



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

End of term

Wow! There was so much build up to this term – not just by children and teachers but by the country as a whole. It has been a very strange term – successful ...yes, but we are still not back to normal. We have amazing staff, brilliant pupils, very supportive parents but it all still feels very fragile! That, it seems, is not just education but society as a whole. I thank you for your support this term – Dallington is not quite the school we all know and love but it is getting there. Look after yourselves over the half term, enjoy the time with your loved ones and we all look forward to welcoming you back on the 3rd November

Excellent work

Although I have just said Dallington is not quite where we want it – two things that have not changed are our teacher's expectations and the enthusiasm of the children. Over the last week I have been doing lots of drop ins to classes and I have been blown away with the work that is happening across the school. I went into Brightling class to hear their harvest poems – we shared Lily's on Study Bugs last week. Not only did I hear 5 or 6 amazing poems they also tested my maths knowledge! The class were buzzing – not because I couldn't answer their questions but just with their learning. Bodle Street were all fixated on the front of the room as they, as a class, made

Diwali sweets. The appeal of sugar and spice ensured they remained focused. Every time I walk into Woods Corner I get knocked over by this tidal wave of children all desperate to show me their work. I watched them in the hall on Friday – they watched a video story and then used instruments to add depth to the story and characters. It was so powerful. Where my office is situated allows me the perfect opportunity to hear the happenings of Dallington class. There is some excellent work happening in Dallington- always in a fun, child centred way. Their energy and enthusiasm as they explore, enjoy and learn brings a smile to my face every day.

FODS

It is with sadness that I write to tell you that Lucy has decided to step down as Chair of FODS. She has done an amazing job - her enthusiasm and drive has helped FODS raise thousands of pounds that has been used to support the school in a variety of ways. I am sure you will join me in thanking Lucy for all of her hard work as not only Chair but a member of FODS.

With the current restrictions we will not be holding many events any time soon but if anyone would be interested in becoming the new Chair of FODS then please speak to me.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who supported us and the Fellowship of St Nicholas with donations of food. Mrs CB and myself delivered the food on Wednesday. It was a humbling experience to speak the man running the pantry; he shared how many deliveries he makes each

day, how many people have to use the service and how quickly that number has risen since March. Your donations – whether it be a tin of beans, a packet of pasta or a box full of vegetables will make a huge difference to a family – a family who are only 20 minutes away from us! Thank you.

If you purchased a dvd of the schools harvest presentation thank you – I hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we did putting it together. A special thank you to Rev. Lloyd who recorded a special message for our dvd.



Garden

Another successful week with the garden. We harvested our wonderful pumpkins.



Have a great break – please keep an eye on Study Bugs as we will keep you updated with any news as soon as we have it.

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

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

October

23rd last day of term

November

2nd INSET DAY

3rd Return to school

11th / 12th Parents evening – organisation TBC

13th Mufti day – Children in Need

16th-20th Anti Bullying week

30th Decoration making morning

December

16th Xmas lunch

Parties tbc

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