

# Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 04 19 September 2016

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What an exciting week last week was! How lovely it was to see a **whole school** full of Roald Dahl characters: children and staff! We had a truly memorable day on Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and one I am sure we will all remember fondly. Thank you so much to all for embracing the dressing up (I do appreciate that not everyone (children and staff) is keen on the idea of dressing up.) I would like to say a big thank you all the Y6 parents who attended the year group meeting last Tuesday. As with the other year groups, we hope to continue to develop a collaborative working partnership with you for the benefit of your child and appreciate your supportive comments.

**Clubs Cancellation – There will be no table tennis club this week due to a family bereavement. We are trying to arrange an alternative session but if this is not possible, we will refund £3 to those who have already paid. Disco Dancing will also be cancelled on Thursday 29 September due to the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. Again, we will refund £2.50 to those who have already paid.**

**Roald Dahl 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** – Thank you very much to all those who contributed £1 on Tuesday. We raised £267.75: half of the money will go to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which helps make life better for seriously ill children, and the other half to school funds.

**Caythorpe 2016** – Well done to all the Year 5 children who went on our residential trip to Caythorpe last week. They conducted themselves excellently throughout the trip and fully participated in all the activities. A number of the PGL staff commented on how polite the children were, which made me very proud. My grateful thanks go to Miss Brightmore, Miss Grogan, Mrs Ridgard, Mrs Cooper, Miss Duckham, Mr Burrows, Mrs Orford and Mr Gilson, who helped supervise the children on the trip. An extra thank you goes to Mrs Cooper who did much of the organising behind the scenes and who deserves a special mention for her capability with fractions – cutting 2 tray bakes into 88 pieces is a pretty tremendous feat! And finally, we would like to say that we really appreciated all the parents and children who took time to say thank you to us before departing on Friday night. We are currently assembling photographs from the visit to put on a DVD. We will let you know when this is available.

**Chess Club** – Mr Trafford had advised that due to his work commitments, Chess club will now be on a Monday from 3.30-4.30pm. However, the first session will not be until Monday 7 November. If you haven't done so already, please speak to the office to add your name to the list.

**Drama Club Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm** – Mrs Robinson has spaces on her drama club for pupils in Y3/Y4. However, there are only 5 spaces left and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once the list is full, we will create a reserve list and names will be taken from this list if anyone drops out.

**Musical Instruments** – Please could you ensure that all instruments are clearly marked with your child's name? Thank you.

**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.

**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.

**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?

**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.**

**'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. **This meeting will be for parents only please.**

**Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** - Come and 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?

**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)**

Many apologies, on last week's newsletter, I put the correct date but the incorrect day for the start of the Spring Term. The Spring Term will commence on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

School Opens	School Closes (at 3.30pm)
Tues 6 September 2016	Fri 21 October 2016
Tues 1 November 2016	Fri 20 December 2016
<b>Wed 4 January 2017</b>	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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