

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 07 10 October 2016

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We welcome back Mr Roberts, following his paternity leave! It's great to see him back in school again. Last week, we saw some fabulous speaking and listening skills on Wednesday as part of our No Pens Day Wednesday. It revealed some budding Members of Parliament honing their debating skills! As our search for members of School Council in Y3-5 gets ever closer, it is great to see so many children standing as candidates, with some excellent persuasive posters – well done! Thank you for supporting our parent consultation evenings, I hope you found your meeting informal, which in turn, has helped to strengthen the home-school partnership. Please note that Mr Roberts will be conducting his parent consultations during the week beginning 17 October (parents of children in Y6R should receive a separate letter today.)

Kick boxing - Congratulations to **Lily Dronfield** who achieved her yellow belt at Kick boxing. Well done Lily!

Ashgate Hospice – Well done to **Millie Dickson** who received a certificate for raising £112.15 for Ashgate Hospice. We had a lovely letter come to school to tell us of Millie's achievement.

Swimming – congratulations to Tessa Ashcroft who competed in the Darlington Dander (a national swimming competition) at the weekend. She achieved two silvers and a bronze. Her first silver was for her 100m individual medley, the second silver for her 50m butterfly and her bronze for her 50m back stroke. What a tremendous achievement – well done Tessa!

School Office – please be aware whilst we are on the France residential (Tuesday – Friday, (inclusive)), there will only be Mrs Myers in the office so if she is dealing with parents in Reception, she will not be able to get to answer the phone. Please leave a message and Mrs Myers will get back to you, or phone back later. Thank you in advance.

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 21st 2016.**

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).

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 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.

Discovery Club – This will be running on Monday and Wednesday evenings next term. Monday sessions will start on 7th November and the Wednesday sessions will start on 2nd November, each running for 7 weeks. To enrol please go to www.discoverysystem.org.uk and click on After School Clubs. Please note that the sessions are now £6 each, total of £42 for the half term.

Christmas Dinner - This will be on Wednesday 14 December and is available to every child in school. The cost will be £2 per dinner. If your child would like a Christmas dinner, please complete the slip below and return to school. We just need to give the kitchen an idea of numbers for the food order. **No money is required at this time – we will ask for this money in November.**

My child _____ Class _____ would like a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 14 December.

Signed _____ parent/carer