



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

In the last newsletter I wrote and told you about the formation of our new ethos group. They have been asked to monitor, question and drive forward the Christian ethos of our school. One of their first actions was to suggest an opportunity for the community to come together;

You are invited to pray for the school and members of the school community at the school, Wed 14th March, 2:45pm - 3:15pm. Led by Marc the Rector. All welcome. Cake provided! You can email prayer requests to marc_loyd@hotmail.com.

If you feel this is something you would like to support please come along, it will be held in the Centenary Lodge.

Attendance

I have always said I have the best job in the whole world. I have an amazing team of staff, stunning views and of course a wonderful school of children – who could ask for more? However, every so often I have to write to you with a complaint or in a not so jovial tone. Just before the snow days I wrote to you about the school attendance. This letter was not meant as a complaint it was pointing out an issue and one that needs to be addressed. I am so proud of our school and the education and opportunities we offer your children, but again, as it said, how can we help the children achieve their full potential if they have, in 1 case, missed over 400 lessons? I have spoken to many of you this week about the letter, my door is always open, and it has always been a positive conversation. Attendance figures will be shared, again, at the upcoming parents evenings. This is an easy problem to fix but it

is one that can only be fixed if we work together.

Parents evening

Our parents evenings are
Monday 12th – 3:30-5:30pm and
Tuesday 13th – 6-8pm.

You can book an appointment through Mrs Cuming. Mrs Morse will be here on the Tuesday.

As well as serving tea and coffee we will also have a couple of visitors. At our previous meetings in November the school nurse had a 'stall' in the corridor. This was, through feedback, useful. We have therefore invited two organisations in

Family Support Work: who support families struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement, family break-up and domestic abuse.

Narconon : who offer support with substance and alcohol abuse.

Neither are a reflection on individuals or the needs of our parents as a group but they are both local charities and both do excellent work. They are visiting to introduce themselves and offer advice and support. We will also have a table set up with some resources for online safety. Please feel free to help yourself to anything you may find useful.

Tate

During 'snow week' we sent out a parent mail about a young lady at Broad oak school called Tate. We asked you to vote for her as part of a scheme run through Brighton and Hove.

Well I pleased to share the following update from Mrs Hewess (Head of Broad Oak)
Thank you to everyone who voted for Tate Willis in Year 6 following the ParentMail we sent out last week. We are delighted to let you know that she is now down to the final 3, having been among 30,000 nominees to start with. Read more about her achievements here

<https://www.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/aitca/wardtopthree/>

*We will let you know how she progresses from here, but are sure she will enjoy the forthcoming Brighton match against Huddersfield that she's now been invited to watch with her family from the VIP Director's box!
Congratulations Tate.*

Reading

As part of our new reading challenge we launched a competition to have your child photographed reading with/to an animal. We have had lots of wonderful pictures already – we have extended the deadline until Tuesday 13th because of the snow. All entries need to be emailed or brought in by Tuesday please.

Also due to the snow we missed our World Book Day Mufti. This has been rearranged for Friday 16th. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character.

Today your child will also be bringing home a World Book Day voucher worth £1 off the cost of a book or can be exchanged for a World Book Day book.

Big dance

On Wednesday 7th March, Brightling class travelled to the Assembly Halls in Tunbridge Wells to perform as part of the Heathfield Schools Big Dance. Every year, a dance practitioner comes in and teaches our older children a routine. Under the expert eye of Sue Hallam and Mrs Bloom the children rehearse and then perform in front of an auditorium full of parents. I am always so proud and in awe of the children who are brave enough to take part but this year was

particularly special. The practitioner couldn't come in until 25th February, we then lost a week because of the snow – the class literally had 4 days in which to rehearse, refine and shine! I am proud to say that they did shine as well- they were all amazing. A massive well done to all of the schools involved and to Su Hallam and Mrs Bloom for their patience, determination and unwavering faith that it would be alright!



Dates for your diary

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

March

12 th /13 th	Parents' Eve
w/b 19 th	Sport relief week
21 st -23 rd	Year 4 residential
29 th	Easter egg hunt

Easter holidays 30th March – 13th April

April

Term 5 starts 16th April

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

