

Dronfield Junior School Newsletter 35 12 June 2017

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This week is our Health and Wellbeing Week in school – this initiative was suggested by the School Council and they have been the main drivers along with Mrs Genders and Mrs Chilvers. As a school, we are passionate that our learners are healthy, in mind and body, and happy. NICE guidelines state, “Social and emotional wellbeing creates the foundations for healthy behaviours and educational attainment. It also helps prevent behavioural problems (including substance misuse) and mental health problems. That's why it is important to focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of children.” www.nice.org.uk/Advice/lgb12. During the week, each year group will undertake activities which promote health and well being.

Dronfield Civic Service – we have received a lovely letter from Dronfield Town Council thanking us for our contribution to their Civic Service. Within the letter, it states that the children “were fantastic and (it was) a joy to hear them singing ... and not forgetting Ben on the piano, fabulous.” The letter continues, “You helped make the Civic Service, that was enjoyed by many, one to remember.”

Llandudno – the Y6 children had a fantastic time in Llandudno and the weather was very kind allowing the children to play on the beach both evenings. The children listened carefully to instructions and were exceptionally polite and well behaved; this was commented upon by workers at the attractions and also members of the public. Well done everyone! My grateful thanks to go to all the staff, Governors and volunteers who accompanied the children.

Build It – Well done to **Joshua B, Joshua H, Lily I, Lois H, Fenton W, Jessie J, Lillia K, Seb S, Tilly F and Charlie H** who represented our school at the Kelham Island Build It project. The children were tasked with building a form of transport, a fairground ride and a hotel. They displayed their models, very proudly, in whole school assembly on Friday.

Football – Well done to **Lottie H, Holly B, Tavonga J, Jack A, Charlie H, Kizzy B, Alex D, Jorja K, Tyler H, Emma W, Evan W, Jessie J, Fenton W, Lauren F, Tom R, Isobel L-S, Matthew T, Lily K, Jamie H, Harry A, Harvey M, Will P, Lucas R, Henry T** who played in friendly football matches against William Levick Primary School. The girls won both their matches and the boys won one and lost one. Mr Hands said they showed great sportsmanship throughout. My grateful thanks to Mr Hands for organising and coordinating this and to all the parents who supported and gave lifts.

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 would 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.

If you would prefer not to make the contribution towards the cost of the transport, you must log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use event code **du8mu** to provide your consent for your child to attend sports day.

Football shirts for Malawi – Mrs Temple, one of our school Governors, has given us an update on our donation. She told us that 42 football shirts and 11 pairs of shorts were packed in a suitcase, which is making its way to Malawi as I write! Mrs Temple's friend has taken the suitcase as additional baggage and it is hoped that she will be able to take some photographs of the children in Malawi wearing the shirts. Even if this is not possible, the shirts and shorts will be greatly appreciated by the children. Thank you again to all those children who donated items.

Congratulations to Edward W who received the 'John Smith Special Beaver' award last week, for his exceptional attitude. Edward was awarded the trophy for "always being helpful, friendly, kind and supportive to other Beavers and Leaders. Well done Edward – how wonderful to have your positive qualities recognised in this way.

Congratulations to Theo H – who came first in his age group in the 5km park run event last Saturday. It was the second time he had taken part in the event – Well done!

Maths – Congratulations to **Eleanor L, William B-B, Isobel W, Omeir P, Poppy B** and **Daniel C** who competed in the Maths Quiz at Gorsey Brigg Primary School. 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.

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**.

Y6 Dronfield Rotary Community Awards – Congratulations to **Sam S, Alex M, Ruby W, Lucinda O, Sophie D, Joel T, Eleanor L, Isabella T, Ellie L, Chloe M, Lydia F, Joe G, Katie P** and **Isobel R**, who achieved the Dronfield Rotary Club Community Award. I am immensely proud of all of you, particularly as this award requires much effort out of school. These children will have their awards ceremony at Henry Fanshawe School on **Thursday 29th June**. We have had an email from the Rotary Club commending all the children on the high quality of their portfolio diaries but with a special mention in the correspondence given to: Ruby W, Sam S, Lucinda O, Joel T and Isobel R. For these children it stated, "It was not only the sheer amount of work they had put into producing their diaries, but also the fantastic ideas they came up with to fulfill their briefs." My grateful thanks to Mrs Robinson, who has guided and supported the children throughout the year in order to complete their portfolio diaries.

Summer Music Concert – This will take place on **Monday 3rd July** in the Infant hall at 7pm. The concert will feature the school choir, wind ensembles, junior and infant violinists and some soloists. Family members are invited to watch the performance but tickets will initially be allocated 2 per family. Any remaining tickets will be available from Wednesday 28th June. Performers, please return your slip to the office to obtain your tickets – thank you.

Bags2School – our next collection is **Tuesday 4th July**. This is a great opportunity for you to donate clothes that are no longer worn to help boost our school funds.

Charity Afternoon – this sale is being held on the afternoon of **Tuesday 4th July**. Mrs Ford will be sending out a separate letter via Parent Pay asking for donations of good quality toys/games/tombola prizes. Donation of cakes, buns and biscuits will be very welcome on the morning of the event.

Welcome evening for Y2 parents – our information evening for Y2 parents whose children are due to transfer to us in September is on **Tuesday 4th July** at 6pm. This meeting will take place in our school hall.

School Disco on Wednesday 5th July, 6pm-7.30pm – We are planning to hold our school disco outside so we can accommodate all year groups at the same time. Entry is £2 per child, payable on the night. Drinks, sweets, crisps and tattoos will also be available to purchase. We obviously have your contact details on our records, but if you have recently changed your mobile number, please let us know so we have the most up-to-date records.

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.

Cricket – Congratulations to **Finlay P** and **Matthew S** who have been selected to play cricket for County Cricket teams.

Warm weather – the warm weather has returned, long may it continue! 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. I have mentioned in the last two whole school assemblies, the important of wearing sun cream and keeping hydrated.

Spelling app – there is a useful free spelling app for tablets and ipads called Spelling Notebook free. The app allows you input spelling lists and gives your child the opportunity to practise spelling the words before testing. It will say the word but you can also record your own voice saying the word if you prefer. The app monitors how many words your child spells correctly and also when he/she has practised the words.

Clubs this term are as follows:

Monday: Street dance with Jazmin, £15 for the term. Chess Club, Running Club, Netball/Basketball for Y5/Y6 – please see Miss Hughes

Tuesday: History Club. Boys' football, Cricket for Y5/Y6 Boys and Girls – please see Mr Mason

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: Rugged 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. **We have had a great response to this appeal – thank you very much if you have donated.**

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

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>.

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

20 June – Sports Day

28 June – Y4 Production of Ye-Ha! in the Infant hall at 6.30pm.

29 June - Y4 Production of Ye-Ha! in the Infant hall at 6.30pm. Rotary Awards evening at DHFS

3 July - Summer Music Concert in the Infant hall

4 July – Welcome Meeting for parents of Year 2 children 6pm in the Junior hall

5 July – School disco (all years together, outside, hopefully!) 6pm – 7.30pm

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

14 July – Last day at DJS for Year 6

17 July – Changeover Day (all children in their new year groups)

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