. This will allow those parents who collect at one school and then collect older siblings, (particularly those who have to travel from Leamington Hastings) time to travel. This mirrors the difference in collection times we have every other day in the school year.

Lastly, from time to time parents or residents share with us photos of parking. Where possible I speak to the driver in person, but I do not know the owner of this particular vehicle. I hope by printing the photo the person responsible might consider others in future.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award goes to **6T!**

Class	Attendance AM	Attendance PM
3J	98.2%	97.6%
3K	97.0%	96.4%
4B	98.3%	97.7%
4C	98.1%	98.1%
5D	96.9%	96.9%
5HB	96.3%	96.9%
6R	98.2%	98.2%
6T	99.4%	98.8%

HOUSE CUP

This week the house cup has been awarded to Waring! House points are given out for good behaviour, learning or work. Well done to all.

ASSEMBLIES

This week the children have been learning about Parliament and Democracy in assembly. The children then voted for our School House Captains and the results were as follows:

Waring – Nathan

Arkwright – Freddie

Scott – Fresia

Boughton – Emily K

SCHOOL EVENTS

TEACHER TRAINING DAY

A reminder that Friday 23rd November is a Teacher Training Day therefore the school is closed to children on that day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Thursday, four children from Year 6 competed in a Maths competition organised by Explore Learning. We are happy to say that they have qualified for the next round. Well done to Noah L, Jessica B, Donnie and Lydia.

MAD SCIENCE CLUB

Following last week's message in the newsletter, no additional children signed up for Mad Science when offered the changed course. They have agreed to run the course with the lower number of children on this occasion. After feedback from the parents/ children that they would prefer the original slime course, Mad Science will be delivering slime based sessions for the remaining 5 weeks. There are still spaces available for children who are interested.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a book fair in school from **Monday 26th November– Friday 30th November**. There will be a full range of children's books from pre-school upwards and lots of the latest and most current titles. This is a great opportunity to get some bargains for Christmas as all stock will be **half price**, which is an offer given to few schools, but is extended to us due to your continued support over the years. The fair will be open at lunchtimes for pupils and again between 3.30pm and 4pm for adults and children – please access via reception so you can be signed in and out.

NON UNIFORM DAY/CAKE SALE - CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you very much to parents who sent in cakes to sell in school today to raise money for Children in Need. Once the money has been counted from the cake sale and the non-uniform donations, we will let you know how much was raised. Thank you once again.

SHOEBOXES

Thank you to those of you who sent in a shoebox for the Christmas Shoebox appeal. They will be on their way abroad very soon. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Wednesday 19th December 2018

As in previous years, Educaterers will be providing us with a Christmas dinner which will be served on **Wednesday 19th December**. Christmas dinner at school is always an excellent event with party hats, music and a great atmosphere with the staff, governors and children all eating together in the hall. There will also be a vegetarian alternative available. This year the cost of a Christmas dinner is **£2.45** – the same price as a normal dinner. Please note if you have already paid for your child's meals for this half term in advance then you won't need to make an extra payment for Christmas dinner. If your child does not normally eat a school meal but would like a Christmas dinner, please send £2.45 cheque/cash into school. **As you can imagine, with the high volume of numbers involved, Educaterers have to place their poultry order early.** With this in mind I would be very grateful if you would complete and return the slip below/email/speak to the office by **21st November** indicating if your child will be eating a Christmas dinner or bringing sandwiches on Wednesday 19th December. We can then inform the kitchen staff as soon as possible. Thank you.

SPORT EVENTS

BIATHLON

We have received the results from the Biathlon that a group of boys and a group of girls took part in last Thursday. Congratulations to the girls who came eighth and the boys who came second out of all the schools in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire!

OTHER MESSAGES

SCHOOL READING BOOKS

Could parents please check at home for any school reading books as we have a very limited number on the shelf, especially Grey and Dark Blue. Thank you.

PTA EVENTS

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Friday 7th December 2018

This is a day full of fun activities for your child, including face painting and a visit to Santa's Grotto, should you wish. Please return the slip to school no later than **Monday 3rd December** along with full payment (spare copies of the letter in the office).

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations for the chocolate/bottle tombola and mystery gifts. From Monday 19th, we'd appreciate donations of books and nearly new items for the Bric-a-Brac stall please.

Please remember to join the Dunchurch Junior School PTA Facebook Group to keep up to date with fundraising events.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DAVENTRY CHORAL SOCIETY – Christmas Concert – Saturday 1st December at 7.30pm

MANCHESTER CAROLS – Saturday 8th December 2018 at 7.30pm

Details for the arrangements on both concert days will be given to you nearer the date. These concerts are open to the public and anyone who wishes to attend these concerts would be more than welcome. Tickets are available on the door on the nights of the concerts.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND NATIVITY – St Peter's Church – Sunday 2nd December at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

The Year 3 and 4 Christmas play will be on Monday 17th December at 2pm and 7pm and the Year 5 and 6 performance will take place on Tuesday 18th December also at 2pm and 7pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RUGBY UNITED REFORM CHURCH CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2018.

The annual and ever popular craft fair at Rugby United Reform Church (40 Hillmorton Road) takes place on Saturday. The fair is open from 10am to 3pm with a wide variety of potential gifts for Christmas and a range of home baking plus a café serving a wide selection of refreshments during the day. Proceeds will be split between Whitehall Community Hall and Rugby United Reform Church.

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL GROUP WINE TASTING EVENING – Saturday 24th November

Dunchurch Festival Group invite you to a Wine Tasting evening on Saturday 24th November at Dunchurch Village Hall, with Sommelier Alan Blakemore. The doors open at 7.30pm ready for a 7.45pm start. Tickets cost £15 per head to include all wines. There will also be a fun wine-themed quiz. Please bring your own cheese and crackers. For tickets, please telephone 01788 817307 or visit Wanda Fashions. www.dunchurchevents.org.uk

DUNCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH 'MESSY CHRISTMAS' EVENT – Saturday 1st December

Dunchurch Baptist Church are holding their 'Messy Christmas' event at Dunchurch Methodist Church (Cawston Lane) on Saturday 1st December from 10.30am-12.30pm. There will be crafts, lunch and celebration for all the family. The cost is £1 per person (payable on the day). Please book your place asap by email

messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk, or via their Facebook page 'Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church'. Please visit <http://www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk/messychurch.php> for more information.

DUNCHURCH BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Saturday 8th December

Dunchurch Brass Band are performing a Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church on Saturday 8th December at 7pm. Tickets are £6/£4 available on the door.

ST PETER'S CHURCH TEA WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS – Saturday 15th December 3.30pm-5.30pm

St Peter's Church invite you to 'Tea with Father Christmas' on Saturday 15th December from 3.30-5.30pm. There will be afternoon tea, crafts and a raffle. The cost is £2 per child (includes a present from Father Christmas). Book via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-peters-christmas-party-tickets-52446846931?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Full info at www.stpeters-dunchurch.org

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Miller
Head of School

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CHRISTMAS DINNER - Wednesday 19th December 2018

My child.....in class.....would like to make the following arrangements for their Christmas dinner.

My child would like the Turkey dinner I have paid on ParentPay/ enclosed £2.45 cheque/cash

My child would like the vegetarian option I have paid on ParentPay/ enclosed £2.45 cheque/cash

My child will be bringing sandwiches

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

***Please return this form by Wednesday 21st November at the latest so that the kitchen can place their food order.
Thank you.***