

# Dallington CEP School

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Providing children with Christian values that will give them confidence in school and the wider world

#### **Christian Values**

I hope you have all had an opportunity to look at the amazing Easter gardens that are now in the school corridor. Thank you to everyone who was able to 'build' one. These wonderful gardens will all be entered into the Year of Prayer competition run by the Diocese. Well done.

#### **Attendance**

Just before the snow days - first time around - both Mrs Morse and I wrote to you about the importance of regular attendance. It caused a lot of discussion and many people spoke to me personally. I am pleased to say that we have seen an improvement in our overall attendance percentage. Thank you to everyone for your support - let's keep working together to address this issue.

### **Bank closing**

We wanted to let you know/remind you that the NatWest Banks in Heathfield, Battle and Hailsham are all due to close in June.

We are taking this opportunity for Dallington to go (almost) cashless. That doesn't mean everything is free; it means you will be able to make payments from the comfort of your own armchair! You will be able to make online payments for School Trips, uniform and other voluntary contributions through the already familiar Parentmail system.

Parents who are still making payment for Brightling's residential to carry on in the usual way until all payments have been made.

The school will be moving over to the new cashless system from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Just a reminder there is an app for your smart phones for Parentmail.

We will send out a set of instructions after Easter on how you can make payments.

#### Year 4 residential

Last week the children in year 4 met up with the other year 4's from across the Federation for their annual residential. They spent three days at Blackland Farm- climbing, shooting, tunnelling, stacking crates, socialising and enjoying some freedom! A massive thank you to all the children and staff who made it such a wonderful three days.





(not as bad as it sounds). It was a wonderful day, the dinosaurs were on their best behaviour, the children were brilliant and everyone learnt lots!



## **Vikings at Dallington!**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, as part of their topic, Brightling class held a Viking Day. They had a chance to experience Viking life for the day; they tasted food and drink, learnt about the Viking gods and made a wonderful long boat. It was a brilliant day with everyone having the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of Viking life.

## Finally.....

It doesn't seem possible but another term has come and gone. The Summer term is always a lovely one – if nothing else there should be no snow! I wanted to write and thank you all for your continued support; have a wonderful Easter and enjoy some family time and lots of chocolate.



## **Dates for your diary**

Dates will be updated as they are set – please keep checking

Easter holidays 30th March – 13th April

## **April**

Term 5 starts

16<sup>th</sup> April

# **Dinosaur experience**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Woods Corner class travelled back in time to the land of the dinosaurs. The children acted as scientists and explored dinosaur hearts, bones and poo! They watched eggs hatching and an autopsy

## **Term dates**

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