



Dallington CEP School

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

Eco conference

As many of us were at church celebrating harvest six of our year 5/6 children travelled with Miss Langley to Heathfield Community College for an eco-conference. Along with 10 other schools from the Heathfield area, they had guest speakers, workshops and opportunities to share their views on the damage we are doing to our environment. They discussed and put together a plan of how each school could start on a small scale- we may be small but remember each journey starts with a single step. Hopefully we will be able to share the plan with you very soon.



Christian Values

As a church school, we are inspected on our Christian distinctiveness – our last inspection was in June 2018 where we received a rating of good. Since then we have continued to build on our good practice – The Diocese have also continued to build on their good practice and have issued a new self-assessment framework. Key to the new framework is the Christian vision - a vision that encapsulates what we do as a school. It is rooted in biblical teaching. As an ethos committee, we spent a long time discussing the strengths of the school. One area, as I have mentioned

previously, I am keen to develop is our work in the community. The community could be with parents, the village, the surrounding schools or children from other countries. The world is our community! The new Christian vision will be on our website soon and a copy will be sent home to you. We chose the bible passage

...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life. (1 Timothy 12:4)

For me it encapsulates what we are trying to do – we want our children to be shining lights ...in everything they do.

If you have questions about the new vision please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Well being

On Tuesday of this week, the staff, from across the federation, went to Ashburnham Place to take part in a wellbeing twilight – singing for the soul. It was a lovely evening – it took some of us out of our comfort zones and challenged us but it was a lot of fun and made us reflect on the power of music and reminded us how important it is to make time for ourselves.

FODS

FODS will be holding a Christmas market/fair on Saturday December 7th from 2-5pm. It promises to be a lovely event – please come along and support the school and maybe pick up a bargain or two for Christmas.

Harvest

A massive thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Harvest festival on Tuesday 15th. The children were so excited and all performed their pieces so brilliantly. A huge well done to all the children and staff for their hard work. I was so proud on the morning – not only because of the children but the sheer volume of food that was donated was amazing. ALL of the food that was kindly donated goes to support the excellent work of the Fellowship of St. Nicholas in St. Leonards. A small charity in our local community but one that plays a big part in supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.

Coming home today you will have a letter about Operation Christmas Child. This is a very simple but hugely rewarding way to support children in different parts of the world celebrate Christmas and help them know that they are loved and thought of. Please support this if you can – it really does make a difference.

In the run up to Christmas and throughout the coming year we will be working closely with another local charity – Warming up the Homeless- to help our local community and be a shining light!

Dates for your diary (will be updated regularly please keep checking)

October

18th Welly walk – all am
25th Mufti day – for cancer awareness - £1 donation

November

7th Year 6 Takeover day 1
8th Open afternoon 2:30pm
11th Parents evening 3pm
11-15th Anti bullying week
12th Parents evening 6pm
14th Take over day 2
15th Mufti day for Children in Need

20th Bodle Street class – Big Sing
29th Decoration making morning – all am

December

6th Year 5/6 Federation concert
7th FODS Christmas market 2-5pm
11th Nativity 2pm St Giles Church
12th Nativity 6pm St Giles Church
17th Whole school panto
18th Christmas lunch
19th Carol service at St Giles 2pm
Last day of term
20th INSET DAY

January

6th Term 3 starts

TERM DATES 2019/20

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| Term 1 | 4 Sept 2019 | - | 25 Oct 2019 |
| <i>Autumn term break</i> | 28 Oct 2019 | - | 1 Nov 2019 |
| Term 2 | 4 Nov 2019 | - | 20 Dec 2019 |
| <i>Christmas break</i> | 23 Dec 2019 | - | 3 Jan 2020 |
| Term 3 | 6 Jan 2020 | - | 14 Feb 2020 |
| <i>February break</i> | 17 Feb 2020 | - | 21 Feb 2020 |
| Term 4 | 24 Feb 2020 | - | 3 April 2020 |
| <i>April break</i> | 6 April 2020 | - | 17 April 2020 |
| Term 5 | 20 April 2020 | - | 22 May 2020 |
| <i>May break</i> | 25 May 2020 | - | 29 May 2020 |
| Term 6 | 1 June 2020 | - | 22 July 2020 |