



# Dallington CEP School

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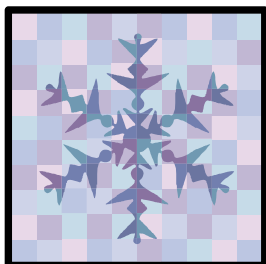
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*...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life*

## 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 message 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 as a matter of urgency; we would ask that you spread the word to other parents too.



## Take over day

We still have a couple of year 6 children to take part in our take over day but so far everyone has been amazing. We have had new teachers, teaching assistants and caretakers. All of the children have been amazing – they were all very tired by the end of their days. It gave them a brief glimpse into a working day and allowed us a chance to see a different side to their personalities. Well done all of year 6 – don't grow up too quick- a working day is not as much fun as school!



## Freestyler

Who would have thought watching someone juggling a ball could have such an impact? Jamie came in and captivated the children from the very start- it was an awe inspiring day. Not only did they get to hear Jamie's journey but they saw his incredible skills. At playtime and lunchtime we had the whole school trying to juggle anything round!



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## **Parking**

We have had several parents parking on the zig zags both in the evening and mornings. There is no need as most of these are just dropping off or collecting. We have a designated spot at the front of the school for drop offs. It has caused people to 'pass' the parked cars limiting crossing areas and clear lines of vision. It is dangerous and I do not want a child getting hurt or worse because people do not want to follow the rules! I have spoken to ESCC and they will be sending regular monitors out – people should not be stopping or parking on the zig zags – if you are unsure of the rules please see the large yellow sign- opposite the school -that clearly states the times.

## **Residential**

Our year 4's are all back safely from their residential with Punnetts Town. It was a brilliant trip with the children challenging themselves at axe throwing, canoeing, climbing and assault courses. A massive well done to all of the children for pushing themselves and attempting new tasks. A huge thank you to all the staff especially Mr Tooze and Mrs Bridges who supported the children and made this trip possible.



## **You have mail!**

As we approach Christmas I wanted to let you know how things work at Dallington. We have a very large Christmas tree up in the hall- this is decorated by the year 6 children. Each class has its own tree and will form part of the Christmas decorations that happen on decoration making morning. If your child would like to send Christmas cards we have our Christmas post box. This can be found outside Mrs CB's office. Please ensure the envelope has a name and class written on it. Every day our wonderful year 6 elves will empty and distribute the cards to the classes. We will have a large kindness advent calendar in the main corridor. The classes will take it in turns to open a different day. It is all too exciting!

## **Reverse advent calendar**

This Christmas we will again be supporting the amazing work of Warming up the Homeless. This wonderful charity supports the homeless people in Hastings, Bexhill, St Leonards and Eastbourne. We would like people to donate

- Clothes
- Blankets
- Food

All of your donations will go directly to the charity. Please no fresh food as we cannot

guarantee when it will be collected. Please ensure the clothes are good quality and clean. Thank you for your support- your small donation will make a huge difference in somebodies life.

### **Cross country**

I wrote to you recently and said how Brightling class had participated in the Heathfield schools cross country. We had 5 children in the top 20 and they would go on to represent Heathfield in a second round – they would be racing against schools from Uckfield and Crowborough. Well I am so proud to say that we entered 4 boys and all 4 qualified for the next round! It is an amazing achievement. They now get to race in March against the top schools from across Sussex! All four boys – Freddie, Fred, Jacob and Finley should be very proud of themselves- they did so well. Roll on March!

### **Great Out Tours**

Framer John and the Great out Tours are one of our most successful and longest running clubs. There isn't much we haven't seen with John over the years. However this week he had a new friend join us. Clover the goose waddled in and spent the club being stroked and loved by the children. It was a lovely surprise and hopefully the children learnt some new 'goose facts' – I certainly did!



### **Hall of fame**

In our main corridor we have our hall of fame board. This is where we celebrate the children's achievements outside of school. If your child has been part of anything that they are proud of please let us know and we can take a picture of them and add them to the board. We have children up there for cricket, winning player of the week, showing sheep, swimming and lots of other achievements.

### **After school**

Just a small complaint. After school last week we had a huge collection of sports equipment on the field and playground. This was because of children after school helping themselves and playing whilst mums and dads chatted. I have no problem with any of this, the issue comes when parents finish chatting and go home. Children abandon the equipment and it gets left out. This is not good for the equipment or fair on the staff who then have to collect it up.

We also had several incidents recently where Mrs Ngyuen had set up some equipment for the next day only for parents to let children come and play with it after school. This meant that everything had to be resorted and organised. This is not fair. The children are not allowed equipment after school - whether it is play equipment or class equipment. Thank you

### **PE**

LB active run a PE session for us every week. They are currently working with Brightling class. In these sessions they have been learning fencing. The children are all doing so well. The next Olympics is coming round quick but you never know!



## **Poppy appeal**

I have just spoken to Mr Sewell and he has informed me that the school has raised £210 for this year's poppy appeal. That is wonderful- another very worthwhile cause we have supported. Mr Sewell organises the boxes for the Dallington area – although he is still counting he believes he is on target to have collected £1400 this year. Another massive thank you to everyone.

## **FODS**

### **Twelve days of Christmas fundraiser**

Hopefully you will have all received the information for this year's FODS Christmas event. Raffle tickets can be bought between now and the 10th December for the amazing hampers. The big draw of the raffle will be announced on the 10th of December during a special Christmas fun food Friday for children and adults, with games and lucky dip! Each week at fun food Friday there is a special pocket money raffle too for the kids to take part in. We look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget one of the hampers on the 10th will be a prize for most Christmassey outfit!

### **Christmas shopping with Amazon smile and easy fundraising!**

For all those Christmas shopping why not sign up to these shopping apps... An easy

way to raise money for the school at no extra cost to you!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> click on your favourite retailer and raise funds for our school.

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to FODS - at no cost to you.

Login once at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and each time you shop our children will gain.

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### **November**

26<sup>th</sup> Decoration making morning - **Christmas jumper mufti- no cost**

### **December**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Christmas themed mufti**

3<sup>rd</sup> KS2 Federation carol concert

8<sup>th</sup> Nativity 2pm

9<sup>th</sup> Nativity 6pm

10<sup>th</sup> **FODS Christmas themed mufti- donations needed (more information to follow)**

14<sup>th</sup> **Christmas parties – mufti – own choice**

15<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch

16<sup>th</sup> **Pantomime**

17<sup>th</sup> Dallington Carol service 2pm

17<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### **January**

4<sup>th</sup> Term 3 starts

Term	Start date	End date
School INSET day	Wednesday 1 September 2021	
School Term 1	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Autumn school holiday	Monday 25 October 2021	Friday 29 October 2021
School Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Christmas school holiday	Monday 20 December 2021	Monday 3 January 2022
School Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022
February school holiday	Monday 14 February 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
School Term 4	Monday 21 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Spring school holiday	Monday 4 April 2022	Monday 18 April 2022
School Term 5	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Early May bank school holiday falls in Term 5	Monday 2 May 2022	
May school holiday	Monday 30 May 2022	Friday 3 June 2022
School Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022