



Dallington CEP School

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...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life

Walking to the moon...

We continue our healthy living initiative – and even though some of our pedometers have seen better days we are just over a thousand miles short of New York! The children have all done so well. I think the half term will provide them a chance to rest and relax!

VR exploration of space

Last week we were very lucky to have had a Virtual Reality workshop based around space. It was amazing – the big kid in me had so much fun! It wasn't all about the VR the children were shown short bits of information about the planets, stars and other space related phenomena's and then they answered questions. What a great lesson it was. A massive thank to FODS for supporting this.



And tonight's breaking headlines are...

On Monday some of our year 5/6 returned to Young at Heart to interview the club members. Young at Heart is the old age pensioners club we support in Heathfield. They are being filmed for an episode of Inside Out on the BBC. The children were invited back for a second day to work with the members. I turned up at the end of the day and watched Mason speaking to one man about the Coronation – it was so moving. Mason was amazing but what made it really special was that the club member not only suffered severely with Alzheimer's but also had not spoken to anyone in the six weeks he had been attending. So to watch him open up to Mason was very emotional! We received a lovely email from Rachel – the organiser who said

-those children are an absolute credit to you. They were kind, polite, understanding, helpful and thoroughly good sports.

Well done to all of the attendees – you were ALL amazing! I will let you know when they will all become television stars!

As we approach a much needed half term and another season, please remember those less fortunate than yourselves. When you are Spring cleaning please remember our work with Warming up the Homeless. They always need clothes to help the adults and children dress comfortably and warmly. I am not sure if you have seen but two families have kindly donated a lot of old clothes - these will all be used to support the excellent work of this charity. Thank you

Fundraising

On Tuesday this week, Stanley, Jayden and Amy held a fundraising event for Demelza house. They had a cakes sale, milkshakes and guess the sweets in a jar. It was a roaring success – Stanley and his group raised £100 for this wonderful cause. Thank you to everyone who helped support this event.



Disco

Tonight is the Federation Valentines disco at Punnetts Town Village hall (14th February). KS1 will be from 3:45- 4:45pm and KS2 from 5pm – 6:15pm. Tickets are £5, this includes unlimited squash, hot dogs and a sweet bag. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a Federation and have a boogie!

School trips

Our wonderful KS1 children have all been out at the Herstmonceux science centre- exploring, playing and hopefully enjoyed their day. On Wednesday our older children travelled to Newbury to explore the rainforests. They had a long day but one that was unique and gave them an invaluable insight into life in a rainforest. A massive thank you to the staff and parents who made these trips happen.

Prayer meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. These are held regularly I will let you know the date of the next one when it is booked.

Attendance

I know this is an area that continually gets raised but it is an area that is so important. Following previous letters and correspondence I now get lots of parents saying *I know we shouldn't but we are going on holiday* or on the holiday request forms we get long explanations of why you are going away. I appreciate that there are sometimes very good reasons why people go away and I don't want you to think that we bombard you with letters and posters because we are killjoys or we are being mean. Obviously there is the well documented impact on your child's education- there will be days/weeks of lessons that could leave them falling behind or with gaps in their knowledge. They are missing time with peers and the social interaction. It is also now part of the OFSTED framework – schools can fail their inspection if their attendance is below the average. Small schools are very much under the microscope I would hate for Dallington to be scrutinised because of such an easy area to correct/improve/ avoid.... attendance!



Have a great break!

It has been a very long, tiring, busy but really enjoyable term – we have achieved so much. Hopefully after a week of rest and relaxation we will all be ready to continue the excellent work that is happening across the school. Have a wonderful half term and thank you for your continued support.

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

February

14th Federation disco
14th Last day of term 3
24th Term 4 starts

March

6th open afternoon 2:15pm
6th FODS quiz night 7:30pm
10th parents evening 3:30pm
11th parents evening 6pm
13th Sport relief challenge day
19th Little Sing at Cross in Hand (year 1)
25-27th year 4 residential
30th Health and safety week
31st Big Dance – Bri class – Tunbridge Wells

April

1st Welly walk
3rd Easter egg hunt
3rd last day of term 4
20th Term 5 starts

TERM DATES

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