

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

Christmas seems like a very long time ago!
We are all back and fully in the swing of a new term. This term promises to be another excellent one. We have already had our new play equipment built at the end of the field.
As I write this HMS Woody Towers is finished – we are just waiting for the special play surface to be finished so we can let the children play on it. We will be holding a competition to rename it once it is fully opened. A thank you to you, as parents, and to FODS whose fundraising helped us purchase this wonderful new addition to our playtimes.



New topics

We have two very exciting and interesting topics happening across the school this term. KS1 are looking at superheroes and KS2 are looking at Horrible Histories - key periods in history (Romans, Victorians, the World Wars etc). If you have any resources, knowledge, suggestions, secret identities or capes that would help us bring these topics alive please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Snow

As long as everyone is safe I do hope that I'm tempting fate. The whole school did a snow dance yesterday, at play and lunchtime unfortunately we obviously didn't do it right as we have rain not snow! If we have very bad weather and need to close the school, this is the procedure: If the snow or ice comes over night, a decision will be made by 7am as to whether it is safe to open the school. If the decision is taken not to open then a notice will be placed on our website. At the same time ESCC will be informed and a notice will be available on their website; you can also sign up for an 'alert' from ESCC if our school is closed. Local radio stations will also be informed, but this tends to be quite slow. We will also put a message on our Facebook page and technology willing a Parentmail will be sent. Please pass on the message to all friends so that we can guarantee no one is travelling unnecessarily.

If we need to close during the day, we will Parentmail and text out as a matter of urgency; again we would ask that you spread the word to other parents too.

Attendance

Before Christmas I wrote and explained how through a huge team effort our attendance figures had gone up. We have had a lot of holiday requests already this term – some wonderful reasons why you have to take your children out – they have made me laugh. However please remember that – as we follow the guidelines from East Sussex County

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Council – we cannot authorise any holiday. Attendance is something we can all improve time out of school is lessons/learning missed!

Dates for your diary

January

22nd Happy School bags collection 22nd Brian Moses in – all day 24th Just Different in – all day 31st KS2 in house poetry final- am 31st Stay and play- Dallington Class- 9-10am

February

4th Young Voices at the O2- all day 7th Stay and play- Dallington Class- 9-10am 7th HASP poetry final at Dallington - pm 11th Health and safety fortnight 12th Hands on History to visit Bodle Street- am 14th Stay and play- Dallington Class- 9-10am 15th Last day of term 3 25th Start of term 4 28th Anti Bullying workshops – all classes

March

1st First aid training – all children 8th Sharing of learning – 2:15-3:30pm 11th Parents evening – 3:30-5pm 12th Parents evening – 6-8pm 15th Comic Relief 20-23rd Year 4 residential 25th Reading week 28th Little Sing at Cross in Hand – year 2

April

2nd Big Dance at Tunbridge Wells -**Brightling class** 5th Easter egg hunt 5th Last day of term 4 23rd Term 5 starts

TERM DATES

Thur 3rd Jan to Fri 15th Feb Term 3 Feb Half term Term 4 Easter break Term 5 May Half term Term 6

Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd Feb Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April Mon 8th Apr to Mon 22nd Apr Tues 23rd Apr to Fri 24th May Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July