

# DBJS Newsletter

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019:

		Time	Event
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Lunch time	12.30pm	Choir
	After School	<b>3.30-4.15pm</b>	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3/4)
		<b>3:30-5pm</b>	Film Club
		3.30-4.30pm	Cookery Club
4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)		
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	After School	3.30-4.30pm	French Club Construction Club CCFC Football Club
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly

#### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Sophie D, Alice P, Dexter R, Jennifer M, Ava C, Lula, Edward W and Raquel.

#### **WELL DONE**

Well done to Holly C who performed her Christmas Show last Sunday and received a certificate, as well as receiving a trophy from one of the coaches for working hard all year in her Artistic Roller Skating lessons. Congratulations Holly!

#### **MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES**

We have a number of staff leaving this week. My thanks and best wishes go to Mrs. Hargreaves who is leaving her role as part-time teacher and part-time teaching assistant to work at Temple Herdwyke Primary School. Miss Merrick is leaving to go travelling – I wish her a fantastic time. My best wishes also go to Mrs. Jenks who will be on maternity leave for the next two terms. Finally, Mrs. Blezard retired yesterday after sixteen years at our school. We held a special assembly yesterday to mark her time at the school. I am sure any of you who saw one of the performances from earlier this week will agree that the music was testament to Leslie's contribution to the school.

In January we welcome Mrs. Fairbrother to our school as our new music teacher. Mrs. Andrews will be teaching Mrs. Jenks' class and Mrs. Broderick will be taking on Mrs. Hargreaves teaching commitment in year 3. In the

interim, Mrs. Hackley from the Infant school will work three days a week to help us cover Miss Merrick with Mrs. Eames, also from the Infants, working for one day.

Many thanks to all of my colleagues involved in putting on the fantastic performances earlier in the week. Around six hundred tickets were issued and it was thrilling for the children to perform in front of such large and appreciative audiences. Thank you for your support. Thank you also to the PTA for their support selling raffle tickets and refreshments.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance AM</b>	<b>Attendance PM</b>
3J	97.0%	97.0%
3K	97.6%	97.6%
4B	94.3%	94.3%
4C	97.4%	98.1%
5D	88.8%	89.4%
5HB	93.8%	93.8%
6R	96.4%	97.0%
6T	94.7%	95.3%

### **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.

### **LETTERS GIVEN OUT**

#### **BUS REGISTER**

Forms have been given out to children who go home on the school bus. Could these forms please be returned to school by the morning of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at the latest so that we are able to produce the bus register for the Spring term. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

#### **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

The children performed their shows to their friends and family earlier this week. We are all very proud of their achievements; the singing was beautiful, the actors and narrators were loud and clear and the children who helped behind the scenes were wonderful. Thank you to the parents for supporting the children learning their lines, watching the performances, buying raffle tickets and providing the costumes; they all looked fantastic on stage!

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICE/ST PETER'S CHURCH**

Thank you to the parents who helped supervise the children during the walk to and from St Peter's Church for the carol service on Wednesday morning. The service was lovely; the members of the orchestra and band played very well, the children who gave readings did so with confidence, the choir and everyone else sang enthusiastically. Thank you to all involved.

### **THANK YOU**

#### **PTA**

We would like to thank the members of the PTA for their hard work and dedication this term, particularly in recent weeks with the amount of time and effort they have put in behind the scenes for the Christmas Fayre and refreshments at the Christmas performances. All your hard work is appreciated by the staff and children alike.

***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.***

**THANK YOU FROM THE PTA**

The PTA would like to thank everyone who sent in items for the hampers. Raffle ticket sales raised £389 for the school, and we hope the 17 winners enjoy their prizes.

The new outdoor buddy bench/ teaching area was 100% funded by the PTA, to enrich your child's time at school. So thank you for all of your support...we look forward to more fundraising fun next term!

## **PARENTS**

On behalf of all the staff we would like to thank everyone who has helped us this term. Your help with trips, transporting children to sporting/musical events, helping your child with their homework, providing costumes etc. is all invaluable. Your continued support both in school and out is always appreciated and without it a lot of what we do would not be possible.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Thank you to our kitchen staff for providing us with a lovely Christmas dinner on Wednesday. We all really enjoyed our lunch!

## **GIFTS**

On behalf of all the staff we would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts, cards and Christmas wishes we have received. They are all very much appreciated.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **CLUBS THAT ARE STARTING IN THE FIRST WEEK**

The following clubs are starting in the first week after Christmas:

Film Club, Hotshots Basketball, Cookery, French Club, Construction Club and CCFC Football.

### **FILM CLUB**

The fee for Film club for the Spring term is now due. The cost is £26 for the term (£2 per week), payable on ParentPay.

### **PARENTPAY**

#### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

The cost of swimming for children in 3J is £25.38 (£4.23 weekly) and the cost for 3K is £21.15 for the first half of the Spring term. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

#### **DINNER MONEY**

The cost of school dinners for the next half term is £71.05 or £12.25 weekly or £2.45 daily. Would parents please note that school meals should always be paid for in advance. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

#### **YORK RESIDENTIAL VISIT**

The next instalment of £16 for children who are participating in the York residential visit is due on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. 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 on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. 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 on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

## **OTHER MESSAGES**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Zachary W has lost his Minions P.E bag with his school uniform inside. Would parents please check their child's belongings and ensure that they have the correct items.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs T Miller**

Head of School