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

Gazebo

Our new Gazebo is built! It will provide another area for the children to congregate and provide some shade in the summer terms. We will be growing 'things' up the sides – hopefully it will soon become a real feature.



Athletics

On Wednesday 25th, twenty members of Brightling Class, went to Heathfield communty college to participate in the annual HASP indoor athletics tournament. The children all performed brilliantly - running, jumping, throwing and pushing themselves to achieve.



Parental lunches

Hopefully you have been able to see the letter sent home last week. We are again inviting parents in to share lunchtime with your children. The dates for each class are in the date sections. If there are any questions please ask.

PE Kit

On Thursday's the whole school (apart from those swimming) have PE. We have allowed children to come in wearing their PE kit as this helps with timings. However, we now have children coming in wearing football kits and everything but PE kit. If your child does not have the correct PE kit this can be purchased from the school office. If you are unsure of the requirement the uniform policy is on the school website but it states

On their PE days, children will need to come in dressed in their PE clothes with a school sweatshirt on top

Plain white t-shirt

- Black or grey joggers or shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls

Children not wearing the correct PE kit will not be allowed to participate in PE.

Just Different

Some of our more established families will know that we used to have an organisation called Just Different come into school. They had handicapped people come and talk to the children about their lives, how they are still the same ...Just Different. Unfortunately the company was closed during Covid but from that a new company, Hewson Enterprises, has started. They work on exactly the same premise. They will be in on Monday and will be working with all classes. It will be brilliant to welcome them back to Dallington and I am sure the children will get lots from it.

Stay and play

We are inviting the parents of our early year's children to come and 'stay and play'. On three mornings in term 4 you are invited to come in and see what your child does in class. The dates are below. Hopefully it will be a fantastic opportunity for you to have an insight into your child's school day.

Disco

FODS will be holding a spring DISCO on March 10th. There will be a book character theme – to coincide with word book day. We will also hold a mufti day during the day- this will also be book characters.

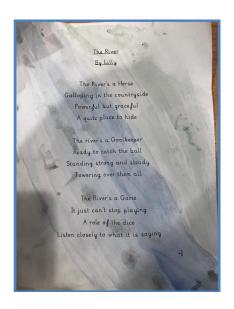
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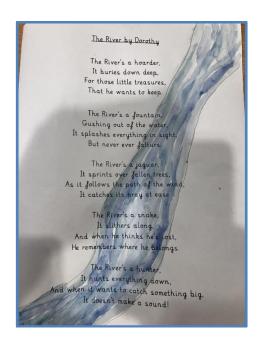
It has also come to my attention recently that people have become relaxed with the idea of healthy snacks. Just a reminder that children can have a **snack** at a playtime. It should not be chocolate, sweets, a family sized packet of crisps — these are not unreasonable

requests/expectations. I have asked staff to confiscate any inappropriate food items. We have also had a lot more children drinking squash rather than water. School policy is clear the children are allowed water only. I have spoken previously to two families about this but there is no other reason for children to have squash. Again staff will replace their drinks with a cup of water if the children continue to bring in squash/juice.

Poems

I was very lucky to have seen some of the outstanding work that was happening in Bodle Street class. The children had been studying poetry. They had written their own poems using personification. The children had not written these wonderful poems but had designed their own backgrounds. Fantastic work





The River's a dancer.
It dances down the stream,
It can't keep still.
It feels like a dream.

The River's a snake,
It twists and turns
Hill to Hill,
It's never to burn.

The River's a fidget spinner,
Spinning its way down,
It won't keep steel,
Keeps away frowns.

FODS

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Upcoming dates

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

<u>January</u>

30th Hewson Enterprise visiting w/b 30th Dallington parental meals

February

w./b 6th Woods Corner parental meals 7th Young at Heart – Bodle Street 10th Last day of term 20th INSET DAY 21st First day of term 4 22nd Stay and Play – EYFS 22nd Netball tournament w/b 27th Bodle St parental meals

March

1st Stay and play - EYFS

3rd Open afternoon 2:30pm
w/b 6th Brightling parental meals
8th Stay and Play – EYFS
8th Parents evenings 3:30pm
9th Parents evenings 6pm
10th Mufti day – Book characters
10th FODS DISCO
16th Big Dance – Brightling class
17th Comic Relief mufti
23rd Little Sing – Year 2
24th Welly Walk
29th Hockey tournament – Brightling class
31st Easter egg hunt
Last day of term

April

17th First day of term 5

Term dates 2022/2023

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Term	Start date	End date
Term 2	Monday 31	Friday 16
	October	December
Christmas	Monday 19	Monday 2
school	December	January
holiday		
Term 3	Tuesday 3	Friday 10
	January	February
February	Monday 13	Friday 17
school	February	February
holiday	-	_
Term 4	Tuesday 21	Friday 31
	February	March
Spring	Monday 3	Friday 14
school	April	April
holiday		
Term 5	Monday 17	Friday 26
	April	May
May school	Monday 29	Friday 2 June
holiday	May	
Term 6	Monday 5	Friday 21
	June	July