



Last week showed me what a privilege it is to be part of our school. Our Y2 Open Evening was very successful thanks to the tremendous support of the children who helped. This included showing prospective parents and Y2 children around, helping in classrooms with fun activities and showcasing musical talents. The children were a credit to the school – I had a number of prospective parents who fed back excellent comments about our children; I felt very proud. Thank you also to the staff who organised, and supported, the activities and to parents/carers who brought their children back to help. It was a real team effort and showcased our school at its best.

The sixty-six Y6s who went to Cadbury World and Harry Potter Studios last week, had a great time. We are very grateful to the parents who came to tell us, or email to tell us, that their child had really enjoyed, and benefitted from, the experience. My huge thanks to Mr Roberts, Mr Mason, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Bull, Mr Gilson, Mrs Chilvers, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Channon, Mrs Ash and Mrs Bell for looking after the children.

Friendship Week - This week is our **Friendship Week** in school to coordinate with National Anti-Bullying Week. It is entitled 'All different, all equal'. The school will be focusing work on 'friendships' and how to resolve conflicts in friendship. Our Playground Pals have put up posters for the event (look out for them around school) and have been thinking about, and agreeing, activities children can be involved in. Thank you to all children who wore odd socks today to launch the 'All different, all equal' message.

Book Fair – our book fair was very successful and we really appreciate you supporting this event by buying books. The money raised will go to replenishing our book stock. A huge thank you to Mrs Lunn who took responsibility for organising, coordinating, ordering and selling books and then counting the proceeds.

Remembrance Sunday – the Remembrance parade assembled outside our school and it was lovely to see so many of our children as part of that parade representing their uniformed organisation. Thank you to **Jody S** and **Jasmine H**, from the School Council, who represented our school, carrying and laying a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of all of us. Thank you also to Mrs Genders who organised this and supported the children, and to Mrs Myers for the beautiful wreath. Mrs Nuttall and her knitting club knitted poppies, which were lovely; we sold them in school and they were very sought after! Their efforts raised £127 which is tremendous! Very well done and thank you to Mrs Nuttall and her knitting team.

Children in Need - On **Friday 17 November**, we will once again be supporting Children in Need. The Charity Group has decided they would like children to come to school wearing spotty clothes please. 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.

Table Tennis – many congratulations to **Matthew S, Josh V, Daniel S** and **Jack A** who represented our school in the North East Derbyshire Schools Sports Partnership Table Tennis tournament held at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School last week. The boys scooped first prize and were named 2017/18 Table Tennis champions locally. Look for their splendid trophy sitting on the windowsill of my office. Well done boys, we are very proud of you. We wish you luck in the next round. We also wish the girls luck in their tournament after school today. Thank you to Miss Rogers for escorting, and supporting, the boys' team and thanks to Mrs Walker for escorting the girls' team.

After School Clubs – all clubs that are run by teachers and are outdoor based (football – boys and girls, netball and running club) have now finished until the spring term due to the dark nights and inclement weather. Chess Club

and Arts and Crafts club are running for existing children. There are still places on Dance with Michelle (Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm), Street Dance with Dancedaze (Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm), Table Tennis (Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm) and RuggerEds (Friday 3.30-4.30pm). Payment and Registration details can be found on your Clubs email in the Communication area of your ParentPay account.

Current Y4 Trip to Mount Cook 12-14 September 2018 – an email regarding this trip for our current Year 4's was emailed before half term (a copy of which can be found in the communication area of your ParentPay account). If your child wishes to participate in this two night residential trip, **the deposit of £25 must be paid (through ParentPay) by Thursday 16 November**. We cannot guarantee a place on the trip for deposits paid after this date. Further details of the cost and payment schedule is contained in the original letter.

Monday Dance Class – to encourage children to join in with our new dance class on Monday after school, Mrs Grace (Michelle) is holding an open class where all children can attend free of charge for one week on Monday 20 November from 3.30pm-4.30pm. If your child would like to attend, please register your name with the office before Friday 17 November.

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.

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

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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