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

Welcome back

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and have recharged your batteries for the terms ahead. What a difference a holiday makes, the sun is out, the children have swapped their thick coats for summer dresses and shorts!

The Summer term at Dallington is always a special one, all four classes are working on the same topic - sea sides - and it promises to be an exciting, topical and colourful look at our coastlines. Hopefully you have had a chance to come into school and seen the brilliant learning area in Dallington, the corridor displays – outside Woods Corner and KS2, the wonderful doors and some of the ‘working’ displays that are appearing in class.

On top of all this excitement we are going to be working with 50+ other schools across the country to try and set a world record! All in 12 weeks!!!

Thank you to everyone who followed the request in the parent mail for children to come into school sun ready! We have a wonderful environment and want to use it as much as possible but it should not be at the detriment of the children’s health. They should have a hat, water bottle and be sun creamed please.

Just a reminder my door is always open, if you have any concerns, questions, moans, positive feedback or just want a cup of tea please do not hesitate to contact me.



Christian Values

A new term brings a new focus – our Christian value this term is friendship. We have already had two Collective Worships based on this theme, the children had some lovely ideas about what makes a good friend. These are being used to support our ‘Trudy’ display in the corridor.



Brightling Class

This is a tough term for our older children – term 5 brings SATS. This is tough for not only year 6 but brings a lot of disruption for year 5. Mrs Bloom and her team have done a fantastic job of getting the children ready and keeping them calm. As a class they do a couple of different activities to help them remain calm and take their mind off of SATS. Safia (Megan’s mum) has been coming in and working with the class on yoga, the children have found it useful and enjoyable. We have also invited David Law into work with the children on Prevent. *The Prevent duty became law back in 2015. This is a duty on all schools to have due regard to preventing people being drawn into terrorism. In order to protect children in your care, you must be alert to any reason for concern in the child’s life at home or elsewhere. This includes*

awareness of the expression of extremist views. All of the staff have been trained in Prevent but we felt it was important that our older children were introduced to some of the issues facing children in a modern society. I was so proud to hear from Mrs Bloom about how sensible, mature and interested the children were in a very difficult subject. Well done Brightling class – you are amazing!

Beat the Street

Last Summer East Sussex was transformed into a giant walking, running, and cycling game – with over 42,000 residents (including teams from over 140 schools) tapping ‘Beat Boxes’, collecting points for their team, and clocking up an impressive 230,927 miles - close to the distance between the Earth and the Moon!

How does the game work?

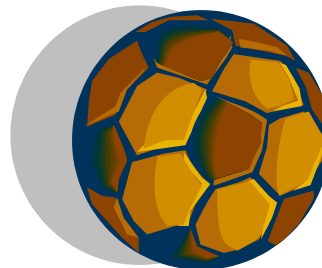
Beat the Street will see schools across East Sussex competing to see if who can travel the furthest by walking, cycling, or scooting between ‘Beat Boxes’, tracking their journey, and earning points for themselves and their team.

Our tiny little school did so well last year and we more than held our own against schools 5/6 times bigger than us. It is an ideal opportunity to get out as a family, be active, have some fun and support the school in a different way! More details and everything you need to take part will be out soon.



Football

We have been very fortunate in acquiring Ian Dove, an FA qualified coach, to work with Woods Corner, Bodle Street and Brightling classes each week. For the next six weeks he will be working with each class for 45 minutes – teaching them football skills, drills and how to kick a ball! He is also running a girls only club at lunchtime. We have already had our first session and it proved to be a big hit. Keep watching Match of the Day, one of superstars could be on there soon!



Path

The Summer term brings lots of opportunities for outside learning and for the children to access all of our wonderful grounds. Before the children were allowed on the field they have been accessing the new path. The path allows the children to walk all the way around the outside of the field – it has proved very popular already. The school will be starting to do ‘the mile a day’ – the path allows them the opportunity to have a slightly different walk from the normal daily routine. Please have a look at the new path next time you are in – we have had a parent jog around the path and set a ‘time’ if anyone would be interested!

New dates

I have added a few dates below – by the next newsletter we should have everything confirmed. Also individual letters will come out from classes about trips etc.

Dates for your diary

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

May

- 4th Ice Cream Fridays start **3:15pm**
- 14th Parents meeting – Prevent **2:30pm**
- 14-18th SATS week – Year 6 children
- 18th Royal Wedding Street party **11-1pm**
- 25th Whole school trip to sea side **all day**

28th May – 1st June half term holidays

June

- 4th Term 6 starts
- 5th Brian Moses visit **all day**
- 25th Key Stage 1 production **10am**
- 26th Key Stage 1 production **2pm**
- 20th Sports Day **9-11:30am**
- 22nd Mufti day – hamper prizes
- 25-27th Brightling class residential
- 28th Year 6 HCC taster day
- 28th Summer disco **3:30pm**
- 29th Year 6 Diocese Leavers Service at St Leonards **10:15am**

July

- 5th Swimming gala - Sovereign Centre **7pm**
- 6th Mufti day – cakes – theme to be agreed
- 6th Open afternoon – **2pm**
- 7th Summer fair **12-2pm**
- 11th Cycling proficiency – Year 6
- 19th Leavers service at St Giles **9:30am**
- 20th **Inset day**

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