

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 19 23 January 2017

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It was wonderful to do whole school assembly last Friday, it continues to be one of my favourite parts of the week. The children made their way into the hall sensibly and were exceptionally quiet when I entered – well done everyone!

Boccia – Well done to **James Ellis**, **Reece Kursandy**, **Heidi Myers**, **Abigail Quinn** and **Seb Sari** who represented our school last week at the annual Boccia event and competed excellently against other schools in Dronfield. My grateful thanks to Mrs Plant and Miss Duckham for escorting, and supporting, these pupils.

AR Reading – congratulations to **Cameron Fojut** and **Adam Nashir** whose names were picked out from all those who had achieved 100% on the AR reading quizzes. Keep pushing for those 100%s children as we will have another draw very soon.

Y6 Parents' SATs Meeting, Tuesday 24 January at 6pm – We will be holding our annual meeting for Year 6 parents about the SAT papers the children will be sitting in May and how you can help at home. We will be making recommendations of books you may like to purchase to support your work with your child at home. You will be able to purchase these from us at a reduced cost of £10 (usually £16.50). There will be an order form available on the night and payment will be required at the time of ordering.

Online safety – please be aware that the app '**Movie Star Planet**' has a chatroom linked to it and your child can communicate with others through the app. Please can I suggest that you monitor 'conversations' that your child is taking part in (through their avatar) via this app and report any misuse. Information for parents about the app can be found at: info.moviestarplanet.co.uk/parents.

Attendance – the school is working closely with the Multi-Agency team regarding attendance. We are aiming for at least 95% attendance for every child to give them the best chance of reaching their full potential. Research has shown that if a child's attendance is lower than 90%, they have less chance of success and find it harder to make progress. With this in mind, we will keep you informed of your child's attendance if it drops below 95% so you are aware of this and we can work together to support you, if needed, thereby giving your child the very best opportunity to achieve maximum success. Alongside this, is a need for your child to be punctual. A good, punctual start to the day is essential for children and is an important habit to learn whilst they are young. This is a life skill employers look for in candidates for jobs as they get older.

Year 3 Hook Day – on **30 January**, the Y3s will experience their hook day. Having travelled back in time this term to the Stone Age, they are currently moving forward in history from that point and will reach The Romans on 30 January! If your child would like to dress up in Roman costume to enhance the experience, we would be grateful. The teachers will be dressing up too! During the day, the children will be involved in lots of Roman-themed activities and will bring home a clay pot they have designed and made. We ask if you could kindly support us with these activities by giving a £1 donation. Thank you in advance.

Congratulations to Lily Dronfield (Y6) who recently achieved her orange belt in Kick Boxing. Well done Lily!

Congratulations to Dylan Mather (Y3) who has been awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award in Beavers. He has worked very hard to achieve this. Well done Dylan!

Congratulations to Lara Bowen, Lucinda Bullement, Lucy Hazelby, Lily Ward and Mr Gilson (our Vice-Chair of Governors), who performed brilliantly in the pantomime Sleeping Beauty at the Civic Hall in Dronfield. I know I, and a number of other staff, had a most enjoyable evening.

Scholastic Book Club – leaflets will be sent out this week for the book club. We can only accept orders online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/dronfield>. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by Tuesday 24 January 2017**.

School Disco on Wednesday 1 February – Our school disco is a “Rainbow” Disco. Please note that as our hall is small, we can only accommodate two year groups at a time, therefore the 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. On the night, your child will be required to sign in with a member of staff and will be signed out at the end – specific details will be given nearer the time. **If your child would like a hot dog at the disco, please complete the slip below and return to school by Wednesday 25 January 2017.**

Please note: There will be no table tennis on Wednesday 1 February due to the Disco. If you have paid in full for this term, please pay £3 less next term.

Safer Internet Day – this will take place on Tuesday 7th February. During this day, pupils will be looking at keeping safe online and be involved in various activities around this.

Pick up from clubs – please can I ask you to pick your child up promptly from his / her after-school club. We fully appreciate that occasionally there are reasons why you might not be able to pick up on time and we are happy to help in these instances provided you have contacted us before 4.30pm. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this.

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.

Online Safety Evening – Dronfield Partnership of Schools is offering an evening for all parents/carers of pre-secondary age pupils who attend schools within the Partnership of Dronfield Schools. The event will be delivered by members of the Dronfield and Eckington Multi-Agency Team. The event will be held on **Monday 20th March** (6pm – 7pm) at Henry Fanshawe School. Please see separate letter to book your place.

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 were sent home last 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’.

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

School Disco on Wednesday 1 February - Last date for ordering hot dogs is Wednesday 25 January 2017

Name of child: _____ Class: _____

*I would like my child to have a hot dog at the School Disco, I enclose £1.

*I would like my child to have a vegetarian hot dog at the School Disco, I enclose £1.

*Delete as appropriate.

Any known allergies: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____