



My thanks to all the parents who attended the year group meetings, and particularly those parents who, due to the ages of their children, had meetings for 3 consecutive evenings. I, and we, really appreciate your commitment.

European Day of Languages Tuesday 26 September – we would like to celebrate this in school by inviting any children who speak a language other than English at home (European or otherwise) or who have family members who do, to teach their class one or two simple words. They could even volunteer to take the register, and get their classmates to say ‘hello/good morning’ in the language. Any children who are confident and willing to have a go should let their class teacher know a day or two beforehand.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Come and join us for our **Macmillan coffee afternoon** on **Thursday 28 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.

Sponsored Walk – Following the event, we would gratefully appreciate it if you could pay in your sponsor money through ParentPay. Thank you very much in advance. We are going to put the money raised towards repairing and renewing the Adventure Playground so it regularly benefits all the children.

Chess Club – there will be no chess club today, Monday 25 September.

Clubs Cancellation – Please note that there will be **NO teacher run** clubs (film club, running club, drama club, craft club and football) during the week commencing 2 October due to parent consultations. Street Dancing, Table Tennis, Disco Dancing and Rugger Eds will run as normal.

Congratulations to Jessica G who competed in the Rotherham Metro gala at Ponds Forge. She won a gold medal in the 100m freestyle and bronze medals in the 100m individual medley and 50m breaststroke.

Scholastic Book Club – we have handed out book club leaflets, however, we might not have enough leaflets for each child so please browse their website. We can only accept orders placed online – please go too <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/dronfield> to browse the latest books and order online. Please place your **order online by September 29th, 2017**.

Parent Consultations week commencing 2 October – We will email a separate letter regarding the booking process for Parent Consultations.

Y3 visit to The Deep Tuesday 3 October – letters giving details about this visit, were emailed home last week, please ensure you have received yours. We ask parents to pay a voluntary contribution of £17 for this visit and would be grateful if you could pay this through ParentPay.

PE Kit – please can you ensure your child has their full PE kit in school on the days they do PE. As the weather starts to get colder, they will need trainers, jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt.

Head Lice – please can you ensure that you check your child’s hair regularly and treat if required.

No Pens Day Wednesday – Wednesday 5 October. ‘We are putting down our pens and picking up our language.’
As a school we will be taking part in No Pens Day Wednesday, which is national event, where every lesson will be focused on learning through speaking and listening activities. A huge thank you to the year group teams for planning some great activities. Please talk to your child about what s/he has been involved in.

Secondary School – please can I remind all Y6 parents that they need to make an application to Derbyshire Council for a Secondary School place in September 2017. **The closing date for applications is 31 October.** You can do this online at https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school_places/default.asp

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 residential to Llandudno June 2018 – letters and consent forms were emailed to parents on Friday 15 September. If your child wishes to go, the deposit needs to be paid by Friday 29 September. Please be aware of this deadline as we are unable to accept deposits after this date as we need to confirm final numbers with the hotel by Monday 2 October.

Y6 Visit to France October 2017 – Please ensure that signed copies of the consent form are returned to school by Wednesday 27 September and pocket money, labeled as suggested, by Wednesday 4 October.

Online Safety – we are aware that a number of our children have phones. In school, as part of our online safety lessons, we advise children to only answer calls, and reply to texts, from known numbers. I have reiterated this advice to our Y4s and will repeat it to other year groups. Please could you follow this up at home? I am aware that a number of children use Whatsapp, where they are more likely to receive contact from unknown numbers.

ParentPay Communication – 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. Please note that you can access copies of emails and texts sent out by DJS in the Communication section of your ParentPay account if for any reason you need to refer back to correspondence.

Dates for your Diary (There will be many more dates to add!)

2017

- w/c 2 October – Parent Consultations Week
- 4 October – No Pens Day Wednesday
- 10 October – Y6 France residential to depart
- 13 October – Y6 France residential to return
- 20 October – Break up for half term
- 30 October – INSET Day
- 31 October – School re-opens
- 6 November – Open evening for Y2 parents 6-7.30pm
- 9 November – Y6 residential London Trip departs

10 November - Y6 residential London returns
12 December Bags2School Collection
19 December – School closes for Christmas Holiday

2018

2 January – INSET day
3 January – INSET day
4 January – School starts
6 February – Safer Internet Day
16 February – School closes for half term
26 February – School re-opens
1 March – World Book Day
w/c 5 March – Parent Consultation week
19 March – Bags2School Collection
23 March – School closes for Easter Holidays
9 April – School re-opens
w/c 14 May – SATs Week
23 May – Provisional sports days at English Institute of Sport (EIS) to be confirmed in December 2017
25 May – School closes for half term
4 June – INSET day
5 June – School re-opens
10 July – Bags2School Collection
20 July – School closes for summer holiday

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