



# Dallington CEP School

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

## Welcome back

If you blinked – Summer came and went! I hope you all had a wonderful break, enjoyed the sun and had lots of family time! We are all very excited about this term- well Christmas is at the end of it – who wouldn't be excited? It has been so lovely the last three days to see children returning to school with huge smiles, keen to get back into a routine and wanting to learn. We have three exciting topics happening across the school – all three will challenge the children and hopefully inspire them. We welcome 11 new Reception children next week and have new Y6/playground leaders looking very grown up in their red jumpers. There are a few changes that you will become aware of as the new term unfolds – nothing to worry about....honest! However what hasn't changed is the school's attitude to looking after, supporting and developing every child. Our doors are always open if you have any queries, concerns or just want a chat- as you know we work in partnership with you to ensure every child achieves their full potential. Here is to a fantastic term!

## Christian Values

As you are all aware we had our Church inspection in June. It was a very positive learning experience – it praised what we had in place already and gave lots of tips on how we can develop the Christian distinctiveness further. We will continue to build on the foundations we already have in place. This term our Christian Value is thankfulness – as well as focusing on Harvest we will also be thinking about things we are thankful for.

## Attendance

Last year we worked hard on improving our whole school attendance. At the end of the term we had achieved a 'good level' of attendance across the school. Attendance is a big area at the moment- schools are being judged on their attendance. Taking away the school accountability, if children are off school they are missing learning – both social and academically and that can be a difficult gap to close. We all want the best for the children and it is such a simple area to tackle. Good attendance is considered 96% the Federation have set a target of 97%- working together we can achieve it.

A massive well done to all the children below who achieved above 96% attendance last year- including three achieving 100%



## Reading

Last year we launched our reading challenge – it proved incredibly popular and we will be continuing with it this year. If your child reads every night for a week and they get their reading record signed they can put a token in the jar. When the jar is at level 1 every one

will have a mufti day. When at level 2 they win a whole school prize- last year we had the giant slide.

On the subject of reading –

We welcome Brian Moses back as our Patron of Reading. Brian will continue to inspire the children with his work. To read some of the previous poems children, across the Federation, have written with him visit

<http://brian-moses.blogspot.com/2017/10/the-woodlands-federation-of-schools.html>

The library services summer reading challenge – finishes tomorrow (Saturday). It is not too late to get that final book read or to collect that final prize.

Finally we have our book fair on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of opportunities to come in and stock up early for Christmas!

## **FODS**

FODS are holding their AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the school staff room. The wonderful SJ has decided to step down as Chair so if you are full of ideas or you have time to support the school and its fundraising (which is so important in the current climate) please pop along and support our brilliant school!

## **Clubs**

The after school club list will be out next week, the only club to be running next week will be Great Out Tours on Thursday; sign up for this is online and available now. Choir may start next week; there will be 10 lessons between now and Christmas at a cost of £15.00. Payment and therefore permission for choir can be made via Parentmail – you will find it under the “shop” section.

## **Finally...**

Due to the new data regulations we are not allowed to send out the data collection sheets in paper form. As these are a record of how we contact you, it is vital that any changes are advised to the office immediately. This includes changes of telephone numbers of any of your emergency contacts. In due course we will be rolling out an app for your phones where you will be able to amend this sort of information yourself but in the meantime it must be done manually with the office.

## **Dates for your diary**

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

### **September**

16<sup>th</sup> New Reception parents coffee morning 9am  
24-27<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
25<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee morning in conjunction with the Book Fair - 9am

### **October**

10<sup>th</sup> Just Different visiting  
15<sup>th</sup> Brian Moses visit  
16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival – St. Giles 9:30am  
19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 1  
29<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY  
30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 starts

### **November**

### **December**

10<sup>th</sup> Nativity – St Giles 2pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Nativity – St Giles 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Carol Service – St Giles 2pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 2

### **January**

3<sup>rd</sup> INSET day  
4<sup>th</sup> INSET day  
7<sup>th</sup> Term 3 starts

