

Clowne Junior School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2019

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Key diary dates for the coming term are...

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4th November	Children return to school	28th November	Y5/6 Disco @ 3:15 – 4:30 pm
6th November	Parent Coffee morning 9 am – all welcome	28th November	Robin Hood @ Stubbin Wood – invited children only
7th November	Y3/4 Bonfire Disco @ 3:15 - 4:30 pm	29th November	Chocolate Raffle non uniform day
8th November	Parent's Newsletter	2nd December	Celebration Assembly for Y5/6 @ 9am
W/b 11th November	Anti-Bullying Week	3rd December	Y3 Carol Concert 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:45pm)
11th November	Remembrance 11 am	4th December	Y3 Carol Concert 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:45pm)
11th November	Celebration Assembly for Y3/4 @ 9 am	6th December	Last Y4 swimming session
15th November	Children in Need	9th December	Celebration Assembly for Y3/4 @ 9 am
18th November	Celebration Assembly for Y5/6	11th December	Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas jumpers welcome)
18th November	Last Samba sports 3:15 – 4:15 pm	13th December	VE day Celebration – children to come in 1940's costume
19th November	Last Samba dance 3:15 – 4:15 pm	16th December	Celebration Assembly for Y5/6 @ 9 am
19th November	English Open Morning	17th December	Y6 Christmas Concert 1:30 pm (doors open at 1:15 pm)
21st November	English Open Morning	18th December	Parent Coffee morning @ 9am – all welcome
25th November	Celebration Assembly for Y3/4 @ 9am	19th December	Y6 Christmas Concert @ 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:45 pm)
27th November	Parent Coffee morning 9am – all welcome	20th December	'Celebration of Behaviour' - letters to parents
		20th December	Last day of term – Christmas Jumper & Party Day!

Details about the concerts will come out nearer the time of the event.



School Disco

Y5/6 disco will be held on **Thursday 28th November**, 3:10 pm till 4:30 pm. It will cost £3, included in the price is a drink and packet of crisps. Children will leave from their normal exit but **NO** child will be allowed to leave without a responsible adult. Other items will also be on sale during the disco. Children may bring clothes to change into.

Clowne After School Club

Just a quick reminder that the after-school club is here to help with your day-to-day after school childcare needs.

They provide a fun and safe environment for your child, offering a wide variety of super activities. They also have a gardening club where your child can help grow fruit and vegetables which are then offered alongside the usual snack they provide.

You will find the prices are very competitive: 15:15 - 16:45 £6.00

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Please contact the school office for further details. Ms Foster has now been appointed the new manager and can take bookings on 07596 111862.



We're supporting

BBC
Children
in Need

Children in Need 2019

To support Children in Need this year, we are asking the children to come to school in their PJs & Slippers on **Friday 15th November**. If your child wishes to take part, we ask that they bring a minimum donation of £1 and sensible shoes when they go outside.



School Governor

What does a governor do?

Governors work as a team. They are responsible for making sure the school provides a good quality education for all pupils. Raising educational standards in school is a key priority.

What commitment do you have to give?

At least 2 meetings per term – one a full governor meeting and one for a specific area i.e. teaching and learning. You may wish to attend at other times or school events; this would be warmly welcomed. Please come and speak to us, in the office, if you're interested.



School Swimming Sessions

The last swimming session is on Friday 6th December 2019.

It restarts on Friday 10th January 2020.

A copy of the timetable has been posted on Dojos for you to refer to throughout the year.

English Open Morning

We are holding our open mornings for parents, between 9 am and 10:30 am, to come and see how we teach reading and English. Due to numbers, we are opening up a few classes on different days (see below). Parents are asked to come to the hall at 9am however, you don't have to attend the full session. We will post a reminder on Dojos closer to the dates. If you intend to come, could you like that post. This will give the teachers an idea of potential numbers. This event is not suitable for younger (non-school) children to attend.

On **Tuesday 19th November:**

Y3 Mrs Evans and Mrs Davidson
Y4 Miss Jones and Mrs Musson
Y5 Mr Taylor
Y6 Mr Butler and Mr Wilson

On **Thursday 21st November:**

Y3 Miss Thompson
Y4 Miss Schofield
Y5 Mrs O'Connor & Mrs Yapps
Y6 Miss Wagstaffe & Mr Smithurst



INSET Day 2019-20

Please also note that the remaining INSET days this year are:

Friday 3rd April 2020

Monday 1st June 2020



NON UNIFORM
DAY

Chocolate Raffle Non-Uniform Day

We are holding a 'Chocolate Raffle' non-uniform day on **Friday 29th November**. If your child wishes to take part, we ask that they bring some kind of chocolate item that can form part of our raffle prizes.

Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 2nd December** and at both the Y3 and Y6 concerts. They will be drawn during the last week of this term.

Special Lunches

National Roast Dinner Day

Help us celebrate 'National Roast Dinner Day' on **Wednesday 13th November**. Order a dinner as usual. We will also have a selection of prizes children can win.

Christmas Dinner Day

Our school Christmas Dinner is on **Wednesday 11th December**, on this day children are more than welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper. The menu is traditional turkey dinner (Quorn fillet for vegetarian option) and then chocolate and vanilla ice-cream tub. The dinner can be ordered on the day. This will be the only option on the day; no jacket potatoes. The cost is £2.10. Children who do not wish to have the dinner can bring sandwiches.



Odd Socks Day

To emphasise the importance of celebrating being different, we are having an 'Odd socks day' on Tuesday 12th November. All we ask is that on that day if children want to take part, they come in odd socks. No money required!



School Residential Visits

The closing dates have now past for sending in a deposit for the Y3 and Y4 trips. The Y5 and Y6 letters have been sent out and the deposits are due to be paid by **Friday 22nd November**. Payments cards will then be set up to ensure parents have the option to pay in instalments. Due to the large costing implications school faces, any child not paying in full will not be able to attend the trips.

Fund raising

We have managed to raise the following amounts:

£860 for the Sheffield Children's Hospital

£321.60 commission for us to purchase books with from the book fair

Thank you for all of your tremendous support, we really appreciate it.





School Closures

In severe cases, we may have to close the school. If this is the case, we will use texts, dojos and local media to keep you up to date. We will liaise with the infant school throughout the time and try to give you information as soon as decisions have been made. In the event of a mid-day closure, please don't worry/panic. School will remain open until parents are able to get to school. If it begins to snow and you are concerned, come and collect your child, don't wait until we make the decision to close.

Going Paperless

We are trying to use as many opportunities to communicate with you without using paper. Currently, we use email, textround and Class Dojos to get messages to you. For immediate/urgent messages we will use textround (unless we have internet problems, as we experienced on the day of the trips). Dojos and emails will provide letters and notice based communication.

Please remember that we are not answering Class Dojo messages and if your child is ill, the best way to tell us is by telephone.

Reply slips will be sent out with simple details attached, as and when necessary, to reduce the need for parents to use their own printers.

We have had a wonderful response to this idea, however, if you have still not sent in your details or wish to add an additional contact for information please let us know.



World War VE Day – Friday 13th December

To end our topic on WW2, we will be holding a VE celebration. The children will be completing a range of different activities with the infant school. We are asking that children dress up in their costumes to make it more authentic.



Did you lose a jumper or PE kit?

We have a large amount of lost property. To prevent this, please label ALL of your child's items (in as many places as possible) to prevent them being misplaced. However, if you do lose items please search the cloakroom and then pop to the lost property box located in the main school corridor.

Sponsorship

We are looking for companies, with a tie to the school, to sponsor a range of different things including new sports kits and a court yard improvement project. We are aware that some companies e.g. HSBC and The Post Office, offer opportunities to apply for funding. If your company or the company you work for would be interested in this type of project, please contact the school office. Thank-you, in advance, for any support you may provide.



Teachers on The Yard

We are trying to make it easier for parents and carers to speak with school staff, therefore, teachers will be out on the yard at the beginning and end of the day. They will come out at **8:40 am** to speak with parents and then again at **3:10 pm**.

For safeguarding reasons, we are asking ALL parents to leave their children at the cloakroom door. Staff are more than willing to meet with parents/carers, when they are not teaching, to discuss more confidential matters.