

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 30 2 May 2017

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I hope you enjoyed your May bank holiday weekend and were able to take advantage of some of the warm weather we had. As the days get longer, there's a real feel that Summer is on its way.

Spring Environment Day - Please come along as a family to our Spring Environment Day at 10am-12pm on **Sunday 7th May** to help spruce up the school grounds. Plenty of activities to suit all abilities, free tea and cake and children can bring bikes or scooters to play on bottom yard. All equipment will be provided, but please bring some gardening gloves if you have any. Everyone is very welcome!

Scholastic Book Club – This is running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/dronfield> to browse the latest books and order online. 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 12 May. Thank you in advance.**

School Uniform – please can you ensure that your child has the correct school uniform? Our uniform consists of:

- Sweatshirts, cardigans, jumpers – burgundy with white and gold logo or plain burgundy
- Polo Shirts – sky blue or white with gold and burgundy embroidered logo or plain sky blue or white
- Formal trousers or shorts (cullotte style for girls) – black or grey
- Skirts – black or grey
- Tights – black or grey
- Shoes – black (or **plain black** trainers).

In the summer, girls may optionally wear a blue or red gingham check dress (girls can wear white cycling shorts underneath which are above the knees for modesty). We also sell reversible coats in burgundy or navy blue.

Items which are **not** allowed to be worn:

- Inner layers which can be seen above the polo shirt collar
- Tracksuit bottoms, jeans, combats, leggings, casual shorts, hot pants, mini skirts or skinny trousers
- Trainers with sporting manufacturers' logos, Converse, Ugg Boots, Doc Martens, ballet shoes or sandals
- Nail varnish or make up
- Unnatural hair colouring

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**.

Polling Day – The school will **not** be used this year as a Polling Station. School will be open as normal on **Thursday 4th May**.

Leave of absence – please can I remind you that holidays during term time are against Government regulations. Leave in these cases would be unauthorised and we are obliged to inform the Local Authority who may issue a fine (this decision does not involve the school). There is more information about this on the Derbyshire County Council website. There are, however, a **few** occasions when a planned leave of absence is agreed due to exceptional circumstances. When you are completing your leave of absence form, please provide supporting evidence (for example: if you are going abroad for a family wedding and are seeking more than a day's leave, you will need to provide a copy of the wedding invitation.) Unfortunately, taking a holiday during term time because it is cheaper, is not recognised as an 'exceptional circumstance'. Please note that if a child's attendance is below 95%, then it would be unusual for leave of absence to be granted even under exceptional circumstances.

Year 4 Hook Day Friday 19 May – To link in with our topic ‘Ye-Haw!’ our hook day will be on Friday 19 May. On this day we ask that children come dressed as either a Cowboy or Indian. To cover the cost of the resources we will be using during the day we ask for a contribution of £1.

Assessment at the end of KS2 – the Standards and Testing Agency have produced a leaflet for parents regarding assessment at the end of KS2. We have put this leaflet on our website under the parent tab at the left hand side of the home page.

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)

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

Teacher-run clubs will generally 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.

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.

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

w/c 8 May - KS2 SATs

26 May – Y6 Trip to Alton Towers - School closes for half term

5 June – INSET Day

6 June – School re-opens

12-16 June – Y6 Residential Visit to Llandudno

20 June – Sports Day

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