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Aiming High Together

Dovedale Primary School Association presents....Long Eaton Carnival

Dear Parent/Carer,

We invite the children, parents and staff of Dovedale Primary school to be part of our entry into the Long Eaton Carnival on **Saturday 21st June 2024 9.30am-1.30pm** approximately.

We are writing to you with information regarding this year's carnival to enable you to make an informed decision about taking part.

We have been exceptionally fortunate again this year to have had an incredibly generous loan of a lorry and driver from Liam Webb of Maple Tree Care; meaning Dovedale Primary School will again be taking part primarily as a float rather than a walking party; and we will be looking to retain our 1st place prize awarded for the last two years.

We have worked super hard behind the scenes thus far to secure the accompaniment of Apollo Dj's and Entertainers to provide music and merriment as we parade round.

The route: Should remain the same as last year. The assembly point for everyone is West Park Events Field, we must be in place and registered by 10:00am ready for the judging therefore we will be asking for people to arrive at 9.30-9.45. The parade will move off at 11:00am sharp and on reaching the road will turn left down Wilsthorpe Road. At the train station roundabout the parade will turn left and proceed along Tamworth Road and through the Market Place before turning left at The Green up Derby Road, left into Wilsthorpe Road at the Eaton Farm roundabout and will arrive at West Park about 1pm. Before coming to a halt the parade will pass through Arena 1 on the showground.

Steward / Marshalls: The Chief Steward/Organiser will be Rachel Whaley from the PTA Committee, who will attend the LECCA road parade and site briefing before the carnival. We will require the support of a small number of parents to act as "Marshalls", which essentially means you will wear a high-vis vest and support the chief steward in ensuring basic safety standards are adhered to such as ensuring children remain seated and no-one attempts to leave the vehicle while moving. These are an essential requirement and we **CANNOT** take part without stewards so please consider volunteering if you are able (you will have the option to volunteer to Marshall when booking your child's place in the parade).



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Health and Safety: ALL CHILDREN **MUST** BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/CARER either on the float (space permitting) or walking alongside.

Young people are not allowed to stand or walk about on a moving float, and they should not dangle their legs over an edge. Parents/carers must be aware of health and safety requirements when groups of children are under their supervision. People will not be allowed to get off the float whilst it is in motion. There are toilet facilities at West Park but no other arrangements are provided along the route (in previous years the number of pubs along the route have generally allowed toilets to be used by carnival participants but it is not a given). It is encouraged to bring drinks/snacks for the children while on route as well as suitable clothing for the weather forecast such as a waterproof in case of rain.

Please also be aware that whilst we do have a float there will be a limited places and so as we did last year priority will be given to the younger children first. Last year we did manage to get all children (who wanted to go on) on the float and sat down.

Costume/accessories/decorations: All participants **MUST** be dressed according to our chosen theme which follows the overall carnival theme of “**BOARD GAMES**”. After taking suggestions from children in school, we have decided on the board game “**OPERATION**”. Children will be asked to choose a costume that relates to the main theme and will include things such as doctors, nurses, body parts, surgical tools, skeletons etc... See below for some initial ideas to get your creative juices flowing. Please be assured you do not need to worry unnecessarily about fancy costumes; clothing in the appropriate colour scheme with a mask/face-paint/headband etc. will be great; it is about taking part and having fun!

Carnival Awards: There are three awards up for grabs, with Dovedale having previously won the best walking parade 3 years in a row and even honoured with best in parade in 2018, then the last two year's winning best children's float. Taking part in the carnival gives us a perfect opportunity not only to show off our wonderfully creative children (and parents) but hopefully win another award.

After the successful implementation of using our events portal ticketing system last year we will be using this again for parents and carers to secure places for their children. Tickets will go live on **Monday 28/04/2024 at 7pm**. These tickets are **FREE** but this will allow us to monitor numbers, ask for volunteer Marshalls and communicate with you as a group using the booking system.

Here is a QR code and link to the tickets.

Event URL:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dovedaleprimarylongeatonpta/?event=event&eventId=96328>



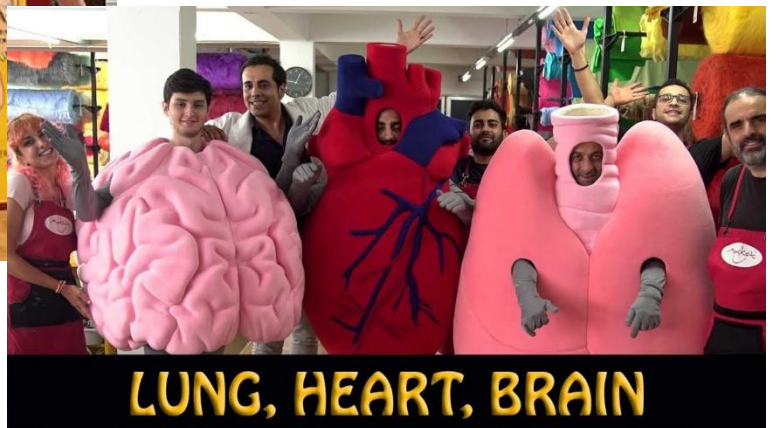
If you have any materials or props you could donate to help with the “OPERATION” theme, we would love to hear from you; we have a huge float to decorate with 12 wheels plus the front and back! Children in school will be making some decorations but more is definitely merrier on this occasion! Even if it's saving large cardboard boxes that we can cut up... We are also aware there are some medical professionals amongst our wonderful school community; Dr's, nurses, radiographers.....is there any way any of you could support with medical related items to use as decorations...? Get your thinking caps on!

We will also be looking for volunteers to help create some of the art work as well as put the float together the night before. If you would like to get involved please contact us using the below mentioned contact information.

Let's make this the best year ever for Dovedale's entry into the carnival by joining in with the team effort required to make it happen!

For further carnival details please see www.longeatoncarnival.org.uk

If you have any questions you can contact the Dovedale Association either through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/dovedaleassociation or by emailing us DovedaleAssociation@dovedale.derbyshire.sch.uk
Please do not contact the school office as they are not able to answer PTA.



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