



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 gates with enthusiasm, smiling faces and a cheery 'Good Morning.' We have an action-packed half term to look forward to.

Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Mowforth who were married last Saturday. We wish you a long and happy life together. Henceforth Miss Hughes will be known as Mrs Mowforth and her class will be Y4M.

Y4 Trip to Jorvik Wednesday 1 November – Please ensure your child is in school for 8.15am as the coaches will depart at 8.30am. We anticipate that the trip will return by 5.30pm (we will text parents if the return time will be a lot different to what is expected). Your child will need to wear their school uniform, sensible, comfy shoes/trainers (as there will be some walking involved) and have a warm coat. They will need a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or sweets) and a maximum of £5 spending money.

Dinner money for this term will be £72. It will be £68 for those children who are going on the 'Buckinghamshire' Residential trip. A school meal costs £2 per day if your child has flexible dining. Please pay on ParentPay. Thank you.

After School Clubs – emails have been sent regarding the after school clubs currently available. These emails are available for reference in the communication section of your ParentPay account.

Absence – If your child is going to be absent, please can you inform the school office in the first instance? If you want to follow that up on Class Dojo, that's great, but could I please ask you to inform the office as a priority? Teachers are unlikely to log on first thing in the morning so your child will not be accounted for. It is our policy to telephone parents if children are not in school and we have not heard from you. We will not telephone you if you have informed the school office of your child's absence. Thank you in advance.

Open Evening for Y2 Parents on Monday 6 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.

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 smaller in number and need more willing volunteers to it sustainable in the long term. We are, therefore, organising a 'Friends of DJS Garden' taster session. Parents, and grandparents, are invited on **Monday 6th November at 2.30pm**, to work in the garden with their child / grandchild and meet (and get to know) the existing gardening team. Please do come along to meet the friendly team and see what they do, as well as, sharing time gardening with your child/grandchild. No gardening experience, or knowledge, is needed, just a willingness to get involved.

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.

Book Fair in school from Monday 6 November – We will be holding our annual book fair in school from **Monday 6 November to Friday 10 November**. The fair will be open before and after school on the following days: Monday 7th November 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom, Tuesday 8th November 8.30-8.50am and 3.30-4.00pm in the School Hall, Wednesday 9th Nov 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom,

Thursday 10th November 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.30pm in Mr Roberts Classroom and Friday 11th 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.

Remembrance Display – If you would like to provide information about a relative’s war time experience, it will form part of Mrs Lunn’s history remembrance display in school. Just a short passage about an ancestor’s World War I or II experience and, if possible, a photograph (which will be copied and returned home promptly). The information can be neatly handwritten or typed. Please send these to Mrs Lunn by **Friday 3 November** at the latest.

Poppies – Poppies and other related merchandise will be on sale from Thursday 2 November at afternoon break only priced up to £2.50. We only have very limited stocks of poppies and merchandise.

Congratulations to Ben D (Y4) who has been successfully signed to Chesterfield FC football Academy - well done!

Dronfield Arts Festival –The Dronfield Heritage Trust are hosting the first Dronfield Arts Festival from 4-8 May 2018. They are looking for performing Arts professionals and organisations to submit their best and boldest ideas to take part in the festival. For more information please visit <http://www.dronfieldartsfestival.co.uk/perform/>

Dates for your Diary

2017

31 October – School re-opens
6 November – Open evening for Y2 parents 6-7.30pm
9 November – Y6 ‘Buckinghamshire’ residential departs
10 November - Y6 ‘Buckinghamshire’ residential returns
12 December - Bags2School Collection
19 December – School closes for Christmas Holiday

2018

2 January – INSET day
3 January – INSET day
4 January – School starts
6 February – Safer Internet Day
16 February – School closes for half term
26 February – School re-opens
1 March – World Book Day
w/c 19 March – **Parent Consultation week (please note change of week)**
19 March – Bags2School Collection
23 March – School closes for Easter Holidays
9 April – School re-opens
w/c 14 May – SATs Week
23 May – Provisional sports days at English Institute of Sport (EIS) to be confirmed in December 2017
25 May – School closes for half term
4 June – INSET day

5 June – School re-opens
3 July – Y2 Parents' Meeting
10 July – Bags2School Collection
20 July – School closes for summer holiday

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