

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 35 12 June 2017

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What an eventful week we had last week; read on to find out how we got on ...

Dronfield Civic Service - How proud I was of the children who performed at the Dronfield Civic Service on Sunday. We were asked at the very last minute to perform as the original performers had had to pull out. I was very grateful to Mrs De Almeida who agreed to facilitate this. Well done, and thank you, to **Georgia P, Charlotte W, Alice W, Daniel L, Bethany B, Ruben D, Lauren F, Ellie L, Lucinda B, Daniel K, Ruby W** and **Ben L**.

Maths – Congratulations to **Eleanor L, Ben L, Isobel W, Omeir P, Poppy B** and **Daniel C** who competed in the Maths Quiz at Gorsey Brigg Primary School last Wednesday. There were nine schools in the competition and I'm thrilled to report that we scooped first place. The children worked excellently as a team to solve 20 challenging mathematical reasoning questions. Very well done to all. My grateful thanks to Mrs Myers for escorting the pupils.

Athletics - Congratulations to the following children who represented our school at the Quadkids athletics event at Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School during the last week of term: **Lauren F, Isabella T, Daisymae O, Hollie S, Hannah W, Lottie H, Kizzy B, Scarlett G, Jessica S, Kate W, Niamh B, Ciara W, Cosmo J, Lucas R, Jack A, Thomas R, Rory G, Harvey G, Matthew T, Charlie H** and **Sam P**. They have won a place in the next round. My grateful thanks to Miss Rogers for coordinating the event and for escorting the children.

Well done to Evie S who has recently had her hair cut for the third time and donated it to the Little Princess Trust which uses the donations to make wigs for children who need them. What a lovely gesture Evie!

Well done to Katie P and Alex M who have walked nearly 19 miles this weekend from Whitby to Robin Hoods Bay in aid of JDRF, a charity who supports children and young people with Type 1 Diabetes. If you wish to sponsor them, there is a sponsor form in School or you can donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alysia-Adcock>. I hope your feet are not too sore!

Clean Air Day Thursday 15th June – In order to raise awareness around the issues of air pollution, Global Action are hosting a National Clean Air Day. This day provides a great opportunity to support the local community and encourage physical activity. Visit the clean air day website at <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/> It would be good if you could walk to school on that day.

Y6 Trip to Llandudno – children who are going on Trip 2 (Wednesday) need to be in school for 7.45am, ready to leave at 8.00am. Please can you ensure they have sun cream in case it is needed. Children will also require a raincoat – they do not have to wear school uniform. Please bring a packed lunch for Wednesday (second trip). Please can I remind you that children should **not** bring a mobile phone or any device with 3G/4G access. The children are responsible for any items they bring.

Summer Reading Challenge 2017 (Animal Agents) - Come to your local library this summer and meet the Animal Agents, a whole host of clever creatures, ready to solve all kinds of crimes! With your help this band of furry, slippery and feathered friends can use their skills and natural instincts to solve mysteries – with a huge helping of fun along the way. To join the daring detectives sign up at your local library, read six library books of your choice and collect the special stickers as you go. It's all free and there will be lots of story times and craft activities to enjoy throughout the summer. The fun begins on Saturday 15th July 2017! For more information contact your local library.

Year 4 Concert – the children have started rehearsing for their Summer Concert. These will take place on **Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June** at 6.30pm in the Infant School Hall. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 19 June at a cost of £1 each. 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 23 June 2017**.

Dinner Money – is £68 for the full term, for Y6 pupils going to Llandudno it is £62. **Please can you ensure that dinner money is paid promptly on ParentPay. 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.**

Warm weather – hopefully the warm weather will return! Please can I ask that your child has a water bottle in school and that they have applied sun cream? We will encourage the children to seek shade if the weather gets particular hot.

Clubs this term are as follows:

Monday: Street dance with Jazmin, £15 for the term. Chess Club.

Tuesday: History Club. Boys' football

Wednesday: Table tennis £15 for the term (no club on 21st June and 28 June)

Thursday: Disco Dancing is £15 for the term – the last session will be Thursday 13 July. Girls' football

Friday: Rugger Eds from **Friday 9 June to Friday 14 July**. The cost is £30 (cheques payable to Chris Jones). Please collect a registration form from the Office if your child is interested.

Baby Basic Collection – we are now collecting for Baby Basics and we are looking for donations of the following items: Moses Baskets, first size nappies, baby wipes, maternity pads, baby shampoo, wash, lotion, adult shampoo and shower gel, toothbrush and paste, towels, blankets and newborn clothing. Baby Basics works with midwives, health visitors and other professional bodies to provide much needed items and help vulnerable groups such as teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

Dronfield Infants Summer Fair – the Infant School Summer Fair is on Friday 23 June from 5.30-7.30pm. This year we have a sports theme with lots of fun games. There is also the usual crafts, tombolas, raffle, bouncy castle and food.

Sports Day – Our annual Sports Day will now be **TUESDAY 20TH JUNE** at the English Institute of Sport, Sheffield.

The children will leave for the EIS (English Institute of Sport, Coleridge Road, Sheffield S9 5DA) just after registration. In the morning all classes will take part in a circuit of athletics activities, so that every child will try 12 running, jumping and throwing events. After lunch, we have the inter-house Sports Day which will begin at 1pm. Parents and Grandparents are very welcome to come and watch from 12.30pm onwards. Parking and entry is free and there are plenty of tiered seats, but it tends to be very cool, so bring something warm! Children will need a packed lunch and water bottles and they should come dressed in the PE kit with their house colour T-shirt. They will also need a sweat shirt or track suit top to keep warm when not competing.

I should be very grateful if parents would make a voluntary contribution of £5 (or £8 for 2 children, £10 for 3) towards the cost of hiring the EIS and coach travel. Please make this payment online through ParentPay. If you are paying for more than one child, please just make one payment but indicate in the notes field that this covers their sibling. This will ensure that we receive your consent for all your children to attend.

If your child requires a place on the return coach back to school, please also make this request in the notes field.

Eat Well for Less – the BBC show Eat Well for Less is currently casting for the fifth series. They are looking for “fun and lively families who would like to eat well and pay less for their weekly shop. The show follows Masterchef's Greg Wallace and award winning greengrocer Chris Bavin on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save

money on their food budget without scrimping on food and nutrition.” If you would like to apply please call 0177 970 7661 or email eatwell@rdftelevision.com.

Let’s Make a Buzz – The lazy buzzing of the bumble bee is part and parcel of the Great British countryside, but it might not be for much longer. Did you know that our bees are already in trouble? Already 20 of our native species of bee are extinct, having a detrimental impact on our economy and the entire food chain. We are already importing bees from Eastern Europe to pollinate our crops. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust has launched a new campaign called Feel the Buzz, which focuses on encouraging the Derbyshire community to get involved, if you would like to help or find out more please visit <http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/feelthebuzz>.

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.

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.

Please pay for all Residential Trips via Parent Pay.

2017 – Up-coming dates

12-16 June – Y6 Residential Visit to Llandudno

20 June – Sports Day

3 July - Summer Music Concert

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

5 July – School disco (all years together, outside, hopefully!)

11 July – Y6 Leavers’ Party at Hallows Golf Club (independent event organised by a group of Y6 parents)

12 July – Leavers’ assembly for Y6 parents at 6.30pm

13 July – Y5 Science and Technology evening at DHFS

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