



Last week was a joy! Whole school assembly on Friday was a particular highlight. The children have returned to us enthused and have worked really hard, impressing their teachers – well done children, keep it up! I was thrilled to see the large number of children who had successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge - we celebrated in whole school assembly. Thank you for your continued support with school uniform – the children look very smart which is a great reflection on our school.

**Healthy Schools Community Award** – we were pleased to welcome NHS Community Nurses Julie Greaves and Sarah Winson into our whole school assembly on Friday to present us with our Healthy Schools Community Award. We worked hard to achieve this award last year and we were commended for our work in supporting children's emotional health, developing our PSHE curriculum and our work that centred on building friendships. Our work in these areas was driven by Mrs Chilvers and Mrs Robinson and I wish to express to them, a heartfelt thank you.

**Parent Introduction Meetings** – I would like to say a big thank you all the Y4, Y5 and the Y6 parents who attended the year group meetings last week. We hope to continue to develop a collaborative working partnership with you for the benefit of your child and appreciate all your supportive comments. The Y3 team have yet to hold their meeting and this will take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm.**

**Sponsored Walk** – As you will know our school sponsored walk took place take. We are raising money for a new Adventure Playground. It was great fun! We will be pleased to receive all sponsor money via ParentPay. If every child was able to collect £10 in sponsor money, we would raise £3700. We estimate that a new Adventure Playground will cost in the region of £20000, we are looking at other ways of raising money so that we can reach our target quickly. Thank you in advance. The payment item is now available on ParentPay – however, when setting this up, we are required to set a minimum payment (£1) and a maximum payment (£50) to create the item. Please ensure that you 'Choose Payment Amount' when making your payment to ensure you only pay your desired amount.

**Y5 Residential to Mount Cook 12-14 September** – the trip will depart after registration at around 9.15am. Please bring your luggage to the school hall from 8.45am. Please remember to bring a packed lunch for Wednesday and weather appropriate clothing, including long sleeved tops and long trousers. Don't forget a water bottle. You should have received a kit list to support you packing with your child.

**Y6 France Trip (9-12 October)** – We will be holding a meeting for parents and children going on the residential to France on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at **6pm** in our school hall. Please bring your child's passport and E111 (EHIC) card to the meeting. You will be given a copy of the itinerary, but you may want to make notes. We expect the meeting to last about 40 minutes.

**Blue Peter Sports awards** – congratulations to **Jess, Chloe** and **Josh** who were awarded a Blue Peter Sports badge for their commitment after taking up a new sport: Jess took up football, Chloe took up rugby and Josh took up golf. Well done to you all, to receive a coveted Blue Peter badge is a great achievement. I hope you have inspired other children in the school to work towards the award.

**Well done to Maxim** who competed in the Steel City Cup Athletics Competition at the weekend and won 2 Silver medals in the U11 Boys Javelin and High Jump.

**Parking** - For the safety of our children, please do not drop off or pick up outside the school gates. We operate a drop off zone in a morning outside the bungalows on School Lane. We also operate a voluntary one-way system

going down School Lane during the morning and after school rush hour times. Anyone parked on white zigzag lines is liable for a fine. The traffic officers are out regularly at the request of the schools.

I have received an email from a resident on Appletree Drive which raised the issue of cars parking on Thursday in particular so the Waste Refuse lorry could not get out of the road. When the lorry went down the road, the collectors noticed a car legally parked, having emptied the bins, a further car was illegally parked which meant the lorry could not exit the road, which caused needless difficulties. The resident stated that there were lots more cars parked on the double yellow lines as well as on the pavement at the top of the cul-de-sac. Anyone parking on double yellow lines, or on the pavement by them, is liable for a fine. We have contacted North East Derbyshire District Council to ask if it would be possible to re-route the bin collection so they are not collecting between 3pm-3.45pm. Please can I ask that you park carefully for the safety of our children and considerately to the residents in our vicinity.

**Christmas Card Competition** – Lee Rowley (MP) has invited children in North East Derbyshire to design his Christmas card, which he has said will be ‘sent to several hundred people’. If your child would like to enter the competition, he/she will need to use a piece of A4 paper to draw a picture as the front of a Christmas card. I would advise using felt tips rather than pencil crayons as they ‘print’ better. The design needs to be 2D. Please put your child’s name and age, as well as, ‘Dronfield Junior School’ on the back of the design, and hand into Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the school office. The closing date for entries is **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September**.

**ParentPay** – please can you ensure that you are registered for Parent Pay. All money in school is now paid through Parent Pay accounts. We also send our newsletters through ParentPay and our school text messages, therefore, it is vital you have an account so you are kept informed.

**Hallowes Crossing Patrol** – There is a vacancy at the crossing patrol near the Fire Station. The Council are advertising for Crossing Patrol at this location but to date they have not been successful. If they can’t find someone to fill the vacancy, they will not be able to provide crossing cover at this site. If you know anyone who may be interested, the contact details are on the advert at the site and the working times are 8.30am-9.05am and 3.10pm-3.50pm.

**Violin Lessons** – we have a new violin teacher who has started with us today. If your child is interested in having violin lessons, please leave your child’s name and your contact details with Mrs Myers/Mrs Cooper in the office.

**Dinner Money** – this has increased to £2.10 per day. Payment for School Meals must be made promptly via ParentPay, please.

**Flexible Dining** – If your child follows a flexible dining plan, please log in to your ParentPay account to select the days you wish your child to have school meals for next term. To do this, please select ‘make meal bookings’ (under your child’s name) from the home page, select the week from the drop down list and choose the dates you would like your child to have a lunch. Please repeat this for each week available. Please ensure that your child is aware which days they have sandwiches and which days they have school dinners. Please note you will be charged £2.10 for a meal if they tell their teacher the incorrect information.

Alongside the advance booking facility, we would also like to offer the opportunity for you to book an ad-hoc meal (such as Christmas dinner, theme day or in an emergency) should the need arise. Bookings for ad-hoc meals are made in the same way as detailed above, but, the booking (and any payment needed) must be made by 8am on the day the meal is required.

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