

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 29 24 April 2017

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I hope you had a lovely Easter. There were several Easter Egg hunts / trails throughout Derbyshire. If you took part in one, I hoped you enjoyed the experience – I saw a number of you completing the Easter Egg trail at Longshaw!

The Easter holidays were particularly exciting for Miss Brightmore as she married her fiancé! Miss Brightmore has therefore become Mrs Webster. Many congratulations Mr and Mrs Webster, we wish you a long and happy future together.

So in school we look forward to the Summer Term, continuing our learning and building our resilience. The year groups are embracing new topics with the Year 3s stepping out into the Deep, Dark Woods, the Year 4s venturing into the rootin', tootin' world of the wild, wild West, the Year 5s journeying round the world in less than 80 days and the Year 6s are going to Ancient Greece.

Accelerated Reader – well done to **Courtney Dodd, Isobel Ramsbottom** and **Leo Ward** whose names were picked out of a hat, at the end of last term, from all those who had achieved 100% in their Accelerated Reader quizzes. There are an increasing number of children scoring 100% in their quizzes which is very pleasing to note – well done!

Bags2School – A big thank you to all those who donated items for the Bags2School collection. We raised £46.

Class Photographs – class photographs are taking place on Tuesday 25th April.

Ofsted webinar - Ofsted is committed to improving engagement with parents and sharing information about what they do. With this mind, Ofsted are offering you an opportunity to 'attend' a webinar which they will be running on **27th April at 7pm**. During the webinar they will discuss what Ofsted do, how they prepare for inspection, what happens during an inspection and the priorities in the East Midlands. If you are interested in 'attending', you can do so by registering at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5645404351662691586>

School Uniform Orders – if you require a new T-shirt for Sports Day or any other uniform, please order online at www.stparent.co.uk by Monday 15th May.

Discovery Club – there are still places available on Discovery Club that starts on Wednesday 26 April. Online registration is open at www.discoverysystem.org.uk and click on After School Stem Clubs.

Clubs – Payment for clubs is now through ParentPay, the details are already online but for your information, the clubs run by outside providers are:

Street Dancing - £10 (Monday 24 April-Monday 22 May, except Mon 1 May)

Table Tennis - £15 (Wednesday 26 April – Wednesday 24 May)

Disco Dancing - £12.50 (Thursday 27 April – Thursday 25 May)

Teacher-run clubs will commence the week beginning Monday 1st May and are as follows:

History Club with Mrs Lunn will run on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm (**will not start until 9 May due to Y3 trip on 2 May**)

Boys' football (Y5/Y6) with Mr Hands will run on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm. Please note that football has changed from Monday to Tuesday.

Girls' Football with Mrs Thomson and ex-pupil, Amy Cooper, will run on Thursdays 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Running Club with Mrs Ridgard and Miss Rogers will start on Monday 8 May from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Please see Miss Rogers to put your name down for this club as places are limited.

There will be no Drama club this term.

Dinner Money for this term is £46 for Year 3 and Year 6 as they both have class trips. Dinner Money for Y4 and Y5 is £48. Again, this is now payable through ParentPay – www.parentpay.com

ParentPay – Thank you to all those parents who have logged in and activated their account. If you haven't logged on and activated your account, another copy of the activation letter will be given to your child today. Please ensure you log on and activate your account as soon as possible as are using the ParentPay platform to email and text parents from now onwards.

Flexible Dining – If your child follows a flexible dining plan, please log in to your ParentPay account to select the days you wish your child to have school meals for next term. To do this, please select 'make meal bookings' (under your child's name) from the home page, select the week from the drop down list and choose the dates you would like your child to have a lunch. Please repeat this for each week available. Please ensure that your child is aware which days they have sandwiches and which days they have school dinners. Please note you will be charged £2 for a meal if they tell their teacher the incorrect information.

Alongside the advance booking facility, we would also like to offer the opportunity for you to book an ad-hoc meal (such as Christmas dinner, theme day or in an emergency) should the need arise. Bookings for ad-hoc meals are made in the same way as detailed above, but, the booking (and any payment needed) must be made by 8am on the day the meal is required.

Y5 Swimming – Swimming will re-commence on Friday 28 April.

Y3 Trip to Sherwood Forest 2 May – please log on to your ParentPay account to see the details of this trip (in the Communication area) and to make your payment. Thank you.

Y6 Trip to Alton Towers 26 May – please log on to your ParentPay account to see the details of this trip (in the Communication area) and to make your payment. Thank you.

Clip 'n Climb – a new children's 'fitness centre' has opened in Derby (Kingsway Park Close, Mackworth, Derby, DE22 3FP). The centre is made up of 17 climbing walls with 3 levels of difficulty. There is also a leap of faith. All climbers receive a 15 minute safety briefing and are put into their harnesses. They then make their way to the climbing arena where fully trained staff help them to enjoy their hour of climbing. All of the walls have a belay system that is clipped to the climber's harness by two points which lowers them to the floor slowly and safely. If you are interested in visiting the centre, we have a few 2 for 1 vouchers, please see Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper in the school office. The centre has a website at www.clipnclimbderby.co.uk

Sports Day – Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date we had originally given you for Sports Day has had to be changed. The new date for our annual Sports Day will now be **TUESDAY 20TH JUNE** at same venue - the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield. Parents may join us at 12.30pm. I do apologise for any inconvenience this change of date may cause. Further information regarding transport and arrangements will be available shortly.

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) – The final payment of £140 is due for payment by Friday 30 June.

Llandudno (current Y6) – The final payment is due by Friday 19 May.

Please pay via Parent Pay.

Sainsburys Active Vouchers – we are collecting Sainsburys Active Vouchers so please ask family and friends to collect for us too. There is a collection box in Reception or your child can just hand their vouchers to the teacher. These vouchers not only help us to replace our old PE equipment, they also provide equipment for lunch times for individuals and for the Mini Leaders to support activities they design. Thank you in advance.

Communications – The newsletter is now emailed to parents or available to view on our website.

2017 – Up-coming dates

25 April – Class Photographs

8 May - KS2 SATs

26 May – School closes for half term

5 June – INSET Day

6 June – School re-opens

20 June – Sports Day

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