



Dallington CEP School

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Welcome back

The Summer holidays seem a long time ago now! Everyone seems to have returned with a very positive attitude and it has been an excellent start to a new year. By Friday all of our new Reception children will be in – can I take this opportunity to welcome all our new parents? As well as new parents and children we have two new teachers. Miss Mewett is working in Woods Corner class. She is a student teacher and will be working alongside the Woods Corner team to learn as she works. We also have Mrs Dipple who will be working in Bodle Street on a Thursday and Friday. Welcome to them both.

We also welcome Mrs Morse as our new Executive Headteacher. She will continue the brilliant work of Mrs Frankis whilst bringing her own unique skills and talents to the role. It is an exciting time in the Federation.

Inset days

As part of our Inset days (which seem a long time ago) all of the staff undertook Safeguarding training. Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

Child protection is part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

Undertaking the training is never the nicest course but it is essential if we are to ensure all

of the children at Dallington remain safe. As part of that whole process we have three Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) at Dallington who are available at all times if you need to talk to them about any issues or concerns- they are Mr Cox, Miss Conaway (Inclusion manger) and Mrs Morse (Executive Headteacher)

Help needed

Before we finished for the Summer I wrote and asked if anyone was able to give up a few hours of their week to support us in delivering high quality opportunities to our children. I am very pleased to announce that we have two new librarians- our library is now open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday play and lunchtimes.

We are still in need of someone to run our gardening club. Cathy Stovell ran it on a Friday morning. She took about 6 to 8 children out every week and they weeded, planted, ate, learnt and enjoyed themselves. If anyone is interested in carrying on this fantastic work please speak to Mr Cox, it doesn't have to be a Friday – there it total flexibility.

Brian Moses

I am really pleased to announce that we have a new Patron of Reading. The Patron of Reading scheme pairs professional authors with schools. The authors work closely with the schools to develop a love of reading and literacy. For the last three years we have been fortunate to work with Ann Bryant, she was amazing and delivered some wonderful lessons, workshops and plays. We now welcome Brian Moses. Brian is a world

renowned poet. He is one of England's most celebrated poets. He lives locally and is totally focused on promoting a love of everything Literacy!

Brian will be visiting Dallington on Monday 18th September. He will be working with all of the children delivering his high energy poetry. There will be a chance to buy Brian's books if the children would like, he will also sign them. The books are priced between £4.99 and £7.99. If the children could bring in their money in a named envelope it will ensure that nothing goes missing! If you are interested in finding out more about Brian please visit his website

<http://www.brianmoses.co.uk>

or visit the poetry archive to hear Brian read one his most famous poems, 'walking my iguana'.

www.poetryarchive.org/poem/walking-my-iguana

Book Fayre

To coincide with Brian's visit and our writing week we will also be holding a book fayre. The book fayre is an ideal chance for you to come in and purchase some high quality books and support the school at the same time. For all the books we sell the school get a commission, this helps us restock the library and ensure the classes have new and relevant books. The book fayre will be launched on Friday 22nd September and be open every day after school for the coming week.

To help launch the book fayre FODS **Will Not** be selling ice creams but they will be selling hot chocolate and marshmallows. Dallington FODS introduce Hot chocolate Friday's! Please stay after school, have a hot chocolate, have a chat and buys some books!

Also....

At the front of the school we had a lovely picture of Noah's ark that all of the children (who were at school at the time) helped us create. Unfortunately it has not aged very

well and was looking very faded. Before we broke up for the Summer Mrs Bowles Mrs Catt and the children designed a wonderful new mosaic to adorn the front of our school. It is missing a few pieces as all of the children will add their own square. We hope to finish this by next Friday. So as well as a book fayre, our writing week and hot chocolate Friday we will be showcasing our brand new mosaic- it is well worth coming to see – it looks fantastic!

Letters home

Coming home today is a letter from Exemplar education. It is a service that provides support for children's English and maths. As a school we cannot endorse any one product above another however we do receive a 'cash' gift for circulating these flyers. Please do look at the form, complete it – even if you are not interested- and return it to Mrs Cuming's box. The more responses we have the more money the school receives.

If you require any help with your child's education please do not hesitate to speak to the class teachers!

Parking

The council have issued new guidelines and stricter rules around parking on the yellow zig zags outside of schools. You are not allowed to stop or park on the yellow zig zags at any time. Schools have been encouraged to contact the Council if people do it persistently. We obviously don't want to do this, please remember we are raising this because we are trying to keep people safe not to upset anyone!

Attendance

The Council have also introduced a new campaign to improve attendances at school. The 'Get a Grip' campaign will be advertised on the radio, in schools and across the County. At Dallington we worked hard last year on our attendance and we

did see an improvement in our figures. Good attendance is considered as 95%. At Dallington we will continue to promote good attendance in class with the children and hope we can continue to count on your support.

Dates for your diary

Below are the start of this term's dates – this will be updated as soon as all the dates are agreed. I have also started to add dates the calendar on the school website.

Term dates

Sept

18th Brian Moses in
27th Year R coffee morning

October

4th Year curriculum meeting
10th whole school Harvest Festival

December

18th Dec whole school visits pantomime

Next Year's Dates

Term 1	Tues 5 Sept 17	Fri 20 Oct 17
Autumn holiday	Mon 23 Oct 17	Fri 27 Oct 17
Term 2	Mon 30 Oct 17	Wed 20 Dec 17
Christmas holiday	Thurs 21 Dec 17	Mon 1 Jan 18
Term 3	Tues 2 Jan 18	Fri 9 Feb 18
February holiday	Mon 12 Feb 18	Fri 16 Feb 18
Term 4	Mon 19 Feb 18	Thurs 29 Mar 18
Spring holiday	Fri 30 Mar 18	Fri 13 Apr 18
Term 5	Mon 16 Apr 18	Fri 25 May 18
May holiday	Mon 28 May 18	Fri 1 Jun 18
Term 6	Mon 4 Jun 18	Fri 20 Jul 18