



Dallington CEP School

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Brian Moses

I wrote to you recently to introduce our new Patron of Reading, Brian Moses. He has already had his first visit to our school and what a visit it was. He worked with all of the children and inspired them to write some wonderful poems. On the day he was very impressed with all the children but he loved two poems particularly. These poems were written by Jayden and Abigail. Brian was so impressed he has put them on his blog.

<http://brian-moses.blogspot.co.uk/>

Please have a look at his blog – not only does it contain our children's work it also has lots of brilliant poems and ideas.

Collective worship

At Dallington, Collective Worship plays an important part in our school day. It is a chance for the whole school to come together, learn, reflect and worship. We have added a collective worship tab to our school website. It explains about the 6 Christian Values we celebrate and gives you an overview of our collective worship themes. It can be found on the drop down menu under parents.

If you have any questions about our Collective Worship please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Welly walk

Next Wednesday, 18th October, the whole school will be off on the Welly Walk. Please ensure that the children come to school suitable dressed for a muddy, wet rampage through the countryside. They will need to

bring a water bottle and a snack (healthy) for the walk. They will also need a change of clothes for when we return to school. Some permission slips are still outstanding.

Charity and book fair fundraising

We had a wonderful mufti day last Friday, the children and staff always look so different in their 'own' clothes. We raised £140 for the brilliant Global's (Heart FM) Make Some Noise campaign. They are raising money for small local charities. Well done to everyone.

I explained in the previous newsletter how successful our book fair had been and thanked you, as parents, Mrs Cuming and Miss Wisbach for all their hard work. The book fair is an important fundraising event for the school as we receive books to the value of 50% of the purchases made. I am really proud to say that due to your generosity we sold over £600 worth of books. This means we can buy lots of new books for the school library and classrooms - thank you!



Inset Day

The Federation have booked an Inset day on 20th December. This means school will finish on 19th.



Healthy snacks

Two years ago we started a school tuck shop, which has proved very successful. We regularly check that the 'food' we are selling is healthy, not only in fat content but salt levels as well. We have lots of children bringing their own snacks to school, which is of course fine, but they are not healthy. We pride ourselves on being a healthy school and we work hard in and out of the classroom to reinforce this idea. Crisps and chocolate bars are not healthy – particularly as the children also have exactly the same in their lunchboxes. I do not want to start confiscating snacks or monitoring lunchboxes but we are talking about the children's health. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Harvest

I wanted to write and thank everyone for their kind and very generous donation of gifts for our Harvest Festival. We were a little overwhelmed by the amount we received. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us at St Giles, it was a lovely service and I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children. All of your gifts have been taken to the Fellowship of St Nicholas to support the wonderful work they do. Thank you again.

FODS

FODS will be holding their AGM tomorrow **Friday 13th**, 2pm in the school staffroom. Please come along if you would be interested in finding out how you can support the brilliant work of FODS.

The hot chocolate Fridays have been very successful and hopefully will continue weekly. Another FODS fundraiser is the MyArtProject with the children creating their very own Christmas image which can be put on to cards, wrap etc. There are plenty of spares in the office should you wish to do one of these projects with your preschool age child. The deadline for returning them is next Friday, 20th October.

Below are this term's dates. Due to the fact that we don't deal in certainties everything is subject to change!

Term dates

October

Welly Walk 18th October – all am

Half term 23rd – 27th October

November

Open Morning 1st November 10:00am
Parents evening 7th November 3:30pm
Parents evening 8th November 6pm
Anti Bullying week 13-17th November
Maths meeting 21st November 9am
Literacy meeting 22nd November 9am
Decoration morning 29th November – all am

December

Christmas Fair 1st December – 2:30-4pm
Federation Carols 1st December -7pm
Nativity 4th December 2pm
Nativity 5th December 6pm
School Disco 8th December 4-6pm
Christmas party 15th December pm
Christmas lunch 14th December 12:15pm
Pantomime 18th December –all am

Term 2 finishes 20th December

January

Term 4 starts 2nd January 2018

	Term 1	Tues 5 Sept 17	Fri 20 Oct 17
Autumn holiday		Mon 23 Oct 17	Fri 27 Oct 17
Term 2		Mon 30 Oct 17	Wed 20 Dec 17
Christmas holiday		Thurs 21 Dec 17	Mon 1 Jan 18
Term 3		Tues 2 Jan 18	Fri 9 Feb 18
February holiday		Mon 12 Feb 18	Fri 16 Feb 18
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