



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

Science week

This week we have been celebrating science. It started with a bang on Monday when we welcomed Fizz, Pop Science to Dallington School. It was a brilliant start with KS2 acting like detectives and solving a crime using their scientific knowledge. They used finger prints, chromatography, black lights, chemical reactions and a whole lot of enthusiasm to solve the mystery. KS1 looked at chemical reactions, they learnt about acids, alkalines and the PH scale. They too became detectives and tested different liquids to find out which one was water. Using their knowledge of chemical reactions they made slime! It was an amazing start to the week.

As the week has progressed we have seen some brilliant scientific work happening in every class – which biscuit last longer when being dunked? Can you build a bridge to support...? There has been so much scientific vocabulary flying around I wasn't sure if we were still in Dallington or a laboratory!



Transitions

Now that we have returned and have re-settled many people's thoughts have already been directed towards next year – in particular the transition to a new class and teacher... when they have only just got used to their current teacher? The transition to a new class can be a huge step for some – particularly after the year we have had. To aid this we will be holding 4 or 5 opportunities for the children to meet as a new class and work with their new class teachers across term 6. Once we have confirmed dates I will send them out so you are aware what is happening. Hopefully this will ease some of the anxiety the children may suffer.

Young voices

In the past our school choir has travelled to the O2 and taken part in the Young Voices concerts. The concerts are an opportunity for children from all across the country to come together and sing at an amazing venue. This year, because of COVID everything has gone online. We will be joining them 'virtually' this year as they try to break the world record for the biggest ever simultaneous sing along. We will be singing lovely day alongside thousands of other children and Billy Ocean, Yolanda Broan and Ruti. This exciting event will be in school on 15th June, fingers crossed we will all be record breakers!

School health service

Not all children have returned to school in a happy frame of mind. Lockdown has had

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different effects on different children. The school health service are here to help with issues like sleeping problems, emotional health and wellbeing, bed wetting, puberty problems and parenting advice. They can be contacted on 0300 123 4062

Also on our website – under the parents tab we have added a new mental health page. The page offers support and advice for both adults and children.

Reading

A parent asked me about homework the other day. We have not set homework as we wanted to allow children time to resetttle and for the boundaries between home and school to become less blurred. After half term we will start with homework again but it will be around the basics and building up those foundations of learning or consolidating what we are already doing in class. If you want something for your child to complete please ensure your child is reading daily – I cannot stress how important this is. They can practice their times tables- in games, chanting or online. We still have mathematics and spelling shed subscriptions – both of which contain lots of support and ideas. I hope this helps.

Parental day

We will be holding two days where parents are invited in to help us ‘spruce’ up the school. If you have got some time spare we have lots of odd jobs that need to be done 16th June / 5th July

Government guidance

Following the government announcement on Monday we, as a school, have received our updated guidance. Unfortunately not a lot has changed for us ...yet! The current way we are working remains in place for the foreseeable time. Thank you for your continued support with this,

FODS

Just a reminder that although Lucy has stepped up and helped us get FODS operational again she is still keen to step down in July- if anyone would like to be chair of FODS – it is not too scary...promise- please speak to me! FODS do such an amazing job of not only raising money for the school but of bringing the school community together- It would be such a shame if we didn't have FODS next year!

Online safety

Online safety is an area we feel passionately about at Dallington. I know my daughters spend more time on line then they do in the real world so as we teach our children about how to grow up and live a happy life we must also teach our children how to be safe in the digital world. Today, the children should bring a large tube, which contains a simple puzzle and some links to online safety resources. It is run and sponsored by Google. They can be done individually or as a family – it might provide an ideal opportunity to have a discussion about online safety. I hope it is useful - we would love to see the completed ‘puzzles’!

RSHE

Recently we sent home the lesson plans for the Sex education component of the RSHE curriculum. We wanted to share the plans with parents before we had our RSHE week so that you were aware of the content and as the saying goes pre-warned is pre-armed. We have two meetings (virtually) booked for 25th May, 10am and 4:30pm, to answer any questions you may have about the plans or content.

INSET Days

In the last newsletter I announced the Inset days for next year and then promptly went and gave you the wrong date! The dates are September 2nd / 3rd – this means the children will return on 6th September and October 22nd. Apologies for the confusion.

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

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

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

May

25th RSE meetings
28th End of term 5

June

7th Start of term 6
w/b 14th RSHE week
16th Parent DIY day

July

6th Bikeability – year 6
8th Sports morning
9th Open afternoon 2:15pm
10th FODS summer extravaganza
12th Annual reports sent home
12th Year 5/6 activity week
5th Parent DIY day
16th FODS Summer disco
20th Move up morning
22nd last day of term 6

September

2nd / 3rd Inset days
6th First day of term 1

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