

# Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 09 1 November 2016

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Welcome back! I hope you had a great half term break and are well rested. It was lovely to see the children striding through the school with enthusiasm. We have an action-packed half term to look forward to.

**School Council** – Following our school election, we welcome onto the School Council: Francesca Durkan, Seth Rodgers, Izzy De’Ath, Daniel Lunn, Isabelle Peckett and Harrison Parker. Well done!

**Cross Country Running** – before half term many of our children took part in a cross country running event at Eckington School. I am thrilled to report that in Y6, Cosmo Johnson came 1<sup>st</sup>, Scarlet Gisborne came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Isabella Turner came 4<sup>th</sup>; in Y5 Harrison Parker came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Harvey Gadsden came 4<sup>th</sup> and in Y4, Maxim Johnson came 1<sup>st</sup> and Jayden Wheeler came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Many congratulations to all those who took part. A great achievement for you and for the school, we are very proud you.

**School Disco on Thursday 3 November** – Our “Shine and Sparkle” 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. Arrangements for entry and exit are as follows: Y3s to enter via the external Y3 door and Y4s to enter by the Y4 main external door to be signed in; at the end of the disco, please collect Y3s from their classroom by entering and exiting through the Y3 external door; please collect Y4s from their classroom by entering through the main external door and exiting through the class’ fire door. Y5s to enter through the Y5 external door and sign in, please collect from the classroom by entering through the main Reception entrance and exiting through the Y5 external door. Y6s to enter through Miss Hughes’ fire door to sign in, please collect from the classroom, entering through Miss Hughes’ door and leaving by the Y6 external door.

**Open Evening for Y2 Parents on Monday 7 November 6pm-7.30pm** – We are holding our annual open evening for children and parents in Y2 on Monday. We do rely on our Y6 pupils to help show people round and would really appreciate their attendance on the evening.

**Riding for the Disabled** – to support this charity we have offered to take orders for a uniquely designed mug (artwork by Magda Schulz) containing a small selection of chocolates. The mug is £8 and all profits go towards supporting Sheffield RDA. A sample mug is available to view in the office and payment is required at the time of ordering (cash only please).

**Book Fair in school from Monday 7 November** – we will be holding our annual book fair in school from **Monday 7 November to Friday 11 November**. The fair will be open before and after school on the following days: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 8.30-8.50am and 3.30-4.00pm in the School Hall, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.30pm in Mr Roberts Classroom and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 8.30-8.50am and 3.30-4.00pm in the School Hall. Please do come and have a browse and buy a book as a percentage of the proceeds go to school to help replenish our book stock.

**E-mail** – we are trialing email communication from 1<sup>st</sup> November, however, this will NOT replace texts or our paper newsletter. If you have previously provided us with your email address, you will begin to receive general emails from us as well. If you want to receive emails from us, please ensure you have given your email address to the office. Thank you.

**Children in Need** - On **Friday 18 November**, we will once again be supporting Children in Need. The Charity Group has decided they would like children to come to school wearing pyjamas. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. We will collect £1 donations for this non-uniform day, with all proceeds going to Children in Need and their worthy projects.

**Poppies** – Poppies and other related merchandise will be on sale from next week at a maximum cost of £1.50.

**Charity bike ride** - James Ellis and Josh Hancox are doing a charity bike ride on 12 November. They are due to cycle 17 miles on the Monsal Trail. They are raising money for Help for Heroes and Cancer Research and would appreciate any sponsorship you could give via their Just Giving page ([www.Justgiving.com/teams/JamesJosh](http://www.Justgiving.com/teams/JamesJosh)). Thank you in advance. Good luck with the ride boys.

**Well done to Cosmo Johnson** who won his second cross country race of the season at Kiveton Woodland in the Under 11 race at the South Yorkshire Cross Country league. There were 42 boys running and he was very determined to extend his lead in the series and didn't let his rivals get near him!

**Clubs: Please note that there will be no Drama club on Tuesday 8 November and no disco dancing on Thursday 3 November.**

Street Dancing – starts Monday 7 November for 7 weeks - £17.50

Chess Club – starts Monday 7 November

Table Tennis – starts Wednesday 2 November for 7 weeks - £21

Disco Dancing – starts Thursday 10 November for 6 weeks – £15

**Craft club** will start again on 2 November – if your child took part in Craft club last term, their space does not automatically continue as we would like to give other children a chance at taking part. There are spaces available so if your child would like to join craft club this term, please speak to Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the office.

**Drama club and film club** will continue as normal for those already attending. There are spaces in film club if anyone else wishes to join. Drama Club is full.

**Year 5 Swimming and Earrings** – we have been informed by the swimming teachers that children who have their ears pierced are not allowed to take part in the swimming lessons wearing their earrings. If your child cannot remove their earrings as they have recently been pierced then your child must wear a close fitting swim cap to cover their ears. Your child will not be allowed to swim otherwise.

**Parking** – As we return to school, I trust that you be mindful of where you park and consider all our residents living on surrounding roads. This is one opportunity for us, as a school, to show our respect to the local community.

**Lost Property** – A large number of sandwich boxes have been left in lost property. We will endeavour to return those that are named, to their rightful owners. If you are missing a lunch box, please check that it is not in lost property in the Den. If you are not able to get into school, please ask your child to look at lunch time.

**Dinner money** for next term will be £72. It will be £68 for those children who are going on the London Residential trip. A school meal costs £2 per day if your child has flexible dining. Cheques should be made payable to Derbyshire County Council – please ensure your child's name and class is written on the back. Any cash should be sent to school in a named envelope or purse – please do not send loose money.

**Jumping Clay Club** – Jumping Clay is creative, educational, mess free, fun! If your child would like to take part in this club, Christmas themed after school sessions start Thursday 10th November 3.30-4.30pm for 5 weeks at a total cost of £27.50. The club is open to all year groups. For more information, or to book a place, please contact Catherine Slaney 07799 182880. There are limited places which will be allocated on a first come, first served, basis.

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