

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday, 17th December 2018:

		Time	Event
Monday 17th December	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3K – No Swimming this week
		2pm	Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Gardening Club No Chess Club – finished for this term No Fit2Burst Dance – finished for this term
	Evening	7pm	Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance
Tuesday 18th December	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- No Swimming this week
		2pm	Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Orchestra Dodgeball Club Mad Science Club No Rock Solid Club – finished for this term
	Evening	7pm	Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance
Wednesday 19th December	Morning	9.30am-10am (leaving school at 9.15am)	Year 3 and 4 –Carol Service at St Peter’s Church (leaving school 9.15am)
		10am-10.30am (leaving school at 9.45am)	Year 5 and 6 –Carol Service at St Peter’s Church (leaving school at 9.45am)
	Lunch time	12pm	Christmas Dinner
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3/4)
		3:30-5pm	Film Club (FULL)
		3.30-4.30pm	No Cookery Club – finished for this term
		4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)
Thursday 20th December	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Play on Theatre Club French Club Construction Club No CCFC Football Club - finished for this term
Friday 21st December	All day	All day	Toy Day - Children are welcome to bring in a toy to play with
	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	Afternoon	2.15pm	2.15pm FINISH

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their ‘Star of the Week’ awards: Evelyn, James C, Lottie, Luke C, Jamie M, Annabel H, Phoebe and Amelia R.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to the team of Year 5 and 6 boys who went to Coventry after school on Tuesday to take part in a 6-

a-side football tournament (EFL cup). They won the tournament and now have the opportunity to play at CCFC training ground in January (further details to follow). Well done to all on this fantastic achievement! A huge thank you to Mr James and to the parents who helped transport the children to and from this event.

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

Yesterday the Department for Education published their annual league tables for schools in the primary sector. I am far from convinced as to the usefulness of this site; ranking schools can be crude and reductive and fails to capture many of the most important things schools do which are not so quantifiable. As my A-level geography table said to me thirty years ago, "sometimes in education we measure what is measurable, not what is important". However, a huge amount of time, effort and expertise went into the teaching of last year's year 6 cohort, so it would be amiss of me to not acknowledge the excellent outcomes achieved and pay tribute to my colleagues dedication, as well as the hard work of the pupils. You can find the tables here, but I am pleased to say that we have done well in all of the areas recorded. For the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths the school was 11th out of 170 schools in Warwickshire and for the percentage of pupils achieving the higher standard in reading, writing and maths, the school was joint 4th out of 170 schools.

MESSAGE FROM MRS BLEZARD

As you know, I will be retiring as Music Co-ordinator at Dunchurch Junior School after 16 ½ years service. Music in our school has developed so much and I am very proud that over 100 of our children now learn a musical instrument.

My choir and orchestra have gone from strength to strength, culminating in the choir's two brilliant performances this month. I couldn't be prouder of them.

Thank you to all the parents who have encouraged their children to learn an instrument or join a musical group. A huge thank you to the children who have made my job so rewarding. I will miss them.

I wish the children all the best and hope they continue to enjoy making music together.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award goes to **3J** and **3K**!

Class	Attendance AM	Attendance PM
3J	98.2%	98.8%
3K	98.8%	98.2%
4B	94.9%	94.3%
4C	98.1%	98.1%
5D	92.5%	91.9%
5HB	96.3%	95.6%
6R	96.4%	95.2%
6T	97.1%	97.1%

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.

SCHOOL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Wednesday 19th December

A reminder that next Wednesday (19th December) is the school Christmas lunch. Children will be having an earlier lunch than normal, at 12pm.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Our children have been working hard in readiness for their Christmas shows and are looking forward to entertaining you all. The afternoon shows begin at 2pm and the evening performance at 7pm. On the evening of their performance the children need to be in school by 6.45pm. During the afternoon shows parents may use the top playground as a car park from 1.40pm, although we would ask drivers to be aware of pedestrians particularly

when leaving the playground following the performance. At the performances the PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the class hampers which will then be raffled off at the end of the evening shows.

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 and Woosh will be open from 2.15 – 6pm. If your child usually attends Woosh on a Friday and will not be attending on the 21st, or if your child normally goes home on the school bus but will be collected from school, please inform the school office.

TOY DAY- FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER 2018

Children are welcome to bring in a toy to play with on Friday 21st December 2018, our last day of term.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING LESSONS

There will be no swimming lessons next week for the children in year 3. This is due to the Christmas plays and rehearsals. Parents were not charged for this.

MANCHESTER CAROLS

A massive thank you to all the children who performed at this fantastic concert on Saturday. You all worked so hard in rehearsals and it was a stunning performance. Well done all of you! Many thanks to the parents for your support. It was the best final concert Mrs Blezard could have asked for. Through ticket sales, an incredible £504 was raised for Myton Hospice, so thank you to all.

GUITAR LESSONS

Children in years 3 and 4 will have their lesson next week on Thursday (20th December). Children in year 6 will have their lessons on Monday. Year 5 will have had their last lesson on Thursday.

VIOLIN LESSONS

The last lesson will be on Monday.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION LESSONS

With the exception of Guitar (years 3, 4 and 6) and Violin, all music lessons have now finished for the term.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES – FILMING

As in previous years, each Christmas play will be recorded and a DVD will be available at a cost of £10 (cash only). It's a perfect gift for grandparents or even a stocking filler for the children as they love watching themselves! To order a copy, please fill in a form at the performance with £10 and hand into reception. **DVD's, photos and any other video clips are for personal use and not to be shared online.**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, volunteered, and came along to support last week's Christmas Fayre. We raised just over £2200, which is a fantastic total!

Hampers: please remember to send in your donations on Monday. The raffle draw will take place at the last play, and tickets are still available (£1 per strip) if you haven't bought any yet.

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 9.15am and the upper school (years 5 & 6) leaving at 9.45am. 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 CLUBS

CLUBS THAT HAVE FINISHED

A reminder that Chess club, Fit2Burst Dance, Rock Solid club, Cookery club and CCFC football club have all now finished for this term.

The following clubs will be running next week:

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

FUNDRAISING**POPPY APPEAL**

Our school raised £124.23 during the recent Poppy appeal. Thank you for providing your child with money to purchase a poppy.

RUGBY FOODBANK

Thank you so much for your Harvest Festival Appeal donations which support the work of the Rugby Foodbank. We have been informed that this year's harvest collection has exceeded last year's donations total. 7 tonnes of food was donated by 70 local schools, nursery schools, care homes and churches. Our school donated **123kgs** of food to the Rugby Foodbank Harvest Festival Appeal which is fantastic, so thank you once again.

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.

ADVICE FROM WARWICKSHIRE SCHOOL HEALTH & WELLBEING SERVICE

Please see the following advice from Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service:

Vision

Children may not always know that they have a vision problem. It is therefore recommended that children have regular eye tests. These should be carried out at least once every two years, even if there are no problems with their eyesight. These tests can be done at a high street opticians and are free for all children under 16 years old (and those under 19 years old in full-time education). You can speak to your child's Optician if you have any concerns about your their vision.

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204.

COMMUNITY EVENTS**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

SOUTHAM UNITED FOOTBALL COURSE

Southam United are running a football course from Wednesday 2nd January – Friday 4th January from 10am-3pm. The cost is £12 a day or £25 for 3 days The course is for children between 5-14. Contact Sophie Bourton to book by mobile: 07446 023651 or email sophie.bourton@southamunited.com.

ARDEN FITNESS

Kick-start your fitness in 2019 with local weekly group personal training classes incorporating cardio, strength and toning exercises: The Monday Melt H.I.I.T (from Monday 14th January) 9.15am-10am at Cawston Community Centre (CV22 7GU). The Wednesday Work-H.I.I.T (from Wednesday 9th January) 9.30am-10.15am at Thurlaston Village Hall (CV23 9JY). The Friday Funk- H.I.I.T (from Friday 11th January) 9.15am-10.15am at Dunchurch Methodist Church (CV22 6QE). All abilities welcome, just bring yourself, a drink and lots of enthusiasm! To pre-book your place in a class for for just £6.50 please contact Karen on 07817 115642.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Miller

Head of School