

# DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Events for week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019:

		Time	Event
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Lunch time	12.30-1.30pm	Recorder
	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3K Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3.30pm 3.30-4.30pm	PTA meeting Chess Club Gardening Club Fit2Burst Dance Club
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Rock Solid Club restarts Dodgeball Club
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Morning	9.30am	School nurse: Year 6 heights and weights
	Lunch time	12.30pm	Choir
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 3/4)
		3:30-5pm	Film Club
		3.30-4.30pm	Cookery Club - full
	4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	After School	3.30-4.30pm	French Club Construction Club CCFC Football Club Play On Theatre Club
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Cheerleading
		3.30-4.30pm	Tag Rugby Spanish

**ATTACHMENTS:** 2019-2020 term dates.

### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Daisy T, Claudia G, Lorenzo S, Harrison C, William B, Lydia H, Imogen L.

### **MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES**

Welcome back to the new term, I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break. While the children did not start back until Tuesday, staff were in on Monday for a training day. There were a range of sessions in the afternoon, but I thought I would tell you about the first half of the day. In the morning we linked up with the Infant School to hold a joint training session on our curriculum. The curriculum is at the heart of our school; it sets out what we think the children should learn and while it is influenced by the requirements of the National Curriculum, we still have a degree of autonomy in what we teach and how we teach it. As the two schools begin to work more closely

together, it is a good time to review what we do. This process started before Christmas where parents shared their views through a Parents' Forum meeting and in some cases by email and playground conversations.

I asked various questions, the first was whether parents thought it is best for children to be taught by one teacher, or have a range of teachers who have greater expertise in particular areas. Generally, the older the child, the more likely the parents are to support the idea of their son/daughter having more teachers. This is perhaps to be expected, although I was surprised there wasn't a greater difference between KS1 parents and those who have children in upper Key Stage 2. For the second question, I asked about how much time we spend teaching each subject. Parents thought English and maths were the most important subjects, but to a smaller extent than their position afforded them in the current timetable. No one parent thought English or maths should have more than a twenty per cent share of the curriculum, whereas currently they take up more time than that, particularly English. As children get older, parents were more likely to see English and maths as important, but they still want roughly two thirds of the curriculum spent on other subjects. I will share more insights from parents in future newsletters as well as looking at the views of parents and staff.

**WELL DONE**

Well done to William S (4S) for gaining his Grade 1 Cello with distinction.

**GOOD LUCK**

Good luck to Poppy G who is appearing in Rugby Theatre's panto, Cinderella, which opens tonight and runs until Sunday 20th January.

**ATTENDANCE**

This week's attendance award goes to 3K!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance AM</b>	<b>Attendance PM</b>
3J	93.2	94.7
3K	99.2	100
4B	95.7	96.4
4C	98.4	98.4
5D	99.2	99.2
5HB	98.4	98.4
6R	97	97.7
6T	98.5	98.5

**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.

**LETTERS GIVEN OUT**

Year 4 Anglo-Saxon day, Year 5 Space camp.

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

We are able to offer our children, in association with Bretherton's Solicitors, a series of six workshops which seek to help them deal with the effects of family breakdown. These weekly workshops will be run in school by a school representative and Bretherton's in-house therapist.

If any parent/carer is interested in their child/children attending these sessions, please speak to Mrs Miller before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Later this month we will be changing our uniform suppliers to Webb Ellis, 5 & 6 St. Matthew's Street, Rugby, CV21 3BY [sales@webb-ellis.co.uk](mailto:sales@webb-ellis.co.uk), 01788 567777 and will no longer have uniform for sale within school. We will inform you when we have an exact date that this change will take place.

## **THANK YOU**

Mrs Blezard would like to thank all parents and children for their best wishes, cards and generous gifts which she received on her retirement. She was very touched.

## **PTA**

The next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** from 3.30pm, lasting no longer than one hour. All parents/ carers are welcome to attend and help plan the events. Pupils and younger siblings can come with you too; just sign in at reception after pick up time.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Film club, Basketball, Cookery, Construction, French, CCFC and Cheerleading all restarted this week. Fit2Burst Dance, Gardening, chess (Mondays), Rock Solid, Dodgeball (Tuesdays), Play On Theatre (Thursdays), Tag Rugby and Spanish Club (Fridays) all restart next week. Spare copies of club letters are available from the school office.

## **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 today (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 today (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 due today (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January). Payment should be made via ParentPay.

## **OTHER MESSAGES**

### **LOST / FOUND PROPERTY**

Found in the car park on the last day of term: Taylor and Cutter black tie with white dots. Please contact the office if you think this belongs to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs T Miller**

Head of School



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