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

Thank you

Last week we asked you to have a spring clean and help us help others by filling bags with unwanted clothes etc. We have swapped companies, on a recommendation of a parent, and it proved to be very lucrative. You all got to have a purge at home and at the same time helped us raise £150.00 for the school. A massive thank you – not to quote a famous Supermarket but every little helps.

Young voices

On Monday 4th February, our choir will travel to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert. It is an amazing experience and one I know the children will remember. Alongside tens of thousands (no exaggeration) of other children, across several nights, our choir will perform some wonderful songs and dance moves. Mrs Cuming is also excited about seeing Tony Hadley – some of our younger parents might need to google him! Good luck Dallington and enjoy!

Roads

Several negatives have been brought to my attention recently all of which are easily dealt with if we apply common sense and a smile! I have spoken to the children in assembly this morning about crossing the road. A young man ran out in front of a car on Wednesday. Fortunately the car was going slowly and was able to stop. I know the road and path are narrow but accidents happen so quickly and children move even quicker.

East Sussex are consulting on parking outside of schools at the moment. They are to reinforce the **no stopping on yellow zig zags at any time**. As a school we have supported this. They are hoping to raise penalty notices and empower schools to be able to take action. Parking on the zig zags limits and already difficult sight line and causes potentially dangerous situations that can be easily avoided. The only reasons to park on the zig zags is if you are late or if you are too 'tired' to park a little further up / down the hill and walk to school! Neither of these are credible excuses and we will start passing names to the County Council and Police.

Just a reminder the car park is for staff only. We have two parents, who have spoken to me, who have permission to use the car park. No- one else should be parking in there or using it to turn around. We had an incident recently where a parent drove in, narrowly missed a member of staff, turned around and drove off. Driving down the hill and turning right or leaving five minutes earlier are far more sensible and safe ways of ensuring you arrive at your destination on time.

Finally, we have always prided ourselves on the children's behaviour in and out of school. We are always talking about how proud we are of them and the way they conduct themselves. So you can imagine my upset when we receive a phone call from Lady Wrenbury about the attitude and behaviour of a parent yesterday. Now I was not present and always believe there are two sides to every story but what the other party reported is not nice. Just so we are clear – The school does operate a one way system, however we

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have always said that it is an unofficial one way system. We put it in place to ease our traffic concerns; it is not legal or enforceable. We cannot expect villagers and visitors to know and we certainly should not be being rude to people because they dare to go against our school policy! Reputations take years to build and our reputation is excellent presently. However it takes minutes to ruin with an unkind unnecessary word or action. Please can we all be a little more considerate of our neighbours, thank you.

I apologise if I sound preachy or anything else however the staff work hard to ensure that the children are safe, happy and learning in school. We all work incredibly hard to ensure the school is achieving its best and is a place parents want to send their children. We should not have to keep reminding parents about their role in the school's development any of the above.

Health and safety fortnight

Coming up, either side of half term we will be holding a health and safety fortnight. We will be looking at stranger danger, road safety, the school site and other areas of concern. We will also have two visitors who will help us educate the children with two key areas. On Friday 1st March we welcome Tumbledown back to Dallington – they will be taking all classes for first aid training – including CPR. On the 25th and 26th Feb we welcome Fantastic Fred to our school. **'FANTASTIC FRED'** is an educational mental health resource developed for primary schools. The Fantastic Fred Experience has been developed for the NHS in Kent as part of the Good Mental Health Matters campaign, with the assistance of teachers, educational psychologists and focus groups, and is a live interactive performance held in a pop up classroom. Punnetts Town will be joining us for this special treat. Not only are we the only two schools in Sussex to be accessing this resource but their visit to Dallington will be

their first ever show! It promises to be very exciting. After school there will be an opportunity for parents to come in and access the show, ask questions and speak to the professionals.

Snow reminder

We have been doing a snow dance again today, if it works remains to be seen but we do seem to have burst a water main! 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. The same applies to instances such as today with the water issue.

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.

Dates for your diary

January

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

Term 3	Thur 3 rd Jan to Fri 15 th Feb
Feb Half term	Mon 18 th Feb to Fri 22 nd Feb
Term 4	Mon 25 th Feb to Fri 5 th April
Easter break	Mon 8 th Apr to Mon 22 nd Apr
Term 5	Tues 23 rd Apr to Fri 24 th May
May Half term	Mon 27 th May to Fri 31 st May
Term 6	Mon 3 rd June to Tues 23 rd July