

DBJS Newsletter 25th January 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers

Events for week commencing Monday 28th January 2019:

		Time	Event
Monday 28th January	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 Gardening Club Fit2Burst Dance Club - SPACES
Tuesday 29th January	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Rock Solid Club Dodgeball Club
	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
Wednesday 30th January		4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)
	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
Thursday 31st January		4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	French Club Construction Club CCFC Football Club Play On Theatre Club - SPACES
	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
	Friday 1st February	After School	3.30-4.15pm
		3.30-4.30pm	Tag Rugby Spanish

LETTERS HOME

Y5 – Space Camp kit list and medical form

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards:

John O, Leah F, Luke M-G, Frankie K, Kiranmai M, Camilla T, Gracie B and Maisie K.

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

Continuing on from previous weeks, I am sharing what parents said when we consulted them on the curriculum across our federation. The fourth question which was asked was about whether we should focus on teaching knowledge or skills? This is a debate which has raged for years in the educational world, with most people understanding the need for both. It might surprise some that, traditionally, many teachers and those who train teachers have been adverse to a focus on knowledge, such practice has been considered old-fashioned. More recently the emergence of the internet has led some to say why learn something if you can Google it? Instead of knowledge, we should teach the skills needed to search for knowledge. However, in the last few years, this view has been consistently challenged by findings in cognitive science which has stressed the importance of committing learning to long-term memory. Parents on the whole were quite neutral on this subject, although some very much favoured a knowledge approach. As a school we are going to give some time to considering how we can embed children's knowledge that will give the foundation from which to develop children's skills. For example children need to commit their multiplication tables to their long-term memory and apply this knowledge in their maths problem solving skills.

I have a feeling that the next topic may prompt more correspondence than our consultation on the curriculum: Smiggle pencil cases. Many children have these rather large and rather expensive pencil cases and sometimes they cause a distraction to children as well as taking up a lot of space. I understand also from previous conversations with parents that some feel a little pressurised to buy what, for a pencil case, is quite expensive. I cannot recall banning anything in over six years as a headteacher, but I (and some colleagues) wonder whether this would be a good idea. If we did do that, it would not be immediate; I appreciate that some pencil cases may have only been brought quite recently. It is likely that we wouldn't make any changes until September. If parents have any thoughts on this matter, please let me know.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS / WOOSH

A reminder that if your child is not attending their regular after school club / Woosh on any occasion, please contact the school office so that we can amend our registers. This is so we can account for any children that are missing.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award goes to 5D

Class	Attendance AM	Attendance PM
3J	95.8	95.8
3K	98.2	98.2
4B	94.9	94.3
4C	93.5	92.9
5D	99.4	98.8
5HB	97.5	97.5
6R	97	96.4
6T	92.9	91.8

HOUSE CUP

This week the House Cup has been awarded to Scott. House points are given out for good behaviour, learning or work. Well done to all.

SCHOOL EVENTS

RESIDENTIAL VISITS - PAYMENTS

The next installment for the residential trips for years 4, 5 & 6 are due on Friday 1st February. Costs as follows: Year 4 York £16, Year 5 Wales £22 and Year 6 Castleton £37.

SAFER INTERNET WORKSHOPS

Today some of the children have had an Internet Safety workshop run by our local P.C.S.O. The rest of the children will receive a session on Wednesday 30th January.

SIGN2SING

We are pleased to announce that we will be participating in the above event, along with Dunchurch Infants, during the afternoon of **Wednesday 6th February**. Sign2sing is an annual fundraising event, organized by the deaf health charity SingHealth, which gives people the chance to learn sign language while helping to fundraise projects that support deaf people.

This year's chosen song is 'The Greatest Day' by Take That, and pupils have already started to 'sing and sign' with Mrs Fairbrother in their music lessons. However, we would be very grateful if children could practice at home as well. The music video can be found on the website: sing2sign.or.uk. We are hoping to raise money for this very worthwhile charity by asking for a contribution of £1 from each child. Please support your child and the school!

PTA DISCO – Thursday 14th February

The PTA have organised a disco which will take place in the School Hall on Thursday 14th February. The disco, for children in **Years 3 & 4**, will take place from **6-7pm** and **Years 5 & 6** will run from **7.15-8.15pm**. Please note the change of times. Please let us know if you are able to

help. The cost is £2, which includes a drink and crisps and candyfloss will be available at 50p, too. If you think your child will be interested in attending the event please return the slip below together with the entry fee of £2 by **Tuesday 12th February**. Children who arrive on the night and who have not paid in advance will not be allowed entry to the disco. **Please note that parents must drop off at the main entrance but collect their child from inside the Woosh Room at the end of the disco (door on the side of school on top playground - this is a change from previous discos)**; children will not be allowed outside on their own. **Strictly no mobile phones to be brought into the disco and no caps or hats to be worn.**

TEARFUND COLLECTION

As part of the Year 6 R.E work about being aware of other people in the world, we would like to raise money for the 'Tearfund' charity. They are currently supporting the relief effort for the victims of the Tsunami that occurred in Indonesia recently. Please can children bring in any spare pennies to create the longest line of pennies we can. We aim to send this money off by 15th February 2019. Many thanks in advance.

NEW ARRIVAL

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Jenks had a baby girl yesterday. Mother and baby are doing well.

OTHER EVENTS

MESSY CHURCH at Dunchurch Methodist Church, Cawston Lane on Saturday 9th February between 10.30am – 12.30pm. There will be crafts, lunch and celebration for all the family for only £1 per person, payable on the day. To book, asap, please go to messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

TAG RUGBY AT PRINCETHORPE COLLEGE Friday 8th February, 4.15-6.00pm. An opportunity to try Tag Rugby, a free training session on Princethorpe College's astroturf. Learn new skills, make friends and have fun – beginners are most welcome! Aimed at girls and boys, the afternoon will finish with a mini tournament and refreshments for spectators. For more information, please contact Helen Morgan on 01926 634262 or email helenmorgan@princethorpe.co.uk.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

You can now purchase school uniform from: Webb Ellis, 5 & 6 St. Matthew's Street, Rugby, CV21 3BY sales@webb-ellis.co.uk, 01788 567777. You can also shop online for delivery or click and collect at <http://www.webb-ellis.co.uk/products/Schools/>

Yours sincerely
Mrs T Miller
Head of School



PTA DISCO - THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2019

Year 3/4 - **6-7pm**

Year 5/6 - **7.15-8.15pm**

My child, in class has permission to take part in the above event.

I enclose payment of £2 and understand that I must collect my child from outside the Woosh room. I understand that they will not be permitted to go outside on their own.

Signed: Parent/Carer

Date:

SLIPS MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY