

# Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 06 1 October 2018

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I hope your child came home and talked about the European Day of Languages last Wednesday. Some children learned how to count to three in German, forwards and backwards (although forwards seemed easier!) Mr Mason's class said, 'Good Morning' to me in German and greeted me as Frau Thomson! Some classes answered the register in a different language. I hope all learned something during our celebration of European languages.

Last week, we threw our doors open on Thursday afternoon for our Macmillan coffee afternoon – thank you so much for donating cakes and biscuits for this. There was a myriad of delights, which were eagerly consumed. Also, a big thank you again for supporting the event, which was a huge success. And finally, a big thank you to Mrs Ford, Mrs Hart and the Charity Group for organising and coordinating the event.

We will be opening our doors again this week for parents' evening. Please do take up this opportunity to see your child's class teacher to continue to support the home-school partnership.

You maybe forgiven for thinking that we had been invaded on Friday 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 or Anglo Saxon. They all looked amazing – a big thank you to the Y4 parents, I do appreciate that these costumes take some thought! The Y4 staff looked quite fearsome and fantastic in equal measure! The hook day certainly brought the topic alive, I'm sure they will remember the day in years to come.

**This week sees us celebrate UK Parliament Week in school. The UK Parliament Week 2018 forms a part of the UK Parliament's Vote 100, which celebrates 100 years since the first women were given the opportunity to vote.** All children will be learning about this, this week. The elections for Years 3, 4 and 5 will take place this afternoon. Y6 members of the School Council will be running this balloting (supported by Mrs Genders). Well done to all the children who are standing for election; they are some very thoughtful and attractive posters around school. A huge thank you to Mrs Genders who has organised Parliament Week in school.

**No Pens Day Wednesday – Wednesday 3 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.

**Parent Consultations week commencing this week, 1 October** – you should have your appointment to see your child's teacher. Please can I encourage you take up this opportunity to strengthen the home-school link for the benefit of your child. If you do not have an appointment, please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and use event code **rbwvk** to book your appointment.

**Y3 visit to The Deep Tuesday 2 October** – children need to be in school by 8.00am as the trip will depart at 8.15am. We expect to return by 4.15pm. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper and brings a snack, packed lunch and drinks (no fizzy drinks or sweets), a raincoat and a maximum of £5 spending money.

**Teacher Clubs** – Miss Rogers will be starting running club on Tuesday 9 October up until half term from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. To secure a place on this club, please speak to Miss Rogers who can be found in Year 5. Mr Hands will also be offering after school football for boys in Y5/Y6 on Thursdays from 3.30pm-4.00pm. Please speak to Mr Hands to put your name down.

**Y5 and 6 Bikeability** – if you are a Y5 or 6 parent, you should have received an email regarding an opportunity for your child to take part in the bikeability programme, which will include cycling on the road. Attached to email

sent, was a consent form to book a place. If your child wishes to take part, please return the consent for by Wednesday 3 October. We have to confirm places with the bikeability company and they allocate instructors accordingly; they have a strict number of participants per instructor due to health and safety. It will, therefore, **not** be possible to book a place after Wednesday. Please remind your child to hand their form into their teacher. Paper copies of the form are available from Mrs Cooper or Mrs Myers, in the office or can be downloaded from the communication section of your ParentPay Account.

**Book Fair 5-9 November** – the Book Fair will be visiting school again between 5 – 9 November which will contain a great selection of books. Further information will be handed out nearer the time.

**Careers Convention** – Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School are holding a Careers Convention on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** from 6pm until 8pm. An invitation is extended to everyone in the community so please share this information with anyone who would find it useful. The event will host fifty exhibitor stands from universities, colleges, training providers, apprenticeship providers and employers.

**Early Help** – Derbyshire County Council are reviewing their Early Help Services and have opened a consultation. As a Derbyshire resident, you are encouraged to have your say and contribute to the consultation. This page gives you an insight into what Derbyshire County Council are proposing <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/news-events/news-updates/news/have-your-say-about-proposed-changes-to-our-early-help-service.aspx>  
This is the link to the online questionnaire <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/all-consultations/consultation-details/early-help-review.aspx>

**TTRockstars** – congratulations to **Isla** who was awarded a TTRockstars trophy for amassing the most ‘coins’ on TTRockstars in her year group. When children go on TTRockstars, to support the learning of their multiplication tables, they earn ‘coins’ which they can spend on their avatar. We have found this website / app to be a motivating and engaging way to help children learn their multiplication facts.

**Sponsored Walk** – We will 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. 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. Many thanks to all those families who have paid in sponsor money – we really appreciate it. I would be very grateful if you could collect and pay all sponsor money by **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you in advance.

**Photography/Video Consent** – near the end of last term, we asked you to complete a form to provide consent for taking photos/video in school. If you completed one of these forms, we assume, unless you notify us otherwise, that the permissions you provided remain the same. A copy of the form will be given out to all new Y3 children and to anyone who did not complete one last year later this week. I would be grateful if you could complete this form and return it via your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

**Violin Lessons** – we have a new violin teacher who has started with us. 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.

**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 2019. **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](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school_places/default.asp)

**Mount St Mary's College Open Morning** will be held on **Saturday 6 October** from 10am-1pm for Parents/children in Y6 looking for Secondary Schools. Please contact 01246 433388 for details or visit [www.msmcollege.com](http://www.msmcollege.com).

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

**2018**

w/c 1 October – Parent Consultations Week  
2 October – Y3 Visit to The Deep  
3 October – No Pens Day Wednesday  
9 October – Y6 France residential to depart  
12 October – Y6 France residential to return  
19 October – Y4 Visit to Perlethorpe Education Centre  
24 October – Break up for half term  
25 October – INSET Day  
26 October – INSET Day  
31 October – Last date for applications for a Secondary School place  
5 November – School re-opens  
5-9 November – Travelling Book Fair  
6 November – Open evening for Y2 parents 6-7.30pm  
8 November – Y6 residential London Trip departs  
9 November - Y6 residential London returns  
12 November – Friendship Week  
30 November – Y5 Hindu Temple visit  
12 December Bags2School Collection  
19 December – Christmas dinner  
21 December – School closes for Christmas

**2019**

7 January – School starts  
5 February – Safer Internet Day  
15 February – School closes for half term  
25 February – School re-opens  
7 March – World Book Day  
8 March – Y4 Hindu Temple visit  
w/c 25 March – Parent Consultation week  
3 April – Bags2School Collection  
12 April – School closes for Easter Holidays  
29 April – School re-opens  
**w/c 13 May – SATs Week**  
22 May – Provisional sports days at English Institute of Sport (EIS) to be confirmed in December 2018  
24 May – School closes for half term  
3 June – INSET day  
4 June – School re-opens  
9 July – Bags2School Collection  
12 July – Last day at DJS for Y6 children transferring to DHFS  
19 July – School closes for summer holiday

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