

# Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 10 5 November 2018

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

At the end of last term, you may have been easily mistaken in thinking you had been transported back to Ancient Egypt! The Y5s were having their Ancient Egyptian hook day and they looked amazing, as did the staff. I was a little anxious that some of the 'mummies' were going to struggle to breathe, but they assured me that this was not the case! Thank you to all the Y5 parents who supported this venture and a massive well done to everyone in Y5.

**Book Fair in school from Monday 5 November** – We will be holding our annual book fair in school from **Monday 5 November to Friday 10 November**. The fair will be open before and after school on the following days: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-4.00pm in the School Hall, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 8.30-8.50am in the School Hall and 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.00pm in Mr Roberts Classroom, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 8.30-8.50am in the school hall and 3.30-4.30pm in the School Hall and Friday 9<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.

**Poppies** – Poppies and other related merchandise are on sale at a maximum cost of £2.50. We ask that children make a minimum donation of 50p for a poppy please.

**Remembrance 2018** – to mark the centenary of the Armistice on 11 November 2018, this week the children will be learning about the experiences of people in the First World War and writing thank you letters. We think it is really important that we mark the anniversary and bring the First World War to life for the children. Not only will they gain an understanding and appreciation of the hardship and sacrifices of war, they will be undertaking some real history by exploring and interpreting primary sources. As a result of delivering these lessons, our school becomes a Royal British Legion Thank You school.

**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.

**World Stack Up** – on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, we are going to attempt a world record by being part of the biggest cup stacking event in the world. The World Sports Stacking Association is attempting to beat the Guinness world record for the most people sport stacking in multiple locations. There are a number of schools across the country, and indeed, the world, taking part. This is our exciting opportunity to be part of Guinness world record.

**Cadbury World / Harry Potter Museum residential** – A reminder that Year 6 pupils going on this residential on Thursday need to be in school at 7.50am as the coach leaves promptly at 8.00am. **Please ensure the completed consent form is returned to school by Tuesday 6 November otherwise your child will not be able to travel.** If you need a medical indemnity form for medication, please collect one from the office.

**Attendance** – We want to work with you to ensure your child has the best chance of reaching their potential and among the ways we do this is to monitor attendance. At the beginning of each half term, we will inform you if your child's attendance has fallen below 95%, even if we know you have been on holiday or your child has been ill. To give your child the best chance of success at school, research has shown that attendance needs to be above 95%. We also monitor lateness – did you know that being late 5 minutes every day adds up to over three days lost learning in a school year?

**Homework** - As you will know, we have altered how we approach homework this year, and I have to say how impressed I am with the quality of the homework I have seen, be it a well designed warm up for PE, a Viking longboat, a diary as someone else, an Egyptian pyramid.

**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 Discover Club for your child, the booking is open for the sessions next term – please visit [http://www.discoverystem.org.uk/index.php?p=1\\_41](http://www.discoverystem.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 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.

**Friendship Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November** – The theme this year is ‘**Choose Respect**’. The school will be focusing work on diversity as well as looking at ‘friendships’ and how to resolve conflicts in friendship during that week.

**Children in Need** - On **Friday 16 November**, we will once again be supporting Children in Need. The Charity Group has decided the theme for this year will be ‘As Bright as Possible!’ and they would like children to come to school wearing their brightest clothes. 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.

**Parking** – As the winter months come upon us, 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.

**Careers Convention** – Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School are holding a Careers Convention on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**2018**

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 – ‘Choose Respect’

16 November – Children in Need

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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