



4 July 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Apologies for the delay in sending this week's letter - it has been a busy week with the Ofsted Inspection.

Thanks go to all the JD1 parents for their support at home with baking for the Cake Sale on Friday. It was wonderful to see the pupils so excited to sell their items, and excited about the baking process they had worked through. The sale raised a total of £78.35.

We are currently embedded in organising key events for next academic year. I am pleased to bring you good news: we are expecting to bring back swimming in the spring and summer terms, and we are arranging for every child to swim every week for those two terms. This is double the amount of swimming that we usually access, but will go some way to redressing the imbalance caused by being unable to swim at all during this year. Please note that all pupils will need a swimming cap, as well as swimming kit as per the uniform list.

Reminder: General Election Day

Please be aware that Madeley House will be a **polling station on 4 July**. This means there will be members of the public moving in and out of the building. It also means that parking may be more difficult than usual. Please take additional care to ensure that you supervise your child until they are in the care of JD staff, or safely through the gate to the Chorister staff.

With members of the public in the building, there will be a uniformed police officer stationed on site to ensure pupil/staff safety.

Please talk with your children about the election and answer their questions. We will be holding a version of the general election in School, with children choosing between the key ideas from each of the parties. We will set up booths and run the process formally to help the children understand what takes place in the real election.

This year, the Year 6 pupils are off site at Year 7 Move-up Day when the election takes place, therefore we will ask the Year 6 children to complete their votes on Tuesday for us to count on the day.

Friday 5 July – JD2 Fineshades Wood Hike

JD2 pupils will be taken to Fineshades Wood on Friday, and there is no cost to parents for this trip. Pupils will need sturdy footwear or hiking boots, a full packed lunch, plenty of water and the usual hiking kit:

- Lightweight waterproof
- Plastic bag to sit on
- Lunch and snack (no sweets or solid chocolate please)
- Water
- School hoodie for easy identification
- Sturdy clothing and footwear - pupils may arrive in their hiking gear
- Sunhats, sunscreen as needed
- Binoculars (at your own risk)

Next Week - 8-12 July

Next week is the main School's activities week. This effects our timetable because our secondary teachers will not be teaching in JD for 5 days. Please note that School lunches will continue as normal for JD pupils for the first four days, but **all JD pupils will need a packed lunch on Friday 12 July.**

Year 6 Leavers' Service

Parents of all Year 6 pupils are invited to our service on Friday 12th July, starting at 1pm. We will open the doors for you at 12:45. The service will last up to an hour.

Open Afternoon

Open Afternoon starts at 2.10 pm on Friday 12 July and is an opportunity for you to come into School and celebrate your child's work over the past year. Once you have seen their work, you are welcome to take them home before the end of the day. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a grandparent, or asking another parent to act on your behalf.

Tuesday 16 July - Main School Sports Day

On this day, all JD pupils will need a packed lunch. We will be walking to the athletics track during the morning, and all the JD relay teams will run again for the main School Sports Day. We will then return to JD for lunch and collection is from JD at the end of the day.

Looking Ahead: End of Term

The end of term is **12.30pm on Friday 18 July.** If you are arranging for collection by someone other than those on your collection list, please let us know in advance.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Ludford
Head of Junior Department