



Today, it was lovely to welcome the Y2 children to our school and to see the buzz of excitement across the school. We welcome back Mr Hands following his paternity leave and say thank you to Mrs Trafford for seamlessly stepping in to his role. This week, we will bid a fond farewell to Mrs Davies, who leaves us to take up a teaching post at Lenthall Infants in September. Thank you, Mrs Davies, for all you have done at our school, we wish you lots of luck in your new role. We also say goodbye and good luck to Eva Anderson, who is moving to a new school in Sheffield, and to Evie and Charlie Briggs, who are moving to a new school in Cornwall.

**Rounders** – we had to wait until the end of the year but we have lifted a trophy! Many congratulations to: **Billy Ash, Oliver Barker, Jessica Allen, Tia Parkin, Alex Parkin, Daniel Sinclair, Ethan Kentworthy, Archie Walker** and **Samuel Joynes** who represented our school at a rounders tournament in Eckington. At the end of the tournament the team were declared the North East Derbyshire Rounders winners 2016. What a great way to end your time at DJS!

**Dronfield in Bloom** – I am thrilled to announce our success in the Dronfield in Bloom 2016 School Garden competition where we were awarded: **a bronze award for the best productive garden and a bronze award for the best flower garden**. This is a great achievement considering the difficulties we have had gaining access to the school garden due to the roof renovation. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Sturdey, Mrs Lunn and her team of gardeners and the ECO committee.

Our school was also very successful in the Dronfield in Bloom painting competition, where we scooped nine awards. There were 357 entries. Congratulations to the following children:

In the Y3 section: Gold award: Jessica Griffin, Silver award: Rae Kang Bronze award: Bethany Backhouse

In the Y4 section: Silver award: Jack Aitken

In the Y5 section: Gold award: Emilia Mitchell Silver award: Freya Hammett Bronze award: Poppy Hodder

In the Y6 section: Gold award: Katy Platts Silver award: Emma Shipley and Oliver Barker

All children (and their parents) will be invited by Dronfield in Bloom, to a presentation evening in September. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

**Anderson Sports Trophies** – the Anderson Boys' Sports Trophy 2016 was awarded to **Alex Parkin**. The boys in the year group were very sporty so it was difficult to decide who should win this award. The Y6 team decided that the award should go to someone who gave a lot to sport at DJS. Alex attended different clubs, represented the school at many different sports (including: netball, cricket, athletics) and always gave 100% to an activity. He has shown great sportsmanship in everything he has done – he is polite and well behaved while participating in a game. He is gracious whether he wins or loses. He is a credit to any team he is on. Many congratulations Alex!

The Anderson Girls' Trophy 2016 was awarded to **Imogen Plummer**. We have many talented sportswomen in Y6 so again it was difficult for the Y6 team to decide who should win this award – many girls have achieved great things both in and out of school. Imogen participated in many sporting activities at her time in DJS. She has attended clubs based in school and represented the school at many tournaments. During the year the table tennis team was short of a female member. Imogen, having never played before, was happy to give it a go. Not only did she play in the local tournament but she qualified for the Derbyshire Finals. She is now a regular table tennis club attender and a great player. Many congratulations Imogen!

**Charity Sale** – the final total for the Charity Sale was £1204.90, a fabulous total, I'm sure you'll agree. St Bernard's Animal Sanctuary will receive a surprise incubator and money towards vet's fees. UNICEF will receive £447.96 (a charity agreed by the Charity Group). Very well done, I'm sure both charities will be very appreciative of your efforts. My grateful thanks to Mrs Ford and the Charity Group for their tremendous efforts this year. Well done also to **Madeleine Hart** who won the hamper.

**Hot weather** – some very hot weather has been forecast over the coming week, particularly on Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, is wearing a hat and sun cream, in school, every day next week. Your child may wish to bring sunglasses. We will encourage your child to play in the shade particularly during lunch time. Your child's class teacher will talk to the class about sun safety.

**Friday 22 July** – The last day of term will be a non-uniform day. If your child would like to come in non-uniform, we ask for a donation of £1, which will be split between school and the 'Roald Dahl Marvellous Children's Charity'. Children can bring in board games for the last day of term – **no electronic games/devices are allowed**. A reminder that we will be having our annual shoe collection for the Variety Children's Charity. If you would like to donate your old school shoes (or any pair shoes), please bring them to school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Olympic Walk to Rio** – We would be really grateful if you could return to school, as soon as possible, and preferably before the end of term, any sponsor money please. Thank you.

**Year Group Meetings for the new academic year – We will be holding Year Group meetings for parents in September. Please note the dates: Y4 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Y5 – Wednesday 7 September and Y6 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. All meetings will start at 6pm and will be in our school hall. Thank you.**

**Parking** – We have recently had a number of complaints from residents on School Lane and Appletree Drive. Please can I ask you to park considerately and not block residents' drives? Please can I also ask that you are mindful of the fact that there should be enough space on Appletree Drive for an ambulance to be able to get to residents, should it be needed. Thank you in advance for your help and support with this.

**Summer Reading Challenge** – The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to read six books during the summer holiday. Children can read whatever they like - fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library. Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. The theme for the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge is **The Big Friendly Read**. Children's reading can 'dip' during the Summer holidays, so this is an ideal opportunity to encourage your child to keep up his/her reading skills and confidence during the holidays. I would like every child who completes the reading challenge to bring his/her rewards and certificate into school in September, so we can celebrate at school too.

**Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** – This is advance notice that we will, along with, I have no doubt thousands of others, be celebrating Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> September. On that day, we would like the children to dress up as a Roald Dahl book character. Dressing up as 'George' from George's Marvellous Medicine is a thought for children who are less keen on dressing up. We will be celebrating in school with some Roald Dahl based activities in each class.

**Roof renovation** – the roof renovation is almost complete and I'm sure you will agree that the new roof looks lovely. They are hoping to be finished by the end of this week and the scaffolding is due to come down during the first week of the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark, our site foreman, and his team of workers. They have been brilliantly supportive: working in different places if we have needed quiet in particular areas, sorting leaks in the flat roof that was not covered by the contract and doing odd jobs for us when we only had a relief caretaker. It will seem strange when they are not here in September, it almost feels like they are part of DJS now!

**Outside toilet block** – The outside toilet block by the side of the garden is going to be demolished during the Summer holidays. This block stores the PE, gardening and caretaking equipment and some Kids' Club resources. New storage facilities are to be erected during the last week of the holidays. These will come flat packed and will need assembling. We intend doing this at some point during the last week of the holidays. If you are around at any time during that week and could lend a hand, please let us know – you could pop into reception and give your name, contact number and days you are available to Mrs Myers or Mrs Cooper, or you could write this information on a piece of paper for your child to hand to his/her class teacher. We would be very grateful. Thank you!

**Summer holiday activities** – there are a number of free activities for children over the Summer holidays organised by Jonathan Flower from the Dronfield and Eckington Multi-Agency Team. Please see the parents' noticeboard by the portacabin and Year 3/4 area for more details.

**Disco Dancing** – There is no session this Thursday. **History Club** – there will be no session on Tuesday 19 July.

**Music** – Congratulations to **Isobel Ryder** who passed both her Grade 1 singing and clarinet examinations with distinction. A tremendous achievement – well done!

**Singing and Piano Lessons** - Andrea Ryder (BMUs Hons, PGDip) will be taking over as our Singing Teacher from September as well as taking our Piano students. If you are interested in your son/daughter studying either of these disciplines then please get in touch with her for further information and to reserve your place for September. You can either email [andrearyder@btopenworld.com](mailto:andrearyder@btopenworld.com) or call on 07877 834169.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support to the school this year. We wish all the children who have moved to their new schools all our good wishes and hope they settle in quickly. I hope the sun will continue to shine and that you enjoy a wonderful summer break. **A reminder that school starts for children on Tuesday 6 September at 9am.**

**We have really appreciated your continued support this year and look forward to working with you next year. Thank you!**

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