

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 15 12 December 2016

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As this will be my last newsletter of 2016, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and throughout 2016. We look forward to finishing the year on a high not least because of the forthcoming Y3 production of Babushka and the Y6 Carol Concert.

Christmas Concerts

Year 3 will be performing their production of Babushka on Tuesday 13 December and Wednesday 14 December in the Infant Hall at 6.30pm. Tickets are £1 each; remaining tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

Year 6 will be performing a Christmas Carol Concert at St John's Church. The first performance will be on Friday 16 December 1.30pm and then on Monday 19 December at 6pm. 2 tickets per family will be available from today, Monday 12 December. Any remaining tickets will be available from Thursday 15 December, on a first come, first served basis.

Year 3 Christmas Concert – on performance nights, please bring your child to the Junior school (to their own classroom) no earlier than 6pm. 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.

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: Thursday 15th December; Y4: Tuesday 13th December; Y5: Monday 19th December and Y6: Friday 16th December.

Christmas Dinner – a reminder that Christmas dinner is Wednesday 14th December and **advance notice that we will be asking all our pupils to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours on that day. If you have requested a dinner and your child does not already have a dinner on this day, please send £2 in a named envelope to school as soon as possible to cover the cost.**

Bags 2 School – Thank you very much if you made a clothes donation to Bags 2 School last week. We raised £76 for school funds. Thank you!

After School Clubs – There will be no knitting club on Wednesday and Thursday this week after school and no film club next Tuesday 20 December. Street Dancing will take place on Monday 19 December. **Clubs next term** – Clubs run by teachers and outside providers (street dance, table tennis, disco dancing) will start again w/c 9 January 2017.

Reindeer food – A bag of reindeer food will cost £1 and will be sold at afternoon breaks. The profits from this fund-raising will be shared between St Bernard's Animal Sanctuary and the Rotary Club Fishtail fund as we have sponsored a student in Nepal.

Fun Christmas Quiz – So how well do you think you know the DJS staff? We're a talented bunch, in more ways than one!! Do you know, for example, which of us plays lead guitar in a rock band? Or which of us has cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End? Try answering these and many more questions by taking part in our multiple choice Christmas quiz – and be in with a chance of winning a prize! Quiz sheets will cost £1 and will be on sale in the hall at afternoon breaks again this week. All those with correct answers will go into a draw on the last day of term and the prizes will be awarded. Please place completed quiz sheets in the box at the back of the hall – the last day for handing them in is 14 December.

Young Voices – tickets normally arrive a week before the concert, we will distribute the tickets once we receive them.

Drop in – Jonathan Flower from the Multi-Agency Support Team will be holding a drop-in, in the portacabin, behind the Y3 block, on Monday 9th January. 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.

Parking – please can I remind you that our car park is for staff only at all times (this includes after school.) We ask that parents do not drive into our car park and pick up their children from after-school clubs. This is to ensure the health and safety of all our children. On Thursday after school between 5.20pm and 5.40pm, a large car parked up on the pavement between Gledhill Close and our school gates. Our children were leaving school following a club finishing. In order to get past the car, the children had to squeeze between the school wall and the car. It would have been unlikely that they would have been seen before they were on the road on Gledhill Close. This would have made them very vulnerable. The police have been informed. Please can I appeal to you on behalf of all our children - it is paramount that their health and safety is protected.

Medicines – new guidelines have been set out from Derbyshire County Council regarding the administration of medicines. We currently ask that if your child needs medicines in school that you fill out an indemnity form. Subject to whole school Governor approval, we are proposing the following: if your child needs medicines or antibiotics during school time, we will supervise the administration of those medicines, provided you have completed an indemnity form and you have written, and signed, an accompanying letter to the class teacher which names the medicine and number of days you would like us to supervise its administration. You should hand over the medicine to the office or to the class teacher with the accompanying paperwork. All medicines need to be in their original packaging (this includes the outside packaging as well as the blister pack). We cannot supervise the administration of a tablet that has been cut from a blister pack, or a tablet in a blister pack alone, without the outside packaging. I hope you appreciate that this protocol will be enforced to safeguard all our children.

Charity Bike Ride - James and Josh raised £500 to be split equally between Help for Heroes and Cancer Research. They would like to say thank you to all those who donated.

Discovery Club – This will be running on Wednesday evening next term. These will start on 11th January 2017 and will run for 5 weeks. To enrol please go to www.discoverysystem.org.uk and click on After School Clubs. Please note that the sessions are now £6 each, total of £30 for the half term.

Jumping Clay – the next session will start on Thursday 12th January 3.30-4.30pm & run for 4 weeks (finishing Thursday 2nd Feb) the cost will be £23. Please text Catherine Slaney on 07799 182880 to reserve a place.

Dinner Money for next term will be £54 (£10 per week or £2 per day). Please make your cheque payable to DCC and write your child's name and class on the back. Cash must be sent to school in a named, sealed envelope or purse.

Tuesday 20th December - Pupils can bring board games to school on Tuesday 20th December. 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 (which includes £1 donation towards the cost of the pantomime) towards school funds, which will use for supporting activities that benefit all our children. On this day, children will have the opportunity to watch a visiting theatre group perform the pantomime, Cinderella.

The children finish school on Tuesday 20 December at 3.30pm and start back on Wednesday 4 January 2017 at 9am.

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

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