



As this will be my last newsletter of 2017, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and throughout 2017. We look forward to finishing the year on a high not least because of the forthcoming Y4 production of The Good, The Bad and The Donkey and the Y5 Carol Concert.

Christmas Concerts

Y4 Christmas Concert will perform their production of The Good, The Bad and The Donkey on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 December in the Infant Hall at 6.30pm. We are bound by fire regulations so we cannot exceed numbers. Although it may seem like the Infant hall can hold more people, the hall capacity is calculated on the number of fire exits and how easy the free flow is from these exits. **Please ensure everyone entering the hall has a ticket, that does include children.** Mr Hazeldine will set out the number of seats that fire regulations allow us to have. We rely on the Infant School goodwill to use their hall so we need to abide by the fire regulations set down for them so that this arrangement can continue for our benefit.

Year 5 Carol Concert – the Y5s 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.

Year 4 Christmas Concert – on performance nights, please bring your child to the Junior school (to their own classroom) no earlier than 6pm please. Once the production has ended, we will take the children back to the Junior School, where you will be able to collect your child from their classroom. We expect this to be approximately 7.45pm. Please give the staff time to bring the children back to the Junior School and to get changed before you collect from the classroom. The actual performance will be in the Infant hall.

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.**

Christmas Post box – the school Christmas post box will operate in school until the last day of term, Tuesday 19th December. Please ensure that cards posted have the receiver's full name and class on the front of the envelope.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 13 December – Our Christmas dinner day is Wednesday 13 December.

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.

Christmas Party Days – our Christmas party days are taken in year groups. On Christmas party day, your child does not have to wear school uniform and can come in party clothes or any clothes they wish – please, however, be mindful of the cold weather and ensure that your child is dressed appropriately – thank you! Party days are as follows: Y3: Tuesday 12th December; Y4: Thursday 14th December; Y5: Friday 15th December and Y6: Monday 18th December.

Cubs/Scouts – Congratulations to **Harvey G, Hayden N-G, Ben M** who have all achieved their Chief Scouts Silver Award at 5th Dronfield Cub Pack. They have all worked very hard to achieve this award. Well done boys, this is a great achievement.

Current Y4 Trip to Mount Cook 2018 – the next payment of £35 is due to be paid by Friday 16 December. Please make this payment via your ParentPay account. Thank you

Discovery Club – this will run from 10th January 2018 to 14th February 2018. This is 6 sessions at a cost of £36. Please sign up and pay at http://discoverystem.org.uk/1_41_after-school-stem-clubs.html?open=info-login. Places are limited to 20.

Old £1 coins – please note that we no longer accept the old one pound coin but you can still change them at the bank.

Year 5 Swimming –The lessons restart on **Monday 8 January 2018**.

Dinner Money for next term will be £64 (£10 per week or £2 per day). Please make your payments via Parent Pay.

Drop in – Jonathan Flower from the Multi-Agency Support Team will be holding a drop-in, in school on 9 January 2018 at 9am. If you want to discuss support for your child's attendance or any other issues regarding your child, or want to know sources of support they offer, please take advantage of this.

Dancing Club – this takes place on Mondays after school 3.30pm – 4.30pm. I would like to draw your attention to dancing club, which has taken place this term and is continuing in the new year. We have secured the services of an excellent dance teacher who has enviable qualifications. Miss Michelle (Mrs Grace) teaches a range of dance styles in a relaxed, fun way. I have been very impressed by the way she has nurtured the talents of our children. This is a great opportunity for your child, particularly if he / she previously did Disco Dancing with Dawn.

Tuesday 19th December - On this day, children will have the opportunity to watch a visiting theatre group perform the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk in the morning or the afternoon. Children can also bring board games to school on this day. We ask that children do **not** bring any electronic devices to school, please.

This will be a non-uniform day so children can wear clothes of their choice; in return we ask for a donation of £2 (to include a £1 donation towards the cost of the pantomime and £1 towards school funds, which we will use for supporting activities that benefit all our children.)

The children finish school on Tuesday 19th December at 3.30pm and start back on Thursday 4th January 2018 at 9am.



On behalf of the Staff and Governors, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dates for your Diary

2017

- 11 December – Y5 Christmas Carols 6pm Parish Church at 6pm
- 12 December – Y5 Christmas Carols 2pm Parish Church at 2pm
- 12 December - Bags2School Collection
- 12 December – Y4 Christmas Show 6.30pm Infant Hall at 6.30pm
- 13 December – Y4 Christmas Show 6.30pm Infant Hall at 6.30pm
- 13 December – Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Jumper Day
- 19 December – School closes for Christmas holiday

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- 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
- 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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