



Dunton VC Lower School Newsletter - Autumn Term - Half Term 2011

School Photographer

As previously notified, Tempest Photographers, are coming into school on **Wednesday, 2nd November 2011**. This session will be for individual/family photographs which will be delivered in time for Christmas. Family photographs will be taken first at 8.45, with individual pupil photographs taken after registration. If you would like any further information regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Please remember there is no obligation to purchase these photographs but we know that some parents like to give them as Christmas presents.

Christmas Craft Club

Christmas craft club (for Years 4, 3 and 2) starts on the first day back from half term holiday, **Tuesday, 1st November**. Letters went out yesterday confirming each pupil's place. The total cost for the five weeks is £10.00 which may be paid as one lump sum or £2.00 per week. Cash only please. Thank you.

Reminder - Operation Christmas Child

If you have prepared a Christmas Shoe Box for the Operation Christmas Child appeal please remember to bring it into school on Friday, 4th November or take it with you to the Church service on Sunday 6th November (9.30am). If you have a few items but not enough to make up a box please drop them into the school office by Tuesday, 1st November so that they may be included in the boxes made up by the Church. Thank you for your support.

Half Term

It is half term next week and we wish you all a good break. Don't forget we come back on **Tuesday, 1st November 2011**.



Parents & Friends Association

Reminder Thursday, 20th October 2011

There will be a PFA cake stall in the school hall from 3.15pm on Thursday. Please bring in your cakes on Thursday morning, there will be a table outside (weather permitting) if not please bring them into the hall.

Christmas Bazaar - 1st December 2011

The PFA need cardboard tubes for one of the stalls at the Christmas bazaar. Please bring into school any wrapping paper tubes, kitchen roll inners etc that you may have, but no toilet roll tubes. Thank you.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help the PFA run a stall at the Christmas bazaar please let the school office know or inform any member of the PFA. The more stalls we can set up the more successful the bazaar will be.

Thank you for your continued support.

Clubs

The lunchtime multi-skills club is proving very popular. Please remember to return your forms and payment for the next half term by Thursday, 3rd November; if you need a spare form they are available in the school office.

There are still a few places available.

Winter P.E. Kit

During the winter months please ensure that your child has an extra sweatshirt and joggers, socks plus trainers in their PE kit as some lessons will continue to be outdoors, weather permitting. Please ensure that your child also keeps a pair of shorts in their kit for indoor PE and that your child's PE kit stays in school all week. Thank you.

Website

Don't forget to visit our website: duntonvclowerschool.com



Firework Extravaganza

There will be a Firework Display on Saturday, 5th November 2011 at Edward Peake Middle School in Biggleswade. Gates open at 5.30pm and the bonfire lit at 6.00pm. The fireworks display starts at 7.00pm. Tickets prices are Adult £5, Child/Concession £3 or a family ticket (2 adults/2 children) £12. BBQ, hot and cold refreshments available on the night. Please see the poster in our hall window.

Music

This week Mrs Hunt is practising with the Owl Class during their music lesson for the recording for the BBC Songs of Praise School Choir competition.

Our School choir (Years 3 and 4 pupils) has also been entered into the Bedfordshire Festival of Music, in the small schools' section, which we have won in previous years. Please if at all possible, keep **Saturday, 4th March 2012** free, so that your child may compete.

Mobile Parking Enforcement Vehicle

Please be aware that Central Bedfordshire Council has purchased a new mobile enforcement vehicle equipped with Automatic Number Plate Recognition in response to dangerous and disruptive parking near Schools in Bedfordshire. Whilst the majority of parents are considerate, there are a small number of individuals that endanger the safety of others by parking inappropriately. The Enforcement vehicle will be travelling around Bedfordshire schools collecting the registration numbers of vehicles parked on restrictions and yellow lines and may issue Penalty Charge Notices.



Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils on their out of school achievements:

Samuel has achieved the 25metre distance certificate for swimming. Congratulations!

Jake A took part in the Circus Stars Summer Reading Challenge. Jake was successful in completing the challenge and was awarded a Circus Stars Certificate. He read 46 books. Well done!

Other Summer Reading Challenge successes were achieved by Evie and Zoe. Well done to you both!

Zoe has also achieved a Turquoise Rosette Award for Ballet with the International Dance Teachers Association. Congratulations!

Abbie has been very busy; Abbie recently passed her Grade 1 singing examination and also gained a 'Distinction' for her examination piece from the LAMDA Examination Board. Well done!

Once again our karate pupils excelled at the September grading. Please see results below:-

Jorja - Purple Belt - Outstanding
Elise - Purple Belt - Outstanding
Zoe - Purple Belt - Outstanding
Joshua B - Purple Belt - Distinction
Abbie - Purple Belt - Distinction
Connor - Purple Belt - Distinction
Jake A - Orange Belt - Distinction
Zac - Blue Belt - Distinction

What a fantastic set of results, well done to everyone!!

Noticeable performances were Jorja and Elise deciding to perform their examinations on their own rather than in a group which got a huge reaction from the spectators watching.

Please let the office know if you would like your child's out of school achievements mentioned in our newsletters. Thank you. You can always email them to us on: dunton@cbc.beds.sch.uk