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**Principal's message to families – 19 July 2024**

**Next weeks Lower school word of the week is – [explore](#)**

**The Upper school word of the week is – [decide](#)**

**Sunshine and rain this week!**

**And lots of activity at Dawn House School as ever!**

Our **6<sup>th</sup> formers** have been out volunteering this week- painting and decorating in the community! They worked with VIY (Volunteer it Yourself) to create female changing rooms from a shipping container and generally helped to update facilities at the Mansfield Colts football club. They all worked really hard and helped to complete the project. A big well done and thank you to VIY for providing transport.

There was a PE trip to Walesby Forest activity Centre and a Motor Vehicle trip to Coventry Motor Museum. All enjoyed the cars old and new and seeing the land speed record cars.

Last night was our first **Primary residential!** Children stayed on campbeds on site after a trip out for play and pizza...and were all asleep by 8.30!!!

Today we are hosting Heathlands School (our local Primary) for their **lifeguard training**, ready for starting to use our pool one day a week next year!

We also held our annual **Showcase event-** a fabulous end of year celebration of all that is musical at Dawn House! This was well attended by parents and Jane Harris (Speech and Language UK Chief Executive) and was enjoyed by all. The support and interest that the children give to each other never ceases to impress me. Pupils and staff did us proud!

### **Holiday clubs**

There is information on Weduc and on Facebook about our holiday clubs. You can book and pay through Weduc but need to do so by **Tuesday lunchtime** at the latest so plans can be firmed up. If any sessions are not full, we will not be able to run them.

### **Next year**

#### **School Meals**

The price for a school meal will be going up in September 2024 to £2.95. This will be for lunch, and tea for after school clubs.



This is in line with recommendations from Nottinghamshire County Council. Parents should continue to book and pay for meals via Weduc (Reach more parents), unless your child is eligible for Free school Meals.

### **Parental contributions please**

We are delighted to have such lovely feedback about the amazing meals, puddings and cakes that your children bring home after Food and nutrition lessons. The cost of running these lessons and purchasing the ingredients continues to increase.

**From September, the parental contribution will be £20 per half term.**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Family Funday!**

#### **21<sup>st</sup> September!**

As advertised on our Facebook page and through Weduc we are delighted to **open ticket sales** for this event. **The cost is £10 per car**, which you will be able to pay through Weduc or at school. You will then receive your ticket. Feel free to bring wider family to join in the day. We have hired giant inflatables and there will be a range of other activities, including the sensory bus and an ice-cream van! We suggest you bring a picnic and fingers crossed for a dry day of fun!

Prize draw! **Don't forget to bring your tickets on the 21<sup>st</sup> as there will be a PRIZE DRAW!**

### **More exciting news!**

Dawn House School is offering a **free after-school club** every Wednesday throughout the entire Autumn term 2024 and Spring term 2025. This club, provided by Mansfield Town Football Club, will be multi-sports themed and will run from 3:30pm-5:00pm.

The after-school club would require a commitment from parents/carers to be on site to collect their child at 5:00pm, unless of course they are residential on that night.

If you would like to book your child onto the after-school club, please send a message to Mr. Rose via Weduc, who will put your child's name down on a pre-register of interest and will confirm attendance as soon as possible.

### **Dates:**

September 2024: 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2024: 2, 9, 16

November 2024: 6, 13, 20, 27

December 2024: 4, 11, 18



January 2025: 8, 15, 22, 29

February 2025: 5, 12, 26

March 2025: 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2025: 2

Looking forward to the week ahead, and the summer break, but also to an exciting new school year!

**A reminder that pupils finish at 1pm on THURSDAY. We would really appreciate a prompt pick up.**

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If your child leaves home in the morning a little unsettled and you want to quickly tell us, so we know to expect a tricky start to the day, a quick email (that we can follow up later) to the tutor and/or core team with **'Handle with Care'** in the email title will ensure that we are aware.