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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 17th June 2023 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 will write to you within the next few days with details regarding reply slips to commit to taking part in the carnival.

We have been exceptionally fortunate this year to have had an incredibly generous loan of a lorry and driver from Liam Webb of Maple Tree Care; meaning for the first time in recent history Dovedale will be taking part as a float rather than a walking party.

The route: 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 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.

Stewards: 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 "stewards" 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 (at least 4 additional stewards will be required to walk the route in close proximity to the float)

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

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are under their supervision. People will not be allowed to get off a 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.

Costume/accessories/decorations: All participants must be dressed according to our chosen theme which follows the overall carnival theme of "Nature and animals". After taking suggestions from parents/carers on the association page, we have decided on the "Mother Nature" theme. Children will be asked to choose a costume that will relate to the main theme and will include things such as weather, insects, jungle animals, sea creatures... 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! Also remember we have the animal day at school on the 25th May, costumes from this day could be reused for the carnival.

We are seeking a DJ or substantial sound system to use on the float. We will also need helping sourcing materials to decorate the float, and/or make nature themed decorations. If you can assist with any of these requests please contact the PTA/a PTA member.

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. Taking part in the carnival gives us a perfect opportunity not only to show off our wonderfully creative children (and parents) but hopefully win an award.

We will write to you again in a few days with a reply slip that will need filling in a returning to school. This will allow you to digest the information in this letter and ask the PTA any further questions you may have.

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 queries.

