



Dallington CEP School

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

Macmillan Coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our coffee morning or donated after the event. We raised £100 for a fantastic cause.

Book fair

I hope you had the chance to come and purchase one of the many books that was on offer. We raised £380 in total which equates to £100 commission for the school. Thank you as this means that we will be able to ensure that our library and classrooms continue to carry the most up to date and relevant children's literature available.

Attendance

Attendance remains a target for us this year. We have set a target of 97% for the whole year. This is above county expectations and whilst it is high it is achievable. We know that children are ill and sometimes the absence is unavoidable that is why it is important you let the office know when your child(ren) is/are off sick. However to put that into context we have been back 22 days- that is 22 days of learning, 22 days of exciting and stimulating lessons, 22 days for your child to improve. In those 22 days we have only had 1 day where we have had 100% attendance!

Just different

Next week we welcome Just Different back to our school. You should have received a letter

about their visit. They are an amazing charity and deliver a brilliant message to the children. They rely on word of mouth and the support of the schools/organisations they visit. We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 12th October. The children can wear their own clothes for the donation of £1. All monies raised will go directly to supporting the wonderful work of Just Different.

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 16th October we will be holding our annual Harvest festival at St Giles church. We aim to start about 9:15am. This service is open to all parents- each class will be 'performing' a small piece. As well as having the opportunity of watching your amazing children we are asking for donations of food. All of your donations will again go to supporting the wonderful work of The Fellowship of St Nicholas in St Leonards. *FSN aims to provide effective and professional caring action without discrimination and favour for children and young people suffering the effects of poverty, disadvantage, neglect and abuse.*

This is another chance for us to show our support to a very local charity. Please ensure food does not come in until the morning of the service and we cannot accept raw meat as we or FSN have no way of cooking the food.

Parental mornings

We will again be holding a series of mornings for parents – they are there to help you understand how we are teaching, what we are teaching and how you can support your child at home. The mornings will be led by our

teachers, they are relaxed, informative and there to support – you will not miss playtime if you do not understand...promise! There will be a separate letter coming out but the dates are

Maths: The new mastery approach and how you can support your child at home

5th November 9am -10:15am

Maths- videos to support:

20th November 9am- 10:15am

Reading – how we teach reading and how you can support your child at home

21st November 9-10:15am

Phonics – for all ages – how we teach and how you can support at home

27th November 9-10:15am

We also have our parental ICT club on a Friday – 3:30-4:30pm. Children are welcome to stay.

Hot chocolate Friday



On Friday 28th September, we had our first hot chocolate Friday. As you will remember the children who reach GOLD on our new behaviour scheme get chosen to have hot chocolate with a member of staff. We had eight children join Mr Cox for a rather large cup of hot chocolate and a slice of cake. Well done to everyone who attended and keep up the hard work.

Library

DALLINGTON SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!

We have this wonderful resource but have no adults to help us run it. Do you have a couple

of hours free each week when you could help us and help the children? We need librarians to sure the library is used properly. Please speak to either Mr Cox or Mrs Bloom if you would be interested. We can offer lots of tea and biscuits, a friendly team to work with and the most wonderful book borrowers in the world!

We have had 1 volunteer – is anyone available to help us?

Horse

I had a rather unsavoury incident reported to me last week; as it is second hand information and I do not have all the facts I am not going to go into detail. The incident involved (we believe) a parent and two horses. The parent did not pass the horses safely and was then 'rude' to the riders. The information has been passed to the police. Can I just remind everyone that we are blessed with the most amazing setting for our school but with that comes a few challenges – narrow lanes, tractors, horses on the road etc? We are part of a bigger community and everyone with that community deserves respect.

Dates for your diary

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

October

8th Individual photographs
10th Just Different visiting
15th Brian Moses visit & flu vaccine
16th Harvest Festival – St. Giles 9:30am
19th Whole school welly walk
19th Last day of term 1
29th INSET DAY
30th Term 2 starts

November

2nd open afternoon
5th Parents evening 3pm
6th Prospective parent morning 9:30am

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8th Year 6 take over day 1
12-16th Anti bullying week
15th Year 6 take over day 2
16th Children in need mufti day
28th Prospective parent afternoon 2pm
30th Decoration making morning
30th Federation carol concert

December

10th Nativity – St Giles 2pm
11th Nativity – St Giles 6pm
14th Christmas lunch
17th Panto
19th Carol Service – St Giles 2pm
19th Last day of term 2

January

3rd INSET day
4th INSET day
7th Term 3 starts