

DBJS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Events for week commencing Monday, 11th December 2017:

Day		Time	Event
Monday 11th December	Lunch time	12:30pm	Recorder Club
	Afternoon	2–2:30pm	3KB- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Fit 2 Dance Kidz (LAST SESSION)
Tuesday 12th December	Afternoon	2–2:30pm	3J- Swimming (£3.83 per week)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Chess Club (2 SESSIONS LEFT) Orchestra Rock Solid Club (LAST SESSION) Racquets Club (2 SESSIONS LEFT)
Wednesday 13th December	Lunch time	12:30pm	Year 3/4 Choir
	After School	3:30pm-4.15pm	Year 3/4 Hotshots Basketball (LAST SESSION)
		3:30-4:30pm	Cookery Club (LAST SESSION)
		3:30-5pm	Film Club (2 SESSIONS LEFT)
	4:30-5:15pm	Year 5/6 Hotshots Basketball (LAST SESSION)	
Thursday 14th December	Lunch time	12:30pm	Brass Band Cru Club (3KB)
	After School	3:30-4:30pm	Play on Theatre (LAST SESSION) CCFC Football Club (CLUB NOW FINISHED) Imagineering Club (LAST SESSION)
Friday 15th December	Afternoon	2pm	Year 3/4 choir to Methodist Church
	After School	3:30-4.30pm	Cheerleading Club (LAST SESSION) Spanish Club (LAST SESSION) Tag Rugby Club (LAST SESSION)

ASSEMBLIES

ASSEMBLY THEME

This week the children have been thinking about 'Advent' and next week's theme will be Christmas.

ASSEMBLY VISITORS

On Thursday we had a visitor from Explore Learning who came and presented the year 6's with certificates and medals as they were the regional runner ups in the Maths competition. Well done to all!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Due to the Christmas Fayre, there are no Star of the Week awards this week. However we congratulate all those children who have received Bronze Awards for house points so far this year and also those who have been entered into the Golden Book – well done.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Oscar Currie who reached the quarter final of the England Under 11's Badminton competition last weekend in Milton Keynes. Congratulations Oscar!

Well done to Holly Compton who completed the Santa 5k Fun Run on Sunday 3rd December and did it in a great time of 38.04 minutes! Congratulations Holly!

HOTSHOTS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Saturday, 2nd December, the Dunchurch Team 1 players took part in the Hotshots Basketball tournament and were the winning team! The boys played against six teams from other schools in the area, and won each of their matches, including an impressive 10-0 score. Dunchurch Team 1 only had 6 players, so all the boys had to play every half of every match, against some schools that had 12 players on their team and could swap in fresh players at half-time. Congratulations to Connor, Lorenzo, Louis, Murray, Philip and Zach!

LETTERS GIVEN OUT THIS WEEK

- Christmas Play tickets
- Exemplar Education leaflets about helping your children at home with Maths or English. Could slips please be returned to school as soon as possible, stating whether or not you would like to receive more information. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

The school has a duty, as outlined by ACE, to monitor and act on poor levels of attendance and repeated lateness. We are very proud of the excellent levels of attendance and punctuality shown by most of our children and we also understand that absence is sometimes unavoidable. We are however, currently reviewing both attendance and lateness of children across the school for this term and also the rolling year; letters will be sent out to parents of children whose attendance is causing concern.

SCHOOL EVENTS

OPEN AIR NATIVITY

Congratulations to all the children that sang and performed at the Open Air Nativity last Sunday. Well done to the choir and the Year 4 children who performed in the nativity; your performances were superb! Also, well done and thank you to Emily Kilborn who did a fantastic job turning on the lights so successfully! Thank you also to the parents and families for bringing their children and for being such an enthusiastic audience.

INDOOR ROWING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 6th December, a team of girls and a team of boys represented the school in the School Games Year 6 Indoor Rowing competition at Harris Sports Centre. Both teams did fantastically well with the girls finishing in 3rd place, missing out on 1st place by only 11 metres, and the boys finished in 4th place. Both teams rowed over 800 metres!

GUITAR LESSONS

Please note that children who normally have their guitar lesson on a Friday will instead be having their lesson on a Thursday for the next two weeks of term. Lessons will resume on a Friday after Christmas.

ST ANDREW'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Year 3 have made the decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church in Rugby, which is now in place. If parents and children would like to see our tree and about 20 others, they are there until the start of January. Voting has started for the trees. Entry in to the Church is free but for a suggested £1 donation 2 votes can be made - one for a tree entered by an adult organisation and one for a tree entered by a children's organisation. The winning trees will be announced at the Christingle Service at 4pm on Saturday 23rd December 2017. The Church is open to view the trees as follows: 10am-2pm up to 13th December, 10am-4pm Saturdays (10am-12pm on Saturday 9th), 10am-4pm 16th-23rd December and is closed on Sundays and Thursday 21st. Santa's Grotto is also

open in the Church on Saturdays 10am - 4pm and Monday 16th to Friday 22nd 10am - 4pm in the week running up to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Thursday 21st December 2017

As in previous years, Educaterers will be providing us with a Christmas dinner which will be served on Thursday 21st December. Christmas dinner at school is always an excellent event with party hats, music and a great atmosphere with the staff, governors and children all eating together in the hall. There will also be a vegetarian alternative available. This year the cost of a Christmas dinner is **£2.40** – the same price as a normal dinner. Please note if you have already paid for your child's meals for this half term in advance then you won't need to make an extra payment for Christmas dinner. If your child does not normally eat a school meal but would like a Christmas dinner, please send £2.40 cheque/cash into school.

CHARITIES AND FUNDRAISING

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to our PTA members and their fantastic band of helpers who have made the Christmas Fayre today possible. Thank you for all the generous donations you have sent in and for coming to the fayre! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their visits to Santa, having their faces painted and making gifts this morning. Once the money has been counted we will let you know what was raised. Thank you again for your support.

HAMPER DONATIONS

Your child should have brought home a slip last week listing a hamper item to donate, ideally please send this item in by return or at the very latest by Wednesday 13th December. Thank you for all your donations!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 9th December 2017- Choir Manchester Carols at St Andrew's Church, Rugby.

Rehearsal 2-4pm, please arrive between 1.45-2pm for seating. Concert 7.30pm, please arrive between 7-7.15pm. Children to wear school uniform with a Christmas hat for the last song. Please remember to bring inhalers if required. Please note that children are not allowed to wear makeup.

Tuesday 19th December at 2pm and 7pm - year 3 & 4 Nativity – Stable Story

Wednesday 20th December at 2pm and 7pm – year 5 & 6 Christmas Play – Scrooge

Friday 22nd December 2017- School will close at **2pm** on Friday, 22nd December 2017. School coaches will run at 2pm. Woosh will be open from 2 – 6pm that day. If your child usually attends Woosh on a Friday and will not be attending on the 22nd, or if their collection time will be different, please inform the school office. If this arrangement causes problems for children with siblings at Leamington Hastings, please contact the school office.

PARENTPAY

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

A reminder that today is the deadline for paying for Spring term music fees. If you have not yet made payment on ParentPay, please do so by Monday 11th December. Thank you.

Please note that if your child no longer wishes to continue with their instrument, as stated in the letter sent home, the deadline for giving notice for them to stop lessons at Christmas was before the October half term holiday and that payment for the Spring term is still required. Please note that the deadline for giving notice to stop instrument lessons at the end of the Spring term is the morning of Friday 16th February 2018.

WALES RESIDENTIAL VISIT

The next instalment of £20 for children who are participating in the Wales residential visit is due by Friday 15th December. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

CLUBS FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Please note that the following clubs have now finished for the term:

Year 5/6 Girls Football with Mrs Clusker, Year 6 Boys Football with Mr James, Year 3/4 Girls Football with Mrs Clusker, Year 4/5 Boys Football with Mr James and CCFC Football Club.

LAST SESSION OF CLUBS

Please note that next week will be the last session of the following clubs:

Fit 2 Dance Zumba , Rock Solid club, Hotshots Basketball, Cookery club, Play on Theatre Club, Imagineering club, Cheerleading club, Spanish club and Tag Rugby club.

The following clubs will be running until the last week of term:

Chess club (last session is Tuesday 19th December), Racquets club (last session is Tuesday 19th December) and Film club (last session is Wednesday 20th December).

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

In view of clubs finishing and the early finish on Friday 22nd December, we would like to remind parents to please inform the school office if there are any changes to your child's regular Woosh booking or bus arrangements.

VACANCY

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CO-ORDINATOR

We currently have a vacancy for a before and after school club coordinator (Woosh club) for 20 hours per week (7.50-8.40am and 3.20-6pm). For details and an application form, please visit

<http://www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk/school-information/vacancies>.

OTHER MESSAGES

LOST PROPERTY

Jasper Delgado-Major lost his Lego Batman book that he bought from the book fair last week which he had with him in Woosh club. Would parents please check their child's belongings and ensure that they have the correct items.

RIMO GARDEN CENTRE

Our beautiful Christmas tree has been very kindly donated to us by Rimo Garden Centre. They are a small independent garden centre situated on A45 close to Thurlaston, they have a large selection of premium grade Christmas trees for sale, plus lots of other gardening items for you to browse through.

CLASS LISTS

We are happy to supply class lists to help with Christmas card writing and birthday invitations in return for a donation of 20p.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DUNCHURCH PANTOMANIACS PRESENT...

... "Rum Baa Baa and the Four Tea Thieves", written by Sue Protheroe. Book now! It will be at Dunchurch Village Hall on January 19th, 24th, 25th, 26th at 7.30pm, 7pm on January 20th, 6.30pm on January 27th and 2.30pm on January 20th and 21st. Tickets for adults cost £7, £4 for children (up to age 16) and £6 for seniors. Gala night is January 25th (£15, food served at 6.45pm). Tickets are available from Wild & Free, Bank Street Rugby, or Wanda Fashion, Dunchurch.

Yours sincerely,

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