

# DBJS Newsletter

## 22nd November 2018



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### **Forgiveness - Honesty - Kindness - Patience - Peace**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018:

		Time	Event
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12.30-1.30pm	Recorder
		12.30pm-1pm	Book Fair (for pupils)
	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3K Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	<b>3.30-4pm</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> (adults and children)
3.30-4.30pm		Chess club Gardening Club Fit2Burst Dance	
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12.30pm-1pm	Book Fair (for pupils)
	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	<b>3.30-4pm</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> (adults and children)
3:30-4:30pm		Orchestra Dodgeball Club Rock Solid Club Mad Science Club	
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	All Day	<b>8.30am-3.45pm</b>	<b>Year 4 visit to Chedworth</b>
	Lunch time	12.30pm-1pm	Book Fair (for pupils)
		12.30pm	Choir
	After School	<b>3.30-4pm</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> (adults and children)
		<b>3.30-4.15pm</b>	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3/4)
		<b>3:30-5pm</b>	<b>Film Club (FULL)</b>
		3.30-4.30pm	Cookery Club
4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)		
Evening	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Parents' Forum</b>	
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Lunch time	12.30pm-1pm	Book Fair (for pupils)
		12.30-1.30pm	Brass
	After School	<b>3.30-4pm</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> (adults and children)
		3.30-4.30pm	Play on Theatre Club French Club Construction Club CCFC Football Club
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	Lunch time	12.30pm-1pm	Book Fair (for pupils)
	After School	<b>3.30-4pm</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b> (adults and children)k
		<b>3.30-4.15pm</b>	Cheerleading Club
3.30-4.30pm	Spanish Club Tag Rugby Club		

## **MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES**

As previously mentioned, we have a Parents' Forum next Wednesday. At the meeting I will be asking parents their opinions about the curriculum we offer. Questions I will be asking include:

- Is it more important than we teach knowledge or skills?
- Is it best for older children to be taught by subject specialists?
- Do we spend too long teaching English and maths? Should we teach other subjects more?
- What role is there for outdoor learning in the curriculum?

On the teacher training day in January I will be asking similar questions of the staff and before then we will find out the views of pupils too, but I would like to kick start the process by seeking parents' thoughts. The meeting is at 6.30 at the Junior School, all parents and carers from the Infant and Juniors are welcome. If you cannot make the meeting, I would welcome views by email.

As you will know, tomorrow is a teacher training day. I know that these days can cause childcare challenges for some families, so I think it a good idea to share what we are doing on these days. Tomorrow we have two visiting trainers. Some colleagues from the Infant school are being trained in first aid, while the majority of staff from both the Infants and Juniors are learning about how to support children with attachment issues.

## **ATTENDANCE**

This week's attendance award goes to **4B!**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance AM</b>	<b>Attendance PM</b>
3J	92.4%	93.2%
3K	99.2%	99.2%
4B	100%	99.3%
4C	99.2%	98.4%
5D	93.8%	94.5%
5HB	99.2%	99.2%
6R	97.0%	97.7%
6T	97.1%	96.3%

## **HOUSE CUP**

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

## **ASSEMBLIES**

This week the children have been exploring the school value of patience. The children discussed and shared examples of when they need to be patient. Dave Woods led the assembly this morning.

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

### **YEAR 4 VISIT TO CHEDWORTH – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that the children in Year 4 should please arrive in school for **8.30am** on Wednesday morning, ready to leave school by 8.45am. They aim to be back at school by **3.45pm** so you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child to get home if he/she normally catches the school bus.

## **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK**

Thank you to all parents/carers who filled in the questionnaire about our school. In total, we had 93 responses. It was lovely to read the many positive comments. 98% of parents said their child enjoyed school. 98% of parents said that they would recommend our school to another parent. 100% of parents said their child was safe at our school. 99% said that their child made good progress at Dunchurch Junior School. 98% felt that the school provided a broad and balanced curriculum and 97% believe that the school is led and managed effectively. It was lovely to read that 99% of parents felt comfortable approaching school with a question or problem.

We have looked at suggestions for how we can improve our school and we will be thinking about how we book Parents' Consultations in the future, the range of healthy food that we provide in school and how we can improve the school building and facilities for the children. Don't forget the **next Parents' Forum will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm** at Dunchurch Junior School.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

We will be holding a book fair in school next week, from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November– Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 non-uniform donations and cakes to sell in school last week raise money for Children in Need. We raised £281.40. Thank you once again.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

#### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE – No after school clubs (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December)**

Please note that on the day of the Christmas Fayre (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December), there will be no after school clubs running. Woosh will run as normal.

#### ***FIT2BURST DANCE – no session on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December***

Please note that there will be no Fit2Burst Dance on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** because of the Year 3 and 4 Christmas play. Claire will credit the week's fees to the Spring term.

### **OTHER MESSAGES**

#### **HARRIS C OF E ACADEMY INVIGILATOR VACANCY**

The Diocese of Coventry Multi Academy Trust is looking to appoint resourceful and highly effective Invigilators who are committed to developing Harris Church of England Academy. No experience needed, as training will be given. The start date is January 2019. Closing date for applications is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. For an appointment to visit the school please contact Ms C Bult on 01788 812549. For full information please see [www.covmat.org/vacancies](http://www.covmat.org/vacancies) or email [www.harris.covmat.org](mailto:www.harris.covmat.org) .

### **FOR SALE**

If anyone is interested in the drawers below and would be willing to make a donation to school, please contact the school office.



## **PTA EVENTS**

### **PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – please note: fayre open to parents at 3.40pm - (not 2pm)**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, mystery gifts, books and nearly new items for the Bric-a Brac stall.

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, we'd appreciate donations of shop bought cakes please (**nut free**).

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 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm**

Rehearsal 2.30-3.15pm. Please be at Holy Cross Church, Daventry, by 2.15pm. Could parents please remain in the Church during the rehearsal.

Children do not need to wear uniform for the rehearsal but will need to wear uniform for the evening concert. They can put festive tinsel in their hair if they wish.

### **MANCHESTER CAROLS – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm**

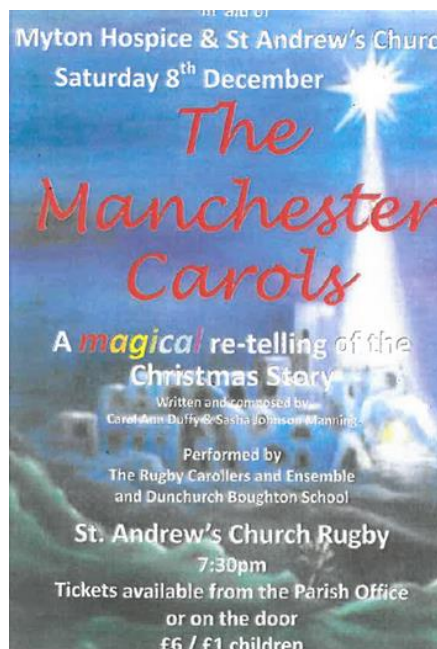
Rehearsals: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at St. Andrew's Church, Rugby from 7-8pm. Please could parents remain in the Church during the evening rehearsal.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm. Please be at St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, by 1.45pm. Parents do not need to stay with the children for this rehearsal but please be prompt picking them up at 4pm. Children do not need to wear uniform for the rehearsals but will need to wear uniform for the evening concert and bring a festive hat for the last song.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 4pm.**

Please meet Mrs Blezard and Mrs Miller outside the gates of St. Peter's Church by 3.45pm. Children should dress warmly and wear festive hats or tinsel. Children in the nativity will be given a costume to wear over their clothes. The service should be finished by 5pm.



## **CHRISTMAS PLAYS**

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

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **DUNCHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH 'MESSY CHRISTMAS' EVENT – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Dunchurch Baptist Church are holding their 'Messy Christmas' event at Dunchurch Methodist Church (Cawston Lane) on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **ST PETER'S CHURCH TEA WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm-5.30pm**

St Peter's Church invite you to 'Tea with Father Christmas' on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stpeters-dunchurch.org)

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs T Miller**

Head of School