



# 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*

## Wreath

Our gardening ladies have again surpassed themselves and created some beautiful wreaths for Christmas. A huge thank you to them for all their hard work in creating these.

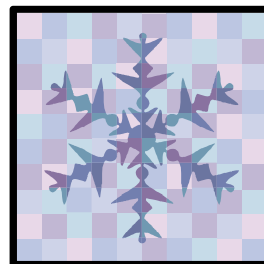
## Students

Miss Thompson and Mrs Ma left us on Friday for their second placement but they will be returning a little later in the year to finish their training at Dallington. They were both fantastic and brought a lot to their classes and the school as a whole! As they left we now welcome Mr Hills; he is a student teacher in his final year and will be another wonderful addition to our staff.

## Snow procedure

I hope that I'm not tempting fate! 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, school Facebook page and a Study Bugs sent. 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. If we need to close during the day, we will Study Bugs, Facebook and text out as a matter

of urgency; we would ask that you spread the word to other parents too.



## Decoration morning

Although the morning was parentless and totally Covid friendly it was still a lovely event with all the classes making some wonderful decorations. This year we have put our main tree outside on the school playground, due to the class bubbles not many people are accessing the hall so we placed it outside so everyone can enjoy it. We also purchased 4 smaller trees so that each class could have their own tree to decorate. As is traditional, year 6 have decorated our Christmas tree, with love, enthusiasm and as much tinsel as humanly possible!





## **Mornings**

Not a complaint...promise! We are getting more and more families arriving late every morning. I know that sometimes it is unavoidable and with the dark mornings and everyone being tired it is getting harder and harder to get up but we have had, since September, different entrances and exits so that we can limit contact between pupils. If everyone turning up late enters through the main door this can cause a problem- not just logistically but potentially health wise as well.

## **Next Friday – Mufti**

Don't forget Friday 11<sup>th</sup> we are holding a mufti day – no financial cost but we would like children to donate a small food item – box of cereal, packet of biscuits, loaf of bread etc that we can then pass on to support the work of Warming up the Homeless. There is no official theme just ensure the children are dressed sensibly (warmly) for the playground. Thank you for your support with this idea.

## **Temperature**

The temperature has really dropped recently, yet we still have children turning up to school with no coats and in some cases no jumper. Every class has their windows open – to allow ventilation and the playtimes are very chilly. If children are not suitably dressed they will not be allowed out at playtimes.

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

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

### **December**

- 11<sup>th</sup> mufti day – food donation
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas parties
- 16<sup>th</sup> Xmas lunch
- 18<sup>th</sup> Carols by fire light
- Parties tbc

### **January**

- 4<sup>th</sup> return to school

## 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