

# Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 03 12 September 2016

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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. I would like to say a big thank you all the Y4 and 5 parents who attended the year group meetings last week. We appreciate the supportive comments parents made regarding the meetings and hope to continue to develop a collaborative working partnership with you for the benefit of your child.

The **Parent Introduction Meeting** for Year 6 will take place on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, at 6pm, in our school hall. The Year Group teachers will introduce themselves to you and talk about what, and how, your child will learn throughout the year. We greatly value a strong home-school partnership which benefits your child.

**Roald Dahl 13 September** – We will be celebrating Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in school on 13<sup>th</sup> September. As part of the celebrations, we would like your child to dress up as a Roald Dahl book character. Dressing up as 'George' from George's Marvellous Medicine, or 'Matilda,' is a thought for children who are less keen on dressing up. In school, we will be learning by completing some Roald Dahl-themed activities in each class. There are simple, and some elaborate, ideas for dressing up at [www.roalddahl.com/dress-up](http://www.roalddahl.com/dress-up). We ask that your child support us by bringing in £1 for this non-uniform day so that we are able to contribute half the money collected to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which helps make life better for seriously ill children, and the other half to school funds. Thank you in advance.

**Bakewell Bake Off** – Congratulations to **Niamh Yates** who took first prize in the Bakewell Baking Festival, with her rainbow cake. The competition was judged by Henry Herbert (one of the Fabulous Baker Brothers from the Channel 4 show). Well done Niamh!

**Y5 Residential to Caythorpe 15-16 September** – the trip will depart after registration at around 9.30am. Please bring your luggage to the school hall from 8.45am. Please remember to bring a packed lunch for Thursday and weather appropriate clothing, including long sleeved tops and long trousers. Don't forget a water bottle.

**Y3 trip to The Deep Tuesday 20 September** – Children need to be in school for 8.15am, they will need to bring with them a rucksack/small bag containing a packed lunch and a drink (no fizzy drinks please), a small snack to eat (but no sweets please), a raincoat and a small amount of spending money (maximum £5). We should return to school by 4.15pm.

**School Photographs 22 September** – Children with pre-school siblings can have photographs taken from 8.30am in the Infant School Hall. Individual/sibling photographs will be taken during the school day. If your child has a sibling in the infant school, please can you let your child's class teacher know if you require them to have their photograph taken together?

**'Online Safety' Parents' Meeting** – we will be holding an 'online safety' meeting for parents in our school hall on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.30pm. Children often spend time online – it can be a great way for them to socialise, explore and have fun. But they do also face risks like cyberbullying or seeing content that is inappropriate. It may feel daunting, but you don't need to be an expert on the internet. Understanding what children do online and the risks they face will help you keep your child safe online.

**Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** - Come a join us for our **Macmillan coffee afternoon on Thursday 29 September**. We'll be serving drinks and cake from 2.30pm, until all the cakes are sold, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support. Enjoy a drink and cake before pick up and bring your children once school has ended. This is a great charity which aims to help those who have cancer not to have to face it alone, as well as supporting their friends and family. Our event at school last year was a resounding success and we want to raise even more this time! Additionally, **we need your help with cake**: please bring in cakes, buns, biscuits to the den in the morning for us to sell at the event. We look forward to seeing you all.

**School Lane** - 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. Please can I ask that you park carefully for the safety of our children and considerately to the residents in our vicinity?

**Y6 France Trip (11-15 October)** – We will be holding a meeting for parents and children going on the residential to France on **Wednesday 21 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.

**Y6 Open Evening** – Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School will be holding an Open Evening for Y6 children and their parents on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm.

**Contact Details** – we will shortly send out forms for parents to complete with their contact details to enable us to ensure that our records are up-to-date. When you receive your details, please check and amend as appropriate. We would appreciate it if you could return these details as soon as possible.

**Term dates (September 2016 – July 2017)**

School Opens	School Closes (at 3.30pm)
Tues 6 September 2016	Fri 21 October 2016
Tues 1 November 2016	Fri 20 December 2016
Mon 4 January 2017	Thurs 9 February 2017
Mon 20 February 2017	Fri 7 April 2017
Mon 24 April 2017	Fri 26 May 2017
Bank Holiday Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	
Tues 6 June 2017	Fri 21 July 2017

Our Inset Days for the academic year 2016-2017 are: Monday 5 September, Monday 31 October, Tuesday 3 January, Friday 10 February, Monday 5 June.

**Cool Milk** – if your child would like to have milk at breaktime, please register at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) and make your payment online. The milk is delivered daily and is available for your child to collect from the school office at morning break time. It is your child's responsibility to collect the milk.

**Clubs** – please refer to last week's newsletter for the start date of the different clubs as these do vary.

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