



# Dallington CEP School

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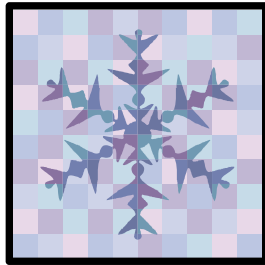
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*...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life*

## 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.



## Christian Values

Our Christian value this term is love. As we build up to Christmas this value becomes more important – the love of the celebrations, the love we have when our family are gathered around and the love we show through the giving and receiving of presents.

We will be having a very special advent calendar in the corridor this year. We will

have a Kindness advent calendar. Please stop and have a look when it is up.

## Prospective parents

It is that time of year again when we will be holding our prospective parents meetings. If you know anyone who is looking for a place for their child from September 2022 please do let them know. Our open days are:

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 6:30pm

However, I am always happy to show people around if they cannot make the above dates. Thank you for your support.

## Freestyler

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November we have a football freestyler coming in. This means he does lots of tricks! He has travelled the world and holds several world records. He will be coming in to school to talk to the children, not only about football but his life as well.

## Work

I know it has been a little weird again recently and we had hoped that by now parents would have been back in. Unfortunately we are taking steps to ensure that we keep everyone safe. I am lucky enough to go round each class every day and see some of the amazing work that is happening. If you have children in Dallington class please speak to them about their work on Diwali or firework night. Woods Corner have been making some fantastic

castles. Bodle Street have written some gorgeous poems about Autumn and Brightling class have made some very realistic Mayan masks. We know children are not always talkative about their days but all of the work I have mentioned is excellent and might give you a small insight into what they are doing.

### **Mufti**

I have added the dates below but we will have a series of mufti days coming up.

### **Lost property**

Every night this week the lost property will be outside the main school building. Please have a look and see if anything belongs to you or your child(ren). Anything left at the end of the week will go into second hand uniform or into the collection for Warming up the Homeless.

### **Take over day**

Every year we run take over day. Our year 6 children get the opportunity to apply for a 'job' within the school. They can be the caretaker, head teacher, class teachers, teaching assistants or the school secretary. It is a wonderful experience and gives them a small insight into a working day. We have our first group 'working' tomorrow...wish them luck!

### **Attendance**

I am very aware that the last two years have been a little strange. I am also aware that we are not yet back to normal however we have seen a real dip in our attendance. Whilst I recognise there have been a few colds etc we currently have 1/5 of the school with attendance under 90%. This is not acceptable. Following the previous two years the children need to be in school - they need to be learning. Please think before booking holidays or day trips – the global pandemic

has already ensured that all children are below expectations continually taking them out is only going to extend that gap!

### **Learning powers**

Pre covid- we had 9 learning powers that reminded us of key learning skills. Now the rules around the virus have changed we are looking to re-launch the learning powers. We are going to be focusing on our tortoise – he teaches us to be determined and the cat – she reminds us to be curious and ask questions. As so many of the children have little or no knowledge of them we have invited the children to rename them. Once they are all named I will do proper introductions.

### **FODS**

#### **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.

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

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

**November**

9<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 take over day  
 10-12<sup>th</sup> Yr 4 residential  
 12<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – **mufti day for a £1**  
 15-19<sup>th</sup> Anti bullying week  
 23<sup>rd</sup> **Football freestyler in**  
 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