

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 10 7 November 2016

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From striding into school last Tuesday to leaving on Friday afternoon, the children embraced all activities with enthusiasm and excitement. We had two brilliant school discos on Thursday, there was a lovely atmosphere and a number of staff commented to me on the children's politeness and manners, which was great to hear. Thank you to the Year 5 team and Miss Rogers for organising the event and also to all staff who attended to ensure its success.

You may have been easily mistaken in thinking you had been transported back to Ancient Egypt last Thursday! The Y5s were having their Ancient Egyptian hook day and they looked amazing, as did the staff. I found myself wanting to bow on a number of occasions! Thank you to all the Y5 parents who supported this venture and a massive well done to everyone in Y5.

At the end of last term and the beginning of this term, I was invited to see the Y6 Mayan projects that the children had been working on as part of their homework. There were stunning creations on a range of topics, but what impressed me equally, was the children's knowledge and understanding of the Mayan topic they had researched - the shared learning between home and school was immense. Thank you to all Y6 parents, we do appreciate the time and effort this takes.

Open Evening for Y2 Parents is TONIGHT at 6pm - 7.30pm – we shall throw our doors open for our annual open evening for children and parents in Y2 on Monday. There will be lots of activities to try throughout the school, an opportunity to grab a cup of tea or coffee and sample some delights from our school kitchen, whilst being given a guided tour by one of Y6 pupils.

Book Fair THIS WEEK 7-11 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.

Poppy Sale – Poppies and other Remembrance items will be sold at afternoon breaks in the school hall for a donation of 50p - £1.50. The knitting club will also be selling their handmade poppies for £2. Thank you.

London – A reminder that Year 5 and 6 pupils going to London on Wednesday need to be in school at 7.50am as the coach leaves promptly at 8.10am.

National Anti-Bullying Week 14th – 18th November – The theme this year is '**Power for Good**'. The school will be focusing work on 'friendships' and how to resolve conflicts in friendship during that week.

Lunchtime Music Concert 8 November 2016 – for those who have signed up to take part in the concert, please remember your instruments/sheet music/backing CD etc. The concert starts at 12pm in Y6R.

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).

E-mail – we are trialing email communication from 1st 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. Thank you to those parents who have opted to join the email trial. There is still an opportunity to join this, 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.

Year 5 visit to France 2017 – if your child wishes to take part in the visit to France in October 2017, the deposit of £50 needs to be returned to school with the consent form by Thursday 24 November.

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). Thank you in advance. Good luck with the ride boys.

Clubs:

Please note that there will be no Drama club on Tuesday 8 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

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 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.

Lost Property – There are still a large number of sandwich boxes in lost property. 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.

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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