

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday, 10th December 2018:

		Time	Event
Friday 7th December	Evening	7-8pm	Manchester Carols rehearsal (St. Andrew's Church, Rugby)
Saturday 8th December	Afternoon	2-4pm	Manchester Carols rehearsal (St. Andrew's Church, Rugby)
	Evening	7.30-9.30pm	Manchester Carols Concert
Monday 10th December	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 (LAST SESSION) Gardening Club Fit2Burst Dance (LAST SESSION)
Tuesday 11th December	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Orchestra Dodgeball Club Rock Solid Club (LAST SESSION) Mad Science Club
Wednesday 12th December	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 (LAST SESSION)
Thursday 13th December	Lunch time	12.30-1.30pm	Brass
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Play on Theatre Club French Club Construction Club No CCFC Football Club - finished for this term
Friday 14th December	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Cheerleading Club (LAST SESSION)
		3.30-4.30pm	Spanish Club (LAST SESSION) Tag Rugby Club (LAST SESSION)

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Lachlan, Imogen M, Tilly F, Jesse, Darcey D-B, Darcie P and Hazel.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Lexie T who took part in Rugby's 7th Annual Santa Fun Run on Sunday 2nd December, competing in the 1 mile Santa Dash. It was her first race since joining Rugby & Northampton Athletics Club and she came third overall (adults and children) and was the fastest girl! Congratulations Lexie!

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

The children have been busy preparing for today's Christmas Fair and are very much looking forward to this afternoon. As well as the hard work of the children there has been considerable time and effort from many parents and colleagues. I would like to particularly thank the PTA for everything they have done and to all the parents who have sent in items - the staffroom has been overflowing with chocolates, books and other items.

On a similar Christmas-sy theme, children from the school have been singing at a number of events. Last weekend they performed alongside the Daventry Choir and at the Dunchurch Christmas lights switch on. This weekend they are performing at St. Andrew's Church in Rugby at the Manchester Carols service. The fact that our children's singing is in such high demand is testament to the choir's ability, Mrs. Blezard's teaching and the commitment of parents in taking their children to these events. Thank you to all.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award goes to **5HB!**

Class	Attendance AM	Attendance PM
3J	95.8%	96.4%
3K	98.8%	98.2%
4B	96.6%	96.0%
4C	96.8%	96.1%
5D	96.9%	97.5%
5HB	99.4%	99.4%
6R	95.8%	96.4%
6T	95.3%	95.3%

HOUSE CUP

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

ATTACHED

Please find attached a copy of the diary dates for the Spring and Summer term and also the minutes from the PTA meeting held on Tuesday 4th December.

SCHOOL EVENTS

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 21st December 2018

School will close at **2.15pm** on Friday, 21st December 2018. School coaches will run at 2.15pm. Woosh will be open from 2.15 – 6pm that day. If your child usually attends Woosh on a Friday and will not be attending on the 21st, or if their collection time will be different, please inform the school office.

DAVENTRY CHORAL SOCIETY – Christmas Concert

A HUGE thank you to the 19 children who performed in this concert. Nick Scott-Burt, the conductor, said to the audience at the end that he had never worked with a Junior school choir who sang to such a high standard. Mrs Blezard would like to thank the children for all their hard work and giving up their time for rehearsals in school. She has received so many positive comments about their singing and she couldn't be prouder. Thank you to the all the parents who came to the concert and for your support.

We are delighted to say that Daventry Choral Society are donating £100 to the school as a thank you to the choir for performing.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND NATIVITY

Thank you so much to the choir for singing and the children from Year 4 who performed in the nativity. It was a lovely start to our Dunchurch Christmas. Well done to Jessie as Dunchurch Princess for lighting the tree.

FRIDAY GUITAR LESSONS

Mr Butler is going to be coming in to teach Guitar on Thursdays for the rest of this term instead of a Friday. If your

child normally has a lesson on Friday, please can they bring their Guitar to school on Thursday instead. Thank you. Lessons will be in the Music room.

STAFF

Mrs Andrews (Year 3 Maternity cover teacher) will be in school next week on Thursday 13th December. She will be on the playground before and after school to meet parents. Mrs Jenks will be finishing for maternity leave on Friday 21st December and Mrs Blezard will be retiring on Thursday 20th December.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DAY

Thank you to our PTA members and their fantastic band of helpers who have made the Christmas Fayre today possible. Thank you for all the generous donations you have sent in and thank you to all the parent volunteers and to all for coming to the fayre! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their visits to Santa, having their faces painted and making gifts this morning. Once the money has been counted we will let you know what was raised. Thank you again for your support.

Christmas hampers: teachers sent item slips home this week. Please send your allocated item in to school by Friday 14th December. The hamper raffle will be drawn at the last School play.

Date for your diaries: next PTA meeting is **Tuesday 15th January** at 3.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome; pupils and younger siblings can come with you too. We need more people, and fresh ideas, to raise funds for the school. So please come along if you can."

CHRISTMAS SERVICE/ST PETER'S CHURCH – Wednesday 19th December

The whole school will be attending a Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church, Dunchurch, during the morning of Wednesday 19th December. The children will go in two groups with the lower school (years 3 & 4) leaving school at 9am and the upper school (years 5 & 6) leaving at 9.30am. We would be extremely grateful if any parents/grandparents are able to help supervise the children during their walk. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

In view of clubs finishing and the early finish on Friday 21st December, we would like to remind parents to please inform the school office if there are any changes to your child's regular Woosh booking or bus arrangements.

FOOD FOR LIFE

We are very pleased to say that we have been awarded with the Food for Life bronze award! Thank you to Mrs Keffler and all staff and children who have worked hard to achieve this award.

YEAR 5 PROJECTS

Well done to the children in Year 5 who have all worked very hard and produced some wonderful project work. The projects have been displayed in our entrance hall which looks fantastic. Please see the school website for photos.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

CLUBS THAT HAVE FINISHED

A reminder that CCFC has now finished until after Christmas. Letters for the new term have been given out this week. The club will restart on Thursday 10th January 2019.

LAST SESSION OF CLUBS

Please note that next week will be the last session of the following clubs:

Chess club, Fit2Burst Dance, Rock Solid club, Cookery club, Spanish, Cheerleading and Tag Rugby.

The following clubs will be running until the last week of term:

Gardening club, Orchestra, Dodgeball club, Mad Science club, Hotshots Basketball, Film club, Theatre club, French club and Construction club.

PARENTPAY

YORK RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The next instalment of £16 for children who are participating in the York residential visit is due today, Friday 7th December . Payment should be made via ParentPay.

WALES RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The next instalment of £22 for children who are participating in the Wales residential visit is due today, Friday 7th December. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

CASTLETON RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The next instalment of £37 for children who are participating in the Castleton residential visit is due today, Friday 7th December. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

OTHER MESSAGES

RIMO GARDEN CENTRE

Our beautiful Christmas tree has been very kindly donated to us by Rimo Garden Centre. They are a small independent garden centre situated on A45 close to Thurlaston. They have a large selection of premium grade Christmas trees for sale, plus lots of other gardening items for you to browse through.

LOST PROPERTY

Oscar V has lost his named school fleece, Isaac F has lost his named black coat and Florence has lost her named school cardigan. Would parents please check their child's belongings and ensure that they have the correct items.

PARKING – DEW CLOSE

Following a complaint from a resident of Dew Close, we would like to remind parents to please park considerately in the streets surrounding our school. We have been informed that some parents are waiting in cars for up to half an hour in the afternoon with their car engines running and our neighbours are concerned about the noise and pollution that this is causing.

DUNCHURCH FESTIVAL GROUP

A huge thank you the Dunchurch Festival Group for donating £1000 towards our trim trail. It is greatly appreciated.

VACANCIES AT DUNCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL

Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery have two vacancies for Midday Supervisors as follows:-

Infant School – 11.50am-1.10pm

Nursery – 11.30am – 12.30pm

If you are interested in any of the above positions and would like an application form, please call into the Infant School office or email lindabeech@dunchurchinfants.co.uk . The vacancies are also advertised on www.wmjobs.co.uk .

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MANCHESTER CAROLS – Saturday 8th December 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Saturday 8th 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. Girls may wear tinsel in their hair if they wish.

This concert is open to the public and anyone who wishes to attend would be more than welcome. Tickets are available on the door on the night.

Monday 17th December at 2pm and 7pm - year 3 & 4 Christmas performance (tickets have been given out this week)

Tuesday 18th December at 2pm and 7pm – year 5 & 6 Christmas performance (tickets have been given out this week)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DUNCHURCH BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Saturday 8th December

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

BENN HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday 9th December

The Benn Hall (Newbold Road, Rugby, CV21 2LN) are holding a Christmas Fair on Sunday 9th December between 10am-3pm. It is free to enter. There will be independent stall holders from around the country, Winter Wonderland café and Santa's Grotto.

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