

1st November 2016

Dear Parents

I hope you had an enjoyable half term and that the children feel refreshed to face a busy 7 week and 2 days half term, culminating in Christmas activities.

Sunshine Awards 2016

Zach Emmerson (Y6) and Daisy Ellis (Y6) were presented with Sunshine Awards in recognition of their happy, sunny personalities.

Sport Tournaments / Competitions

Shooting Stars 2016/17

Congratulations go to Rory Depledge (Y5), Joel Corbyn (Y5) and Beth Hale (Y5) who were successful in the Shooting Stars selection this year.

Mini Soccer Tournaments

The boys' team played well in the tournament on 29th September and came 3rd out of 12 teams. The girls' team played well in the tournament on 13th October and were placed joint 3rd of 7 teams. Well done. Special congratulations go to Evie Hamilton (Y6) who scored all the goals – 10 in total!

Cross Country Event

The Year 4s, 5s and 6s who took part in the cross country event did a fantastic job. Many children finished in the top 10. Congratulations to the Year 5 teams who have qualified for the district final on Thursday 24th November at Tupton Secondary School in the afternoon. Well done to Scarlett Kent (Y4), Joel Corbyn (Y5), Rory Depledge (Y5) and Tilly Barber (Y5) who all came 1st place in their respective categories.

Games Day – Tuesday 8th November

All children will take part in some skipping and playground games and training will be provided for the Midday Meals Supervisors. This will be funded using the Sport Premium funding and will impact on playtime activity.

Y6 Transfer to Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School

Year 6 children will transfer to DHFS on Monday 17th July for the whole week, during the last week of the school year.

Parking

We wish to emphasise the following points for the safety of the children:

- Please adhere to the voluntary one-way system around Balmoral Crescent.
- **Do not park or drop off directly outside the school gates.**
- **Do not park or drop off on the zigzag lines outside the school gates.**
- **Do not park or drop off directly opposite the school gates.**
- Please park away from the school and walk a short distance if possible.
- Please be considerate to residents on Balmoral Crescent when parking.

P.T.O

Some parents continue to ignore these requests, particularly those highlighted in bold. Please report families who ignore these requests and we will issue personal letters, keep a record on file and report the situation to the police including registration numbers, if supplied.

Parentmail

As you will be aware, our school subscribes to Parentmail, a school-to-home communication system. In order to ensure that the system runs smoothly and that we are able to contact all parents quickly and easily, we would like to ask all parents to log onto the Parentmail site (www.parentmail.co.uk) and check that the details held there are correct (mobile numbers and email addresses). You will have been sent your login details by Parentmail. This is important as school uses Parentmail to contact parents in the event of school closures due to snow and when children take part in residential trips.

If you cannot remember your login details, please contact Parentmail direct, as school does not have a record of any parent logins (Tel: 0906 7514000 or email: contact@parentmail.co.uk)

Charity Sponsor

We continue to support Sujeshselvam who is a 10 year old boy who lives in a Goodwill Children's Home in the Palani Hills. His mother died and his father is sick and unable to look after the children. Sujeshselvam is creative – he loves drawing, music and dance. We send £300 each year to support Sujesh. Nursery and Reception pupils raised £71.00 following their Harvest Festival performance. There will be a collection following the Y5/Y6 Carol Concert at the church which is divided equally between Sujesh and the church and the same children in school will take part in carol singing at Sainsburys to raise further money for this worthwhile cause. Thank you for your support.

Reminders and Diary Dates

Year 6 Play for a Day – Romeo and Juliet. Wednesday 2nd November.
Performance for family members at 3pm.

London Visit – Y6 Thursday 3rd November

Bag2School – Friday 4th November – morning collection.
Please send unwanted clothing etc.

Games Day – Tuesday 8th November.
All children in school will take part in some skipping and playground games.

Poppies

Poppies will be available in school (donations please).
Please could all children wear a poppy on Friday 11th November when school will hold a 2 minute silence at 11.00am. Year 6 children will be visiting London on 3rd November and a poppy should be worn if possible. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 14th – Friday 18th November

Theme: 'Together we are stronger'

Please discuss bullying with your child (especially name-calling) and help to make sure we are informed if bullying is taking place. Friendships and all forms of bullying will be discussed during the week and children will be reminded to tell an adult if they feel bullied or see bullying taking place.

Parent Consultations – Monday 14th November/Wednesday 16th November
Please make sure you have an appointment.

Usborne Book Fair – Monday 14th November 3.20 – 8.00pm in school

Nursery Open Morning – Tuesday 15th November 9.30 – 10.30am

Please tell family and friends who may be interested.

Children in Need – Friday 19th November

Please dress in spots as the theme is 'Spotacular'. Thank you.

Choir Performance – Saturday 19th November 1.45 – 2.30pm

The choir will perform at the craft fair held in Dronfield Civic Centre to celebrate the Town Twinning Festival

Wrates Family Photo Night – Wednesday 23rd November 5.30 onwards. Please contact school if you have not returned a form but would like to arrange a family photo.

Swimming – Year 4

This finishes on Monday 28th November 2016 and starts on Monday 9th January 2017.

'**The Snowman**' - Year 3 – Winding Wheel – Wednesday 7th December.

Christmas Assemblies

Y2	Monday 5 th December	2.30pm
Y1	Tuesday 6 th December	2.30pm
Y4	Wednesday 7 th December	2.30pm
Y3	Thursday 8 th December	2.30pm
Y5/Y6	Tuesday 13 th December	6.15 for 6.30pm at Dronfield Parish Church

Foundation Stage Nativity

Reception Parents	Friday 9 th December	10.30am
Nursery Parents	Monday 12 th December	10.30am

Flu Immunisation Y1-Y3 Thursday 8th December

Please make sure that you have returned the consent form or your child will not receive the immunisation.

Christmas Parties

Y3 and Y4	Tuesday 13 th December (pm)
Y1 and Y2	Wednesday 14 th December (pm)
Y5 and Y6	Thursday 15 th December (pm)
N and Rec	Monday 19 th December (am)

Christmas Dinner – Friday 16th December – Non-Uniform day

We hope all children in school will have a Christmas Dinner in school. If your child usually has sandwiches, but would like to have a Christmas Dinner, please send £2.00 into school in a named envelope on Monday 12th December. If your child normally has school meals, just send payment in as usual at the beginning of the week. This is a non-uniform day.

Break Up for Christmas

Nursery	Monday 19 th December
School	Tuesday 20 th December

Nursery and School Re-Open – Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Tuesday 3rd January is a training day for First Aid

Yours sincerely

Nancy White
Headteacher