



If school was quieter at certain points last week, it was more bustling this week as we threw our doors open on Thursday afternoon for our Macmillan coffee afternoon – thank you for your support of this 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.

**This week sees us celebrate UK Parliament Week in school where children will learn about Parliament and democracy.** Activities will **engage** children in the work of the UK Parliament and MPs. They will have opportunities to **explore** the history of the UK Parliament and think about its role in democracy. They will be **empowered** make their voices heard about issues that matter to them. A huge thank you to Mrs Genders who has organised Parliament Week in school.

**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.

**Football** – well done to the following Y6 boys: **Alfie Kirk, Leo Chasemore, Charlie Britland, Thomas Shorthouse, Charlie Beck, Jake Holland, Dan Wing and Findlay Ramsden Twigg**, who played in a mini soccer tournament other Dronfield schools at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe.

**Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** – Thank you so much for donating cakes and biscuits for our Macmillan coffee afternoon. 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 and the Charity Group for organising and coordinating the event.

**'Online Safety' Parents' Meeting** – Thank you to all the parents who attended this meeting. We hope that by working with you, we will be able to safeguard your child online more effectively. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the parent handouts are on our website.

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

**Instruments** – There are still a number of instruments that do not have names on them. Please can you ensure that your child's instrument is clearly marked with their name. Also, please could you check at home and return to school any instrument that your child no longer uses.

**Parent Consultations this week** – you should have received confirmation of your appointment date and time. Please see your child's teacher if you have not received this information. **There will be NO teacher run afterschool clubs during this week (running / film / craft / football).**

If you need to see your child's teacher briefly, he/she is usually available before school at 8.45am and after school at 3.35pm, please come into school via the office. **Please be aware that the class teacher will need to be ready to teach their class at 9am.** It is often easier to see parents after school as time in the morning can be quite tight. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Environment Day Sunday 16 October** – We are holding a gardening morning on Sunday 16 October 10-12pm. We would love it if you could come to help and will be providing tea/coffee and cake. Please bring your children, they can join in with gardening or play in the yard (they are welcome to bring their bikes and scooters).

### 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.**

**Y5 Trip to Caythorpe** – If you would like a copy of a CD with pictures taken at Caythorpe, please send £2 in a named, sealed envelope to the office by Friday 7 October. Once we have received the orders, we will send copies home as soon as possible.

**Lea Brook Valley Family Fun Day 15 October at The Peel Centre.** There are two sessions 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.00pm-4.00pm. The cost is £2.50 per child, per session including refreshments. To reserve a place, please email [leabrook.valley@btinternet.com](mailto:leabrook.valley@btinternet.com) or call 07425808125. Please remember to wear suitable clothing and footwear for outside as there will be trips into the Lea Brook Valley.

**School Disco on Thursday 3 November** – Our school disco is a “Shine and Sparkle” Disco. Please note that as our hall is small, we can only accommodate two year groups at a time, therefore the disco for Y3 & Y4 will be 5.30pm-6.45pm and the disco for Y5 & Y6 will be 7.00pm-8.15pm. Entry is £2 per child, payable on the night. Drinks, sweets, crisps and tattoos will also be available to purchase so please bring some change to spend. On the night, your child will be required to sign in with a member of staff and will be signed out at the end – specific details will be given nearer the time.

**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.

**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.

**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, 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)

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

All our newsletters are available to view and download from our website – [www.dronfield-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.dronfield-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk)