



# 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*

## Outside learning

I am pleased to announce that we have booked three exciting 'events' for the children to take part in.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> we have someone coming in to teach the children curling. The Winter Olympics starts the following day – what an exciting way to start this always brilliant festival of sport.

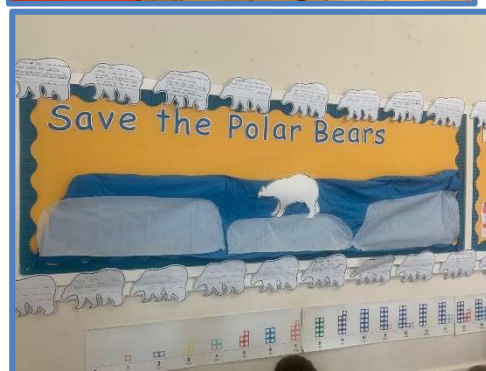
On 4<sup>th</sup> March all of the children will be taught the very valuable life skill of first aid. They will learn the basics as well as recovery position, CPR and what to do/expect when you call an ambulance. I feel passionate about this area it should be taught in school and I am really pleased we are able to offer it to the children. On 7<sup>th</sup> March we welcome Dan the Skipping man into school. He will work with each class – passing on his love of skipping – not just as a means of keeping fit but as a fun playtime activity. I think it is funny that we are doing skipping after first aid – but on the positive note if anyone hurts themselves we have 113 mini first aiders to support!

All three events will offer children different opportunities to learn and grow and best of all – there is no charge to you for any of these activities!

## Work happening

Our new topic, happy planet, happy us has made a wonderful start across the school. We have some really exciting and thought provoking work happening in all 4 classes- from fair trade in year 5/6 to a young man in year 1 who informed me he was going to

write to Boris Johnson to complain about global warming! Maybe this will be the generation to improve/save the planet!



## **Sports events**

We have a lot of sporting events returning to Dallington at the moment. Our year 5/6 children took part in an indoor athletics festival on Wednesday – they competed against five other schools. They ran, jumped, stretched and threw their way to a fun afternoon.

Unfortunately our football match against Five Ashes was postponed due to COVID but hopefully that will be rearranged soon. We have a netball and hockey tournament straight after half term as well four of our year 5/6 boys representing not only Dallington but the Heathfield area in the cross country finals. Exciting times! A massive thank you to the staff and parents who have made these trips possible!



## **Stay and play**

As we start along the road to normality we welcomed a small group of parents back into school. Dallington Class did their annual Stay and Play - this is where parents can come in and spend an hour learning alongside their child and learning how the school operates. It was a lovely morning. Thank you to everyone who was able to come in and work alongside us.



## **Dog poo**

We have many dogs visiting school at the moment. Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site – we do not discriminate – it doesn't matter if it is small or large, cute or not so cute! With our new visitors we have also had a rise in dog mess along The Street. Please ensure if your dog does need the toilet along The Street that is collected- we have over 100 people walking up and down there, as well as push chairs, every morning and evening – it is not fair to them or any of the village if it is just left. Thank you.

## **Students**

We have two new students who have joined us, 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.

## **Learning powers**

We have relaunched our Learning Powers. We have nine animals who are all linked with a learning power. These had been a brilliant addition to the school before COVID. Due to 2 years of not using them we have rebranded and relaunched them. Can I introduce you to Casper the cat – she teaches us to be curious and ask questions.



Then we have (my favourite) Tiddles the Tortoise. She teaches us to be determined and never give up.



These Learning Powers are incredibly powerful in helping children remember key skills. They are part of a larger family- we will introduce you to the rest in the coming months

## **Late club**

Our Late club continues to have lots of fun. Last week they made bird feeders that are now hanging in the school grounds. The feeders have already proved a bit hit with the local wildlife! Well done everyone.



## **FODS**

### **School lottery**

Congratulations to our recent school lottery winners: Norman King, Jemma Canning and Paul Cox.

### **Happy New Year disco!**

The kids had a great time dancing the night away, thank you to all those involved! Great to see lots of fun being had, whilst supporting and raising funds for our lovely school.



### **Second hand uniform**

We have lots of second hand uniform available to buy - check out our online shop: <https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/school-shop-details-view?eventId=10360>

**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](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.

#### **January**

~~w/b 31<sup>st</sup> Dallington parents lunch~~

#### **February**

2<sup>nd</sup> Stay and play  
3<sup>rd</sup> Curling  
w/b 7<sup>th</sup> Woods Corner parents lunch  
9<sup>th</sup> Stay and play  
11<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 3  
21<sup>st</sup> First day of term 4  
w/b 21<sup>st</sup> Dallington parents lunch  
22<sup>nd</sup> Online safety day  
22<sup>nd</sup> Young at Heart – Woods Corner  
25<sup>th</sup> Open afternoon 2:15pm

#### **March**

1<sup>st</sup> parents evening 3:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Netball at HCC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cross country Brighton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Parents evening 5:30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> First aid training  
7<sup>th</sup> Skipping workshops  
16<sup>th</sup> KS2 poetry final  
18<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief  
w/b 21<sup>st</sup> Bodle Street parental lunch

23<sup>rd</sup> HASP poetry final KS2  
w/b 28<sup>th</sup> Brightling parental lunch  
31<sup>st</sup> Welly Walk

#### **April**

1<sup>st</sup> Easter egg hunt  
1<sup>st</sup> Last day of term 4  
19<sup>th</sup> 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