



School seemed somewhat quieter on Tuesday after I'd waved off the Year 3s who were visiting The Deep. This hook day brought their learning alive and they thoroughly enjoyed their visit; what's more, the Y3 staff tell me that the children behaved really well – well done and thank you to you all.

You may be forgiven for thinking that we had been invaded on Wednesday or indeed, that you were in a time tunnel! Neither of these were the case but Y4s *were* celebrating their hook day and enjoying a day as a Viking. They all looked amazing – a big thank you to the Y4 parents, I do appreciate that Viking costumes take some thought! The hook day certainly brought the Vikings alive, I'm sure they will remember the day in years to come.

And finally ... our **warmest congratulations** to Mr and Mrs Roberts on the birth of their first child. Baby Frederick (Freddie) Michael Roberts made his appearance on Sunday at 6.45pm! Welcome to the world of parenthood Mr Roberts – it's the best job in the world! Whilst Mr Roberts is on paternity leave, his class will be taught by Mrs Robinson.

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.

'Online Safety' Parents' Meeting – we will be holding an 'online safety' meeting for parents in our school hall on **Thursday 29th 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.**

Congratulations to Hollie Stevenson who was successful in her audition for the pantomime Peter Pan at Mansfield Palace Theatre. Hollie was chosen to be part of cast from nearly 200 performers who auditioned – well done Hollie!

Congratulations to Libby Wilson of Year 3 who this weekend became the Yorkshire Artistic Gymnastic Champion for her age group. Competing on vault, beam and bars Libby, who trains with Dronfield Gymnastics Academy, won 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal and a trophy.

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 3 October due to parent consultations. Street Dancing, Table Tennis, Disco Dancing and Rugger Eds will run as normal. **Disco Dancing will be cancelled on Thursday 29 September due to the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. Again, we will refund £2.50 to those who have already paid.**

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.

Y6 France Trip (11-15 October) – Please ensure all consent forms are in school by 29 September and pocket money, labeled as suggested at the meeting, by 4 October – thank you.

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?

Year 3 Area Drop –Off – we would be really grateful if, when the bell goes and the teacher arrives, parents could stand away from the children lining up to come into school in the morning. This ensures that both teacher and children can see each other clearly. Thank you in advance.

Contact Details – we will shortly send out forms for parents, 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. Thank you.

Term dates (September 2016 – July 2017)

Many apologies, on last week's newsletter, I put the correct date but the incorrect day for the end of the Autumn Term. The Autumn Term will finish on Tuesday 20 December. Mrs Ridgard has a poster in her room which says, 'Mistakes show me you're learning'!

School Opens	School Closes (at 3.30pm)
Tues 6 September 2016	Fri 21 October 2016
Tues 1 November 2016	Tues 20 December 2016
Wed 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 st 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.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will shortly be sending out our new book fair leaflet – we can only take orders online so please go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/dronfield> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. **Please place your order online by October 12th, 2016.**

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