

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 22 20 February 2017

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I hope you had a great half term. At the end of last term, Mrs De Almeida organised a 'Musical Lunchtime' which gave children who play a musical instrument, or sing, an opportunity to showcase their talent. I look forward to these lunchtimes and this one did not disappoint. I would like to say a huge congratulations to all those who took part, I really enjoyed listening to you and it certainly allowed me to start my half term on a high. A big thank you to Mrs De Almeida for organising, and coordinating this.

We have lots to inspire us during this next half term. I look forward to sharing in the children's successes and also rewarding their resilience.

Positive Parenting Course for 8 - 13 year olds - The Multi-Agency Team are running a Positive Parenting Course for 8 - 13 year olds at Eckington Junior School on Thursdays starting on Thursday 23rd February between 12.30pm - 2.30pm. If you are interested, please see the attached flyer to book your place.

Clubs – clubs will continue as normal this half term. Street Dancing will cost £17.50, Table Tennis will cost £21.

Disco Dancing – This will start on Thursday 23 February and will run weekly until Thursday 30 March (inclusive). The cost for this term will be £15.

INSET Days – our INSET days for the academic year 2017-2018 are: Monday 4 September 2017, Monday 30 October 2017, Tuesday 2 January 2018, Wednesday 3 January 2018 and Monday 4 June 2018.

Jacket Potatoes – please can you let the office know if your child no longer wishes to carry on with their jacket potato on a Friday? Thank you.

Dinner Money for this term is £70.00 (£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. Please ensure that dinner money is paid promptly either at the beginning of term or at the start of each week. Thank you.

Parent Consultations – the next Parent Consultations will take place the week beginning **Monday 6th March**. Teachers will send out letters with further information in the coming days. There will be no Teacher run clubs (Film Club/Drama) during this week (6th March).

Head Lice – There has been an outbreak of head lice. Will you please check your child's hair now and continue to do this on a regular basis. Advice and leaflets can be obtained free from the Health Centre. If your child has got head lice, please see your G.P. or chemist to obtain the recommended lotions.

World Book Day Thursday 2 March – Mrs Ford has lots of exciting activities planned: the children will be given a £1 book voucher and are invited to enter the 'extreme reading competition'. This year we are asking the pupils to bring in a named photograph of them reading in the strangest / most unusual / most original place. There will be a winner from each year group who will receive a £5 book voucher. Mrs Ford will be giving the pupils more information. Also children will be invited to take part in a book swap within year groups. Children will be able to bring in a maximum of 3 books which they will be able to swap. Children will be given a token for each book they want to swap and will then be able to browse and collect a 'new' book for each token they have.

Year 5 Concert – the children have started rehearsing for their Easter Concert. These will take place on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 March at 6.30pm. Tickets will go on sale at a cost of £1 on **Monday 20 March 2017**. Each family

is entitled to 2 tickets. If you are unable to come to the office to collect tickets, please send the money in an envelope with your child's name on and your chosen night for tickets. Any tickets left over will be available on a first come, first served basis from **Friday 24 March 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, which went out on Safer Internet Day (7th February), to book your place.

Jumping Clay Club – Jumping Clay is creative, educational, mess free, fun! If your child would like to take part in this club, Christmas themed after school sessions start Thursday 2 March 3.30-4.30pm for 5 weeks at a total cost of £28.50. The club is open to all year groups. For more information, or to book a place, please contact Catherine Slaney 07799 182880. There are limited places which will be allocated on a first come, first served, basis.

Discovery Club – This will be running this term from Wednesday 22 February to Wednesday 5 April, 7 weeks at a total cost of £42. Online registration is open at www.discoverystem.org.uk and click on After School Stem Clubs.

Communications – from today we will no longer be sending out paper copies of our newsletters. The newsletter will be emailed to parents or available to view on our website. For this term only, we will continue to send out other letters regarding class trips or events. Please ensure you keep your contact details up to date.

ParentPay - We are currently looking at introducing ParentPay after the Easter Holidays. ParentPay is a more convenient and secure way to pay for school trips and dinner money. We will share more information with you over the coming weeks. If you have any questions in the meantime, please speak to Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper.

2017 – Up-coming dates

w/c 6 March – Parent Consultation week

4 April - Bags to School

7 April – School closes for Easter Holidays

24 April – School re-opens

25 April – Class Photographs

8 May - KS2 SATs

24 May – Sports Day

26 May – School closes for half term

5 June – INSET Day

6 June – School re-opens

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