



On Friday, you may have thought that you were seeing spots in front of your eyes! You were not – it was just our children dressing up for Children in Need and we raised a fabulous £354.40. Thank you very much for supporting this very worthwhile charity, we really appreciate you providing spotty clothes and making a donation. Children in Need day finished our Friendship Week on a high. A big thank you to Mrs Weston and the Playground Pals who coordinated a very successful Friendship Week and to Mrs Ford and the Charity Group who coordinated an equally successful Children in Need day.

Table Tennis – well done to Emily O’N, Madeleine H, Lottie H, Isabelle McK for competing in the local table tennis competition at Henry Fanshawe School last Monday. All the girls had volunteered to play and although they did not qualify for the next round, they did show great sportsmanship and resilience.

Adventure Playground and Trim Trail – please can I ask that children do not use the Adventure Playground and Trim Trail before school? Whilst there are teachers on duty from 9.50am, they do not supervise these areas. Mr Hazeldine checks the Adventure Playground and 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. I have talked to our children about this in whole school assembly. Please can I also remind parents that our Adventure Playground and Trim Trail are designed for children aged 7+; there are posters in the area that state this – children young than this, using our equipment, do so at their own risk.

Bags2School – Our next Bags 2 School collection is **Tuesday 12th December**. If your child hasn’t already, he/she will be bringing home a bags2school sack. We would really appreciate it if you could fill the bag with clothes you no longer need. This is a great opportunity to de-clutter the wardrobes before Christmas! School directly benefits from donations, so any clothes donations are valuable to us, please do not feel you have to fill the bag. The bags for the collection should be dropped off on Tuesday morning (12th December), just inside the main school gate. Unfortunately we cannot accept bags before 12th December. **Thank you in advance.**

Year 3 Pirate Day Reminder – Year 3 children should have brought home a note advising parents that they are holding their annual pirate day on Monday 27 November.

Kids Club Collection Arrangements Friday 24 November – due to the Infant School Fair being held on Friday, Kids Club will be using the Junior School premises for their after school club. If your child attends on Friday afternoon, please collect Y3’s from the Junior School Hall, Y4’s from the Portakabin and Y5/Y6 pupils from the House. After 5pm, all children will be available to collect from the Junior School Hall.

School Disco on Tuesday 5 December – Our “Shine and Sparkle” 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. There will be a prize for one child from each year group for the best dressed child. Hot Dogs will be available to pre-order at a cost of £1 each. If your child would like to pre-order a hotdog, please log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use event code **4fqk4**, once you have ordered your hot dog please send £1 to school in a named, sealed envelope before Tuesday 28 November.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 13 December – Our Christmas dinner day will be Wednesday 13 December. To ensure we can cater for the correct numbers, please log on to ParentPay and book your child's meal for Wednesday 13 December. If you have already booked your meals for this term (and this includes Wednesday 13 December) then you do not need to take any further action. If you do not book your child's meal or your child normally brings a packed lunch then please log on to your ParentPay account and follow these instructions to book the meal – select 'make meal bookings' in the blue bar on the home page (underneath your child's name), change the week commencing from the drop down box to W/c 11 December, click 'make or view bookings' in the blue box directly below this, on the next page, select 'Book a Meal' under the date Wednesday 13 December, scroll to the bottom of the page and click confirm bookings and pay for the meal.

On Wednesday 13 December, we will be holding our annual Christmas jumper day – we ask that children come to school in a Christmas jumper or t shirt or wear Christmas coloured clothes.

Y4 Christmas Concert there will be a performance on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December in the Infant Hall at 6.30pm. Tickets will be £1 and will be available on Monday 4 December (2 per family). Any remaining tickets will be available from Thursday 7 December on a first come, first served basis.

Year 5 will be performing a Christmas Carol Concert at The Parish Church of St John The Baptist Dronfield. The first performance will be on Monday 11 December at 6pm and Tuesday 12 December at 2pm. 2 tickets per family will be available from Monday 4 December. Any remaining tickets will be available from Thursday 7 December, on a first come, first served basis.

Current Y5 trip to France October 2018 – a letter was sent out by email last week regarding the France trip next year for current Y5 pupils. A copy of the letter can be found in your ParentPay account in the Communication area. The deposit of £60 is due to be paid by Tuesday 28 November. Places are limited – please contact Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the office if you have any questions.

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.

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

11 December – Y5 Christmas Carols 6pm Parish Church

12 December – Y5 Christmas Carols 2pm Parish Church

12 December - Bags2School Collection

12 December – Y4 Christmas Show 6.30pm Infant Hall
13 December – Y4 Christmas Show 6.30pm Infant Hall
13 December – Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Jumper Day
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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