

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 17 9 January 2017

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If you think that school seems a little busier than previously, you would not be mistaken. With the advent of 2017, our school grew further and we now have 267 children on roll. We have had a number of children join us after September and I believe that it is testament to the friendly and caring ethos of all our school community that these children have settled effortlessly amongst us. Well done everyone!

Cloakrooms – with increased numbers of children comes increased pressure on cloakrooms. Where possible, we have put up more coat pegs but we are very limited for space. To alleviate the pressure on our cloakrooms, please can ask that your child brings a modest sized school bag and PE bag so these fit on the coat pegs as well as the child's coat. It would be useful to ensure that your child's coat has a hook for hanging up as this may help it to stay on the peg. Thank you.

Young Voices - Thursday 12th January - The big day is nearly upon us, so here is a final reminder about arrangements. Children should come to school wearing a plain white t-shirt and black trousers / skirt, with a school jumper or cardigan on top. They will need to bring two packed meals and plenty of (non-fizzy) drinks, unless they have a school dinner, in which case they will only need one packed meal. Any children with asthma inhalers will need to have them in their possession. **Children will not be permitted to take mobile phones, so if they bring one to school on Thursday morning, it will remain in their teachers' desk until Friday.**

We will leave school on coaches at 12:45, arriving at the Arena at for rehearsal at 1:30pm. Audience members should aim to arrive at the Arena from 6pm onwards, ready for the start of the concert at 7pm - remember your tickets! Also, please be aware that parking may be tricky. The concert is due to end at 9:15pm **and all children will return to school on coaches**, then meet up with their parents on School Lane. Please be aware that the Arena charges for car parking; £10 on the day or £7 advance online, via the Arena's website. It may be a good idea to consider car sharing on the day.

We have been notified that a few parents cannot use some of their tickets for the performance and they would like to offer spare tickets at a cost of £15. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the Office.

Y5 Hook Day – on **Wednesday 11th January**, the Y5s will enjoy a hook day to introduce their new topic 'World War II'. You should have received a more detailed communication from the Y5 team **last term**.

DARE Assembly for Parents of Y6 pupils: Friday, 13th January 2.00pm – The children in Year 6 (from all three classes) have come to the end of the DARE programme and would like to share what they have learnt with parents on the above date in the Junior Hall. Y6 parents should have received a separate letter about this last week.

Y4 Hook Day – on **Friday 13th January**, the Y4s will have a hook day to introduce their new topic 'Icy Kingdoms'. Y4 parents should have received a text about this last week.

Table Tennis – good luck to our boys' and girls' table tennis teams who will represent Derbyshire in the 'zone finals' on Sunday in Bradford. The children in our teams are: **Daniel Wing, Matthew Stewart, Jack Aitken, Josh Vandrill, Freya Hammett, Isobel Ryder, Jai Kang, Maya Gandy and Poppy Hodder**. I'll let you know how they get on next week.

Production of Oliver – Dronfield Musical Theatre Group will be performing the musical 'Oliver' at the Civic Hall in May this year and are looking for local boys aged 8-14 to take part. They are looking for boys for the chorus as well as the roles of Oliver and the Artful Dodger. If you are interested then please pick up further information from the school office or speak to Mrs Ryder. You can also request further information by emailing oliver2017@btinternet.com. No previous stage experience is necessary.

Residential Trips –

Mount Cook 2017 (current Y4) – there is a remaining balance £115 for this trip which needs to be paid by Monday 26 June.

France 2017 (current Y5) – payment cards will be sent home this week for the children going on this visit with details of forthcoming payments.

Llandudno (current Y6) – all the children who have requested a place on this trip have been successful. The second deposit of £25 is due to be paid by Friday 27 January, with the next installment of £57.50 to be paid by 17 March.

We are happy to accept interim payments for residential visits if you prefer to pay in smaller installments. Cheques for all visits are payable to 'DJS Journeys'

Clubs – all clubs will start w/c 9 January 2017

Monday – Street Dancing £12.50

Tuesday – Film Club for Y3/4 with Mr Mason and Mrs Thomson; Drama Club (for existing drama members) with Mrs Robinson.

Wednesday – Table Tennis £15. Discovery Club 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.

Thursday – 12.30pm -1pm Y5/6 Guitar Club with Mr Roberts. After school Disco Dancing 3.30-4.30pm for Y3/Y4 and 4.30-5.30pm for Y5/Y6 £12.50

Please send cash payments to school in a named, sealed envelope with details of the club. Cheques are payable to Dronfield Junior School and must include your child's name and club on the reverse.

Newsletters – from Monday 20th February we will no longer be sending out paper copiers of our newsletters. The newsletter will be emailed to parents or available to view on our website. If you do not already receive the newsletter by email, please ensure the office has your up to date email address by Thursday 9 February 2017.

All our newsletters are available to view and download from our website – www.dronfield-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk