



Last week was our emotional wellbeing week and I hope your children discussed with you, the work they had been doing specifically in this area. Thanks again to Mrs Robinson, who supported us with this. It was also great to see the Y5s and Y6s being taught to restart a heart – a life-long learning skill. As we gallop towards half term, we still have plenty to be excited about on our learning journeys.

School Disco on Tuesday 23 October – Our “Monster Ball” 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. Children can come in costume if they so wish, but this is not obligatory.

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 Y4 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 Y5 external door and exiting through the main exit past Reception. Y6s to enter through Mr Hands’ fire door to sign in, please collect from the classroom, entering through Mr Hands’ Y6 fire door and leaving by either the Y6 external door or the main exit past Reception.

Dress Down Day – The last day of term (**Wednesday 24th October**) will be a non-uniform day. If your child would like to come in non-uniform, we ask for a donation of £1, which will go towards the renovation of our adventure playground. Thank you in advance.

INSET days – Thursday 25th October and Friday 26th October are our INSET days. On Thursday, we are going to be looking at behaviour and undergoing training from Pivotal Education. Its founder, Paul Dix, wrote the book, ‘When Adults Change, Everything Changes’. Last Summer Term, I was able to observe some of this training and I am very much looking forward to implementing the ideas at our school. I will keep you posted. On Friday, we are going to be looking at children’s writing with an English Consultant. We are hoping to look at the assessment of writing and also ways to develop ‘greater depth / exceeding’ writers. Again, I will keep you posted. We are excited to embrace both these initiatives.

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

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. Please look out for the posters which are displayed and your child will receive a leaflet to bring home shortly.

Lost Property – The Lost Property box is overflowing with school jumpers and cardigans – most of them brand new. If you have lost one of these items, please can I ask that you have a look in the box, which is situated in the Den. Your child’s clothes could be in there, even if they are named, because the cleaners do not know which classes the children are in and will, therefore, put any lost property they find, in the box.

Adventure Playground – many thanks to Mrs Hazlehurst and Mr Bolsover (both School Parent Governors) who have considered plans for a new adventure playground. These plans have also been put to the School Council. All

have agreed on the equipment and we are going to press forward because I believe the limited space is affecting the children. Thank you also to Mrs Myers who was instrumental in getting different companies to quote, and to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Ingle who have been working tirelessly to raise funds. As well as the playground equipment, we are going to 'surface' around the tyres and beyond. This will cost in excess of £21 000. We hope the work will begin towards the end of November. This is very exciting - I will keep you updated.

After School outdoor Sports Clubs – please note that all our outdoor sports clubs (boys' football, girls' football, running) will cease next term as the nights draw in. They will recommence when the nights get lighter again.

Discovery Club – If you wish to book a place on Discovery Club for your child, the booking is open for the sessions next term – please visit http://www.discoverysystem.org.uk/index.php?p=1_41 to book your place.

The Snowman Live Tour 2018 – huge congratulations to Maxim, who successfully auditioned to sing a coveted solo at The Snowman Live tour 2018 on Wednesday 5th December at The Winding Wheel. Maxim saw off tough competition to win the part, which is even more amazing when I tell you that he rushed to his audition at 9pm on his return from four days in France. Well done Maxim, we are very proud of you.

Information about the tour is as follows: Carrot Productions – the world's most prolific performers of The Snowman film with live orchestra – are delighted to bring their enchanting Christmas show to Chesterfield. Alongside The Snowman there are a number of other festive treats - including a brand new animated film with orchestral accompaniment, **A Donkey's Tale**, and a fun introduction to the orchestra - it makes the perfect winter outing for you or your family. More information, including how to purchase tickets, can be found at <http://derbyshiremusicclub.org.uk/whats-on/details1819/snowman/default.asp?VD=snowman>

Pumpkin Badges – we will be selling Pumpkin Badges from the school office, before and after school, from Tuesday 23 October – they vary in size and cost (between 50p - £1.30). Please try to bring the correct change if you wish to purchase one. These have been made by one of our parents and all money raised will be donated to Relate. Last year they sold very quickly and we only have limited stock.

Well done to Belle who achieved gold medal (1st Place) at the Derby City Gymnastics Competition at the weekend.

Dinner money – please ensure that you keep your child's school meal account in credit or make regular payments to your account. A school meal costs £2.10 per day. Thank you.

Trim Trail – please can I ask that children do not use the Trim Trail before school? Whilst there are teachers on duty from 9.50am, they do not supervise these areas. Mr Hazeldine checks the Trim Trail each morning and advises us, from this we make a decision as to whether this equipment is to be used during the day, which we communicate to the children during break time. As the weather naturally becomes more inclement, there will be times when this equipment will not be in use. Please can I also remind parents that our Trim Trail is designed for children aged 7+; there are posters in the area that state this – children younger than this, using our equipment, do so at their own risk.

Residential Trips – letters have been emailed regarding residential trips for 2019-2020 School Year for current Y4 pupils to go to Mount Cook (in Y5) and for current Y5 pupils to go to France (in Y6). The deposits are set up as payment items on ParentPay. The deposit for France (£65) needs to be paid by Friday 19 October and the deposit for Mount Cook (£30) needs to be paid by Monday 22 October. For further information, please check your email or the communication section of your ParentPay account.

Gardening Plea – Our school garden always looks brilliant and we are greatly indebted to our small band of parents and grandparents who facilitate this. The team is ably led by Kath Lunn, a very friendly and approachable parent. However, the gardening group is getting ever smaller in number and need more willing volunteers to make it sustainable in the long term. No gardening experience, or knowledge, is needed, just a willingness to get involved. Please come along and give it a go; the gardening group meets on Tuesday morning at 9am. You would be made very welcome.

On another note, we would welcome any donations of: plant pots, hand held tools (such as trowels and forks etc.) and any scrap decking to repair our planters. These donations would greatly assist us in our plans for the school garden.

Careers Convention – Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School are holding a Careers Convention on **Wednesday 21st 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.

Rise Unbroken Fundraiser – Rise Unbroken are a local dance crew that includes 2 of our ex-pupils. They were recently on Britain's Got Talent, reaching the semi-finals. They are holding a fundraiser on Saturday 17th November 2018 at The Forge in Dronfield. Funds raised will be split equally between the British Red Cross (who loaned wheelchairs to the group) and the dance crew (to go towards competition entry costs and new uniforms). Tickets for the fundraiser will cost £5 and are available from the school office. Raffle tickets are also available to purchase from the office at £1 per ticket.

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>

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. I would be grateful if you could complete this form and return it via your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

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

The children finish school for half term on Wednesday 24th October at 3.30pm and start back on Monday 5th November at 9am. A huge thank you, to you as parents, for your continued support this half term. I am sure you will agree, it was been most successful.

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

2018

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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