

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 31 8 May 2017

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This week sees our Y6 children take their KS2 SATs. They have worked so hard and we wish them lots of luck in this venture. Please be aware that there will be children sitting their tests in the hall first thing each morning from Monday to Thursday.

Spring Environment Day – Thank you so much to the families of **Andrew, Ben and Daniel L, Alex and Heidi M, Ruben and Rafi D, Jessica N, Natasha and Joel T, Noah and Fern S** and **Courtney D** who helped and supported us with the many gardening and painting jobs we had to do around school. I really appreciate your hard work; the outside of the school looks beautiful. My very grateful thanks also go to Mrs Sturdey and Mrs Lunn, who organised the event, ensured we were appropriately resourced and provided some lovely cakes and brownies – huge thanks to you both.

Charity Bike Ride – Well done to **Leo W** and **Ryan A**, who, over the Easter holidays, challenged themselves to complete a 20 mile charity bike ride together. They helped raise over £150.00 for Bluebell Wood. Congratulations boys, you should be very proud of your achievement, as am I.

Music examinations – Congratulations to **Ellie-Mae L** who achieved outstanding results in her Grade 1 clarinet examination and to **Chloe W** and **Poppy H** who also achieved outstanding results in their Grade 1 flute examination. Well done girls – this is a great achievement!

Chess Club - There will be no chess club until **22 May** 2017 due to Mr Trafford's work commitments.

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.**

Year 4 Hook Day Friday 19 May – To link in with the Y4 topic 'Ye-Haw!' the 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 and activities throughout 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.

Year 5 Science and Technology Evening – Dronfield Henry Fanshawe will be holding a Science and Technology Evening on the evening of **Thursday 13th July**. This event will be for Year 5 children and their parents only. All Year 5s will receive a letter from DHFS nearer the time. This information is advance warning so you can put the date in your diary.

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**.

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.

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

5 July – Welcome Meeting for parents of Year 2 children (evening)

13 July – Y5 Science and Technology evening at DHFS

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