



# 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*

## New term/ year/ start

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you back after what has been a very strange time in our history. We have had a brilliant opening four days- the school comes alive when it is filled with laughter, chatter and smiling faces. The staff and children deserve a lot of credit for such a successful opening. A massive thank you to you as parents for all your support in this difficult time.

We have had four new children join our school alongside our new reception children who all start from Monday.

Although we lost Broad Oak School in July, we remain part of a very strong Woodlands Federation and will be working closely with Punnetts Town – giving the children different opportunities and experiences.

We also welcome several new (and not so new) staff. Miss Reed joins us in our Reception class, Mrs Elliot will be working with an individual child in Woods Corner and Mr Tooze joins us three days a week in Bodle Street. We also welcome back Miss Langley, Miss Hickman Smith and Mrs Bloom who will be the Brightling class team and Mrs Dipple who will work with Mr Tooze in Bodle Street. A few changes but we have an incredibly strong team and I am sure – even with a global pandemic as our backdrop- we are in for another excellent year.

All schools are facing lots of challenges this year but with our staff, our wonderful children and all of you we can make this a positive experience.

If you have any question please ask.

## Scaling new heights!

A massive congratulations to Charlie and Jack (and parents) who climbed the 02. They were not only conquering their fears but raising money for the school. A massive thank you to everyone who was able to sponsor the brave climbers and to the boys themselves. They raised over £300. We are all very proud of you.



## Tuck shop

Tuck show will start again next week – all items will be priced between 5p-25p. Tuck shop is open to yr 1-6. It will be open on Tuesday and Thursdays.

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## Garden

Our garden is bursting at the seams – it is packed full of flowers, colour and vegetables. A massive thank you to our gardening ladies who kept the garden blooming even during lockdown. We have been shortlisted for an award – the best school garden category! We will find out if we have won at the end of September. Fingers crossed.



## Bees

During lockdown we got bees! We have a hive and our own colony of bees. They are located down in the environmental garden – behind a locked gate! We have the support of two villagers who are (fully trained) experienced bee keepers. Hopefully we will be able to purchase some bee keepers outfits and the children will be able to help look after the bees. The hive and bees will be used as part of the curriculum. Eventually I will be able to retire when I market Dallington honey!



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

Everything is subject to change as we will follow Government guidelines.

We have lots of plans but following the Government's announcement last night (9/9/20) we are looking at creative ways of holding these events. We will have an updated list on the next newsletter

### **Term dates 20/21**

Term	Start date	End date
School Term 1	4 September 2020	23 October 2020
Autumn school holiday	26 October 2020	30 October 2020
School Term 2	2 November 2020	18 December 2020
Christmas school holiday	21 December 2020	1 January 2021
School Term 3	4 January 2021	12 February 2021
February school holiday	15 February 2021	19 February 2021
School Term 4	22 February 2021	1 April 2021
Spring school holiday	2 April 2021	16 April 2021
School Term 5	19 April 2021	28 May 2021
Early May bank school holiday falls in Term 5	3 May 2021	
May school holiday	31 May 2021	4 June 2021
School Term 6	7 June 2021	23 July 2021