



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

Welcome back

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a great Christmas. This term promises to be an exciting one. All four classes are focusing on the topic – Happy planet, Happy us. The class brochures will be coming home today as well but I am excited about the range of work that is and will be happening.

If everything remains safe we hope to start allowing parents on to site – to support and learn alongside the children. More information will follow.

We continue our excellent additional curriculum – the after school clubs have all started this week, we also have started Forest School with Woods Corner, swimming with Bodle Street class and PE with Dallington class.

The late club is under new leadership. Erin Courtney (mum to Hugh and Elliot) is now leading it and has already made her mark! The children have already enjoyed making models from clay, making bird feeders and junk modelling. The club operates every night from 3:15 to 6pm. Please ask at the office if you would like to access the club.

We have booked a company to come in and teach the children curling. It should be lots of fun and also tie in with our look at the winter Olympics. We have also arranged for all children to receive first aid training – a very important life skill that we hope they never use!

As I said an exciting term lies ahead.

Reading

There has been so much written about children being behind and closing gaps. We are obviously working hard in school to do this but one way all parents can help is the simplest way - hear your child read every night. If you can't hear them read ask them questions about their book – the story - the characters – what they think is going to happen. Reading is so important – if they cannot read they cannot access anything else. This will continue to be a focus of homework activities for this term



Vocabulary

As well as the promotion of reading another target for the school is to make the school vocabulary rich. One of the ideas we had to help us improve this was introducing our own Dallington high street outside the Dallington classroom. The signs are fantastic and will be used by many classes as a starting point for role play, investigations and conversations.



Students

We have two new students joining us towards the end of January.

Mr Akar will be working in Woods Corner class and Miss Penn will be in Brightling class. Miss Straw will finish her practice in Bodle Street class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming our new students to our school.

Parking

Following on from the last newsletter I have passed photographic evidence of two cars which are continually parked on the zig zags to county. Please do not park on the zig zags – it is illegal and creates issues which could easily lead to a child or parent being hit with a car.

I have also have received a complaint about people driving far too fast up and down the street – this, yet again, is dangerous and endangers so many children and adults. Please may I suggest that if you are in that much of a rush you leave 5 minutes earlier – that way we can all remain safe!

Warming up homeless

Before Christmas we ran our reverse advent calendar where you kindly donated food and clothes to support the work of Warming up Homeless. All of the wonderful donations were collected on Monday 20th. The driver was so grateful and kept telling us how much

this would mean to so many people. A massive thank you to everyone who supported this.

FODS

Happy New Year Disco

Join us as we dance the new year in on the 21st Jan. You can buy tickets via [letslocalise](http://letslocalise.com).



School lottery

Congratulations to our recent school lottery winners: Juliette Reeves, Jane Andrew and Eleanor Aspinall!

Shopping with Amazon smile and easy fundraising! For all those winter shopping 'trips' 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, Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to FODS - at no cost to you.

Login once at 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.

January

21st FODS disco
 27th KS2 Red Tree show (virtual show MHWB)
 26th Stay and play
 26th Brightling class – indoor athletics
 w/b 31st Dallington parents lunch

February

2nd Stay and play
 w/b 7th Woods Corner parents lunch
 9th Stay and play
 11th Last day of term 3
 21st First day of term 4
 w/b 21st Bodle Street parental lunch
 22nd Online safety day
 22nd Young at Heart – Woods Corner
 25th open afternoon

March

1st parents evening 3:30pm
 2nd Netball at HCC
 3rd Cross country Brighton
 3rd Parents evening 5:30pm
 16th KS2 poetry final
 18th Comic Relief
 23rd HASP poetry final KS2
 31st Welly Walk

April

1st Easter egg hunt
 1st Last day of term 4
 19th Start of term 5

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