

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Events for week commencing Monday 4th March 2019:

		Time	Event
Monday 4th March	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 Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Club - SPACES Maths (Mrs Tildesley's group)
Tuesday 5th March	Afternoon	2-2.30pm	3J- Swimming (£4.23 per week)
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	Rock Solid Club Dodgeball Club Year 4-6 Girls Football Club - SPACES
Wednesday 6th March	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 – <i>full</i> Year 3 and 4 Boys Football Club - SPACES
		4.30-5.15pm	Hotshots Basketball (Year 5/6)
		3.30-6pm	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 7th March	Lunch Time	12.30pm	Orchestra
	After School	3.30-4.30pm	French Club Construction Club CCFC Football Club Play On Theatre Club Mini League Y5/6 football match
		3.30-8pm	Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 8th March	WORLD BOOK DAY – SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN (NOT DRESS UP DAY)		
	Morning	8.55am	Celebration Assembly
		2.30-3pm	Y3&4 Children visit DIS to share books
	After School	3.30-4.15pm	Cheerleading
	3.30-4.30pm	Spanish	

ATTACHMENTS: Online safety meeting letter.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children who have achieved their 'Star of the Week' awards: Anna G, Elliot M, Sarah N, Alex L, Matthew G and Ruby A.

MESSAGE FROM MR DEWES

Parents may well be aware of the Momo trend on social media and the internet. There have been a number of disturbing news stories on this topic. We have included in the newsletter some information for parents that you may find useful. I would also plead with parents to monitor their child's use of the internet, it is clear that this is often not happening. Yesterday I did an assembly with the children that focused on online safety. I do not think it is appropriate to draw the children's attention to Momo, so it was not mentioned specifically, but I did talk to children about the importance of not believing everything on the internet and also the importance of telling a trusted adult of anything which is causing concern. We are also sending home a letter (attached) regarding a free session for parents about online safety more broadly. We would like as many of you to attend as possible.

It is worth pointing out that an [alternative narrative to the Momo phenomenon is emerging](#), where it is suggested that sensationalist accounts are written to drive internet traffic to websites reporting on the trend. All of this is shared by well-meaning parents. As I write this, [some are saying the whole thing has been a hoax](#). It is certainly the case that the majority of children who have spoken to me this week have no first hand experience of Momo, but they have heard others talking about it. Consequently we all need to consider whether the way we talk about Momo and similar stories is being helpful or simply fanning the flames.

Dealing with Viral Media Scares:

Some suggestions from the local authority's online safety team:

Read this and watch the video posted by Internet Matters Andy Robertson first (and then the LGfL one as they both give clear and balanced views)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=5vTRCIXanJA

Good advice from:

- **Rebecca Avery (Kent)** <https://www.theeducationpeople.org/blog/online-safety-alerts-think-before-you-scare-updated-2019/> There are links within this article which are very useful.

Useful to share with Parents

- **Net Family News** <https://www.netfamilynews.org/about-momo-dealing-with-viral-media-scares>
- **Huffington Post:** https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/debunking-the-momo-challenge-6-tips-on-how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-scaremongering-suicide-games_uk_5c700160e4b03cfdaa54604d?utm_hp_ref=uk-parents

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Flag Fen visit – Y5. Ryton Pools – Y3. Ready, Steady, Read – whole school

Please note that the letter that came home for year 5 Flag Fen trip earlier this week requested that if your child would like a goodie bag, you should indicate so on the return slip and enclose the £3. Some returned slips have come in without the £3 and this will be needed before we can order the correct number of goodie bags from Flag Fen.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award goes to the joint winners 4C & 5HB!

Class	Attendance AM	Attendance PM
3J	96.5	95.9
3K	95.2	95.2
4B	97.7	96
4C	99.4	99.4
5D	94.5	94.5
5HB	99.4	99.4
6R	98.8	98.8
6T	98.2	97.6

HOUSE CUP

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

SCHOOL NEWS

As some of you may have noticed Mrs Clusker (year 3 TA) is pregnant and will be beginning her maternity leave soon. You may also know Mrs Clusker usually runs the Girls After School Football Clubs. You will find further information about the alternative arrangements which have been put in place for her maternity leave in the after school clubs section.

Wales Residential Visit – Information Meeting

Please note that the date for the Wales information meeting has changed from Wednesday 6th March to Wednesday 13th March 2019. The time of 6pm remains the same.

After School Clubs

Football Clubs (School run) Further to the email sent out before the half term holiday, Mr James will be running year 5 & 6 boys' football club on Mondays 3.30 – 4.30, and Year 3 & 4 boys' football club on Wednesdays, 3.30-4.30pm. Mr Beasley will run the year 4, 5 & 6 girls' football club on Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30 There are still places available, so please contact the school office if you wish your child to attend. N.B. There will be no year 3 girls' football club for the time being as Mrs Clusker is due to commence her maternity leave very soon.

Hockey Club – we are trying to gauge interest in a hockey club, which would run on Fridays after school. The club would be led by a coach from Sports in Schools and would be at a cost of £4 per session. If you are interested in your child attending such a club, please contact the school office.

Sporting Events

Cross Country Race

On Wednesday afternoon a group of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls took part in the first of the neighbourhood Cross Country races. They all ran very well despite the unseasonably warm weather conditions. The second of the races will take place on Wednesday next week.

SCHOOL EVENTS

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March our school meals service are serving: **Red choice**: 'A Very Fishy Tale' Fish Finger Bap with optional salad and Marie Rose sauce, **Green choice**: 'Ten Little Bookworms Favourite Lunch' Oodles of twisty pasta in a rich tomato sauce. All served with baked potato wedges and vegetables and salad from the 'Gardens of Wonderland'. Pudding choices are: 'Swirly Strawberry Mouse' or 'Cruella and Cadpig's Homemade Vanilla Krispy Bar'.

FUTURE EVENTS

Please note: Children will NOT be dressing up on World Book Day as we have other non-uniform days listed below.

World Book day Friday 8th March – To celebrate we will be having lots of literature themed activities and children in years 3 and 4 will be visiting the infant school to read to the younger children. **Red Nose Day** Friday 15th March –non-uniform day – wearing red if they would like to. Suggested donation of £1. **Dress Up for Downs Day** Thursday 21st March — non uniform day with a suggested donation of £1.

PARENTPAY

SWIMMING LESSONS

The cost of swimming for children in year 3 is £29.61 for the second half of the Spring term. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

DINNER MONEY – PAYMENT

The cost of school dinners for the next half term is £87.15 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. We have a number of families whose children are eating school meals which have yet to be paid for, we would appreciate it if payment is made as a matter of urgency.

YORK/WALES/CASTLETON RESIDENTIAL VISITS

The final instalment of £18 for children who are participating in the York residential visit is due today. The next instalment of York/£22 and Castleton/£37 are due today. Payments should be

made via ParentPay.

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th March** 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.

Dunchurch Junior School PTA Facebook group: please join us on FB to keep up to date with fundraising events, send us your ideas, or to contact committee members.

OTHER EVENTS

ST. PETER'S CHURCH DUNCHURCH are holding a 'Spring into Easter' event on Saturday 2nd March, 10 am until 12 noon. £2 on the door. Booking essential on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-peters-spring-into-easter-tickets-55929847680>

THE TRANSPORT MUSEUM COVENTRY are holding a ROBOT DAY, A free family fun day on Saturday 9th March to celebrate British Science Week. See the poster in our reception area or www.transport-museum.com/events/1385/robot_day

Yours sincerely

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