



Dallington CEP School

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Take over day

Every year we give our year 6 children the opportunity to apply for and experience jobs within the school. They can apply for the role of caretaker, kitchen staff, classroom assistants, teachers and secretary. This year we have had two take over days, with the children excelling at their new roles. They found it hard work but enjoyable. A massive well done to all the children and a huge thank you to all of the staff for supporting this initiative.



Christmas lunch

Christmas is coming! To help alleviate some of the stress that comes with Christmas, Trudy would like to take 'bookings' for school Christmas lunch any time from now but definitely before the day. Our Christmas lunch is on 14th December and the cost is £2.10.

Children in Need

A massive thank you for all your support with this fundraising event – we raised £128 for this wonderful cause.

Parents mornings

This week we have held two curriculum mornings for parents, both designed to give you an insight into how we teach and ways you can support your children at home. We learnt a lot from both mornings and hopefully they gave the attendees a few good tips. We are always looking for ways to support/help you as parents. If there is anything you would like to see us offer please speak to Mr Cox. There is a letter going home today about an ICT parental course that you might find useful.

Samaritans purse

Yet another thank – you. We had 30 boxes for our Operation Christmas Child initiative. This means 30 children will receive a Christmas present this year, 30 children will experience the joy that Christmas time brings, 30 children will know they are loved. This is such a special initiative and it was so great to receive such support.



Poppy appeal

Another thank you, we- yes our little school- raised a massive £203 for the poppy appeal. Douglas Sewell, said it was a record for the school and it was the highest amount out of the 12 areas he covers. Well done to everyone.

Equipment after school

We are very proud of our open door policy, the relationship we have with you as parents, the opportunities we offer everyone to come together but there have been a few occasions recently where this outlook has been tested. On a Friday after hot chocolate or after many of our clubs, we have parents standing around chatting. This is fantastic; it is the social side of school and brings us together as a community. The issue we, as a staff are having is the children playing with school equipment out of hours. Using the equipment is not really an issue the real concern is the amount of children and adults who then walk off and leave the apparatus lying around. On Friday children went and got bits and bobs out of Dallington's area, they then went home and left it out. The equipment was exposed to the weather all weekend and is now ruined. School budgets – nationwide – are incredibly tight; we cannot afford to replace equipment that people are too lazy to put away. Please could you ensure that the children return any equipment to its correct place before they go home, thank you for your co-operation.

HELP NEEDED!

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas....! Dallington is no different – Christmas is very much apparent! Our Nativities are rapidly approaching – the children are rehearsing as I write this newsletter – you will be pleased to know they sound great! Every year we ask for two small favours

- Firstly we need any green foliage you can spare so that we can make hoops and decorations for church.
- Secondly we need volunteers to make the hoops.
The foliage will need to be in school by Thursday 30th and the hoops need to be made on the 1st December. Please speak to Mrs Cuming if you are able to help.
Thank you for your support

Parking

I have received a moan from a parent about the staff car park. The staff car park is exactly that, it is for staff- we have two bays for disabled parking. These are used by different parents who have spoken to myself and have permission to use them. There should not be any other parents parking in the car park or on the disabled bays. The parent also mentioned that others were asking to be let through the gate that leads to the car park. The gate is obviously locked and only staff have keys as we cannot have just anyone wandering around the building. This is a basic safeguarding issue and one I cannot and will not compromise on- the children's safety is paramount. Let's be honest as well ...it is a 1 minute walk nothing too strenuous. Please stick to these simple rules they are designed to keep people safe. Thank you.

Decoration making morning

Wednesday 29th is our decoration morning. It is always a lovely event. If you are able to come in and help and don't mind getting a little gluey and glittery, please speak to your child's teacher.

We also hold an event for pre-school children, if you know anyone with children that age who would like to spend an hour sticking, painting, socialising and finding out more about us as a school, please tell them to give Mrs Cuming a ring so we can ensure we have enough resources.

Graffiti

On Wednesday 22nd November, Bodle Street class had a graffiti workshop. In their topic they have been learning about art through the ages, they are up to the modern day, Banksy and graffiti. They learnt how to use the spray cans and stencils. It was a lot of fun but very difficult. The finished pieces will be displayed at their art exhibition, which everyone is invited to, on Thursday 30th, from 2:30pm.



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

Term dates

November

Mufti day – hamper gifts 23rd November
Decoration morning 29th November – all am
Christmas mufti day 29th November
Mufti day - - cakes 30th November

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
Carols 19th December – 2pm
Term 2 finishes 19th December
INSET day 20th December

January

INSET day 2nd January 2018
Term 3 starts 3rd January 2018

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