



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

And that is term 5!

I know I am getting older but time just seems to be flying past at the moment. We have one term left of this academic year - how did that happen? We have held our new parents evening and our new Reception children are all excited to start in September.

Term 4 is all about SATS and I would just like to recognise the hard work, resilience and amazing spirit of all of our year 2 and year 6 children and staff! I have been part of both classes tests and I can honestly say the children could not have tried any harder. As I said, whilst the SATs have a role to play they do not define the children, their journey or anything else. They do not show the kindness they have, the love, the spirit, the personality – they show one area – academics! We are all very proud of the children – I hope they are proud of themselves!

Summer reading challenge



Nothing says 'end of year' like the Library Services Summer Reading Challenge! This is such a simple but amazing opportunity to ensure your child is reading over the Summer

holidays. For those who are not aware of this challenge-

- You and your child visit your local library
- Choose a book
- Read the book
- Get a reward!
- Read six books across the Summer and they receive a certificate.

Reading is one of the most important skills that children learn. If we cannot read we will struggle to access everything. This allows your child the chance to visit and support your local library – choose books they are interested in and keep their reading skills ticking over during the Summer holidays.

The theme for this year's reading challenge has been developed with the Youth Sport Trust, - 'Ready, Set, Read!' will celebrate play and participation and will encourage children to engage in reading, games and sports, in any way that best suits them.

The event will run from 8th July to 9th September.

There are digital books available as well!
Enjoy

Holi

Our rescheduled Holi festival happened on Tuesday. We had such a colourful, fun time! It was brilliant after such a busy couple of weeks see the children all relax and just enjoy being together.

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Cricket

On Wednesday, Mr Tooze took a group of six year 5/6 girls to take part in a Sussex County Cricket tournament. It was a very warm morning but the heat didn't stop the girls – they were all brilliant. They finished first - well done to everyone involved.

Beach trip

As a reward, not just for the SATs, but the whole year building up to the tests, Brightling class went to the beach for a day of rest and relaxation. It was a lovely day – with lots of games, paddling and fish and chips!



Mummification

As part of their topic on Ancient Egypt, Bodle Street Class mummified a fish! Firstly, they found out what mummification is then they carried out their own ceremony! They gutted the fish separating the organs for the canopic jars, they then prepared the body for the afterlife. The fish were covered in salt and expensive oils – well cinnamon anyway! The fish were laid to rest in their tombs and more salt was added. The tomb was decorated and then the fish were sealed in. The fish will now

sit for about 40 days, the children will then wrap the fish in bandages and ensure everything is in place for its journey into the afterlife. It was a mucky, smelly but brilliant lesson that gave the children a hands on experience of the mummification process.



Tennis

On Wednesday 10th May, 16 children from Bodle Street Class travelled to Heathfield Leisure centre to take part in the annual school's tennis tournament. It was a wonderful afternoon that celebrated tennis, the Heathfield school and the brilliance of all of the children. The children participated in 8 activities that tested and improved their tennis skills. Our B team came 6th out of ten and our A team came first! The A team will

now go onto the next round in Crowborough. Well done to everyone who took part.



Swimming

We have now finished swimming! All classes have had the opportunity to attend and hopefully found it useful. Thank you to our staff, Bedes and the swimming instructors for their support

Save the bees!

Chartwells have recently held a competition to raise the plight of bees. The children were asked to design a poster. The posters will be displayed in school. The overall winner was 1st Rubie (year 5)

The school then chose winners from across the school. They are;

Jaxson
Charlotte H
Nieve
Flynn
Emily B

Well done to everyone for some excellent work

Piano

On Monday and Wednesday of this week we have had two very special assemblies. The children who have been learning piano with Mrs Lloyd had the opportunity to showcase their talents. We had children from year 1 to year 6 performing. Both mornings were amazing and really highlighted how hard these children had practiced and how talented they are! Well done everyone.



Future dates

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

May

26th End of term 5

June

5th Term starts

13th Bodle Street Egyptian day

16th Sports Champion visit

16th Young at Heart

Wb 19th Sex Education week

22nd Year 6 Dioceses leavers service

28-30th Brightling residential

July

3rd Sports morning

6th Federation day years 3/6

7th Hands on History in for Bodle Street

11th Federation day years 1/2

11th Bodle Street open afternoon – Egyptians

12/13th Move up mornings

14th Young at Heart

14th Open afternoon 2:30pm

17th Year 6 leavers do- Bewl water

18th Federation day years 4/5

21st Year 6 leavers assembly

last day of term

September

4th First day of term

FODS

Second hand uniform is available via the parentmail shop.

FODS meeting- please join us after half term on 7th June at 2pm where we will be discussing and planning the summer event.

FODS are launching a new fundraising idea next month 'Happy school bags' a bit of info....

At Happy School Bag we offer schools the opportunity to raise funds and at the same time to help our environment by keeping valuable and reusable resources out of landfill. We specialise in collecting and buying quality second hand clothes, working together with the pupils, parents and teachers to fundraise, recycle and educate. The scheme is suited for schools from playgroups to colleges as well as other organisations. This cost free programme actively promotes recycling at school and encourages children to become involved in waste reduction

Q. What Happens to the clothing/shoes and fashion accessories we collect?

A. The pre-loved garments collected by Happy School Bag are sold to secondhand markets abroad for the purpose of REUSE and provides affordable quality clothing to disadvantaged people in need

And so in preparation we would love you to hold on to any items you might be clearing out over the next month or so:

Adult and children's clothing

Paired Shoes

Fashion accessories

Handbags, Belts,

Hats, Scarves

Jewellery, Perfumes

Bags will be coming home with children next month and they will need to be filled and returned by the end of June.

Thanks we hope this will be a really great fundraiser.

Fods team :)

Don't forget the school lottery!

You can sign up and be part of the fundraising by

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/dallington-ce-primary>