



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

Damage

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe after our recent storms. I know a few of you are still struggling with things like wifi- if there is anything the school can do to help please do not hesitate to contact me.

At school we escaped pretty much unscathed. We have a few fence panels down but otherwise we were ok. We did have a few issues around the KS2 classrooms – this was nothing to do with the storm just old age!! Thankfully Mike Davis (Jack's dad) came to our rescue and performed miracles!

Can I thank you for all for your understanding with the school closure – it is never a decision we take lightly but the systems of communication work- which is always reassuring.

Mrs Bloom

Brightling class have already been told but I am pleased to announce that Mrs Bloom is expecting another addition to her gorgeous family. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Bloom and we look forward to meeting the latest addition to their family. Mrs Bloom will be with us until July.

Flowers

We have kindly been donated nearly £70 worth of plants by Athelas Nursery in Ninfield. It is an amazing gesture and will help decorate Dallington class outside area.

Heritage project

Our wonderful children of Brightling class worked with Rachel from the High Weald education officer on exploring our local environment. Our school is not only blessed with outstanding views but we are situated in an area rich in history. The children explored, investigated, drew, recorded and wrote all about the history. Their project was presented in a booklet and this can be seen on our website. Please do have a look as it is brilliant.

Readers

Today sees the end of COVID restrictions – we would like to celebrate by inviting any willing parents to come in and hear readers/support in class. If you would like to come in and support please speak to your child's class teacher. If any parents have some spare time and would like a small project- we need some support to get our library operational again. We can offer some simple training, lots of tea or coffee and many wonderful visitors to the library. Please speak to Mrs Bloom or Mr Cox if you are interested.



Healthy schools

Over the last month the school have been working towards achieving Healthy school status. It was a large and very thorough document that was focused on four main areas – PE, mental health, healthy eating and PSHE (personal, social, health, education). It was a long job but an interesting one as I raised lots of questions and made us reflect on our current practice. However I am pleased to announce that during the half term we heard that we have been successful. We still have areas to develop/change/introduce but we are on the right track, Over the coming weeks we need to make some changes to Fun Food Friday, tuck shop etc but all of these will be minor.



Sports events

Next week is a busy week generally but we have four boys taking part in the finals of the cross country – they will be racing down in Brighton against schools from across Sussex. We also have the Heathfield area annual netball tournament. We have a long and proud history in netball and I am sure the teams will do us proud this year. I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our participant's good luck.

Open afternoon

On Friday 25th we will hold an open afternoon. From 2:15pm you are able to come in and look at your child(ren)s progress and their books. This information will then hopefully make the parents evenings, the following week, more focused and clearer to understand.

Next week

As I mentioned next week is very busy. We will have our rearranged online safety day(week). Forest school for Brightling class starts, swimming for Dallington Class, two parents evenings, a netball tournament, a final cross country run, a lady coming in to do fun computer bits with KS2 and the whole school learning first aid. That is of course on top of all the excellent learning that happens daily! Lots to ask your children about and if they are tired this might be part of the reason.



Students

On Friday 4th March we say goodbye to Miss Straw. She has finished her final practice and returns to university to do a few i's and cross a few t's before starting, what I am sure will be, a very successful teaching career. Miss Straw has taught in both Woods Corner and Bodle Street classes. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and wishing her the best of luck for the future.

FODS

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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.

February

25th open afternoon 2:15pm

March

1st parents evening 3:30pm
1st Drugs talk for Brightling class
2nd Netball at HCC
3rd Cross country Brighton
3rd Parents evening 5:30pm
3rd World book day – story time
4th First aid training – whole school
7/8th Brian Moses to speak to KS2
7th Skipping workshops
16th KS2 poetry final
18th Comic Relief
w/b 21st Bodle Street parental lunch
23rd HASP poetry final KS2
w/b 28th Brightling parental lunch
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