



Fortnightly newsletter

Dallington CE Primary School

...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life. (1 Timothy 4:12)

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Welcome back

So that was the Summer, a mixture of grey days that disappeared in the blink of an eye! We now return back to school in the middle of a heatwave!

We have only been back three days but there is a positive feel around the school. We are having a challenge week this first week – we are trying to build new relationships and challenge the children to not give up when faced with a problem!

There is a list of new dates on the right, these are always subject to change but we will update you if any changes need to be made.

Over the Summer Mrs Bridges handed in her notice. Mrs Bridges has been at Dallington for 22 years and was very much a pillar of our school. She will be sorely missed but she has other challenges to face and we send her off with our eternal thanks and love.

We welcome Mrs Smith to a more 'full time' role in the school. Mrs Smith has run our breakfast club for a while now but has now also taken on the role of an Individual needs assistant (INA) and will be working with two boys across the school. We also welcome Mrs Lane to Woods Corner class. Mrs Lane previously worked at Dallington and returns after a 13-year gap to be the teaching assistant in year 1/2. Both Mrs Smith and Mrs Lane will be amazing additions to our staff and we welcome both.

Next week the class brochures will come home – these outline the topics and the work your child(ren) will be doing in class. The teachers are here if you have any questions.



Next week we welcome our new Reception children – if you see parents looking lost or a little unsure please say hello and point them in the direction of Dallington Class.



Upcoming events

September

26th Curriculum meeting Year R

October

w/b 2nd Book Fayre

3rd Coffee morning new EYFS parents

4-6th Year 4 residential

10th Harvest festival

17th Coffee morning– all parents

20th end of term 1

30th INSET Day

31st Term 2 starts

31st pm – open afternoon

November

1st Parents evening 3:30-5:30pm

2nd parents evening 6-8pm

8th Take over day – year 6

13-17th Anti Bullying week

15th Take over day – year 6

17th Mufti Children in need

30th Decoration making morning

December

6th – Nativity 2pm

7th Nativity 6pm

8th Mufti day – food banks

13th School Christmas lunch

15th Last day of term

Measles

We have been asked by ESCC to let you know that there has been a confirmed case of Measles in Hastings, they are encouraging everyone to sign up for the vaccinations. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in under vaccinated groups

School Clubs

We have been working hard to bring you some new clubs this term

Monday – Irish Dancing open to all years

Monday - Girls Football years 2-6 (starts 18/9/23)

Tuesday - Lego Club Year 1-6

Wednesday – Great Out Tours Open to all years

Thursday - Nxt Gen Football boys & Girls Year 1-3

Thursday Keep fit - Year 3-6 (starting 21/9/23)

Friday - Football with Mr Cox Year 4-6



Please note – Irish Dancing, Girls football and keep fit will only run if enough people sign up to it. Please let Mrs CB know via studybugs if your child will be attending any of the above clubs.

Attendance

Attendance will continue to be a big driver for us this year. We, as a school, did really well last year – not perfect but a vast improvement. The Government have put a lot of emphasis on attendance and this filters down to schools. Our attendance policy was reissued last year with our updated approaches around fining for persistent lateness or holidays in term time. If there are any questions around attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Uniform

The children all look so smart and shiny with their new shoes and clean uniforms - long may it last. The uniform policy is on the school website and is available from the school office if you would like a copy. We will be tough on children not wearing the correct PE kits or other correct uniform. I have already spoke to a parent about their child wearing brightly colored trainers to school. Please ask if you have any questions over uniform.

Inset

Inset days- just so you are aware these have all been fixed – school is closed for training on

1st September

30th October

9th February

22/23rd July – start looking for cheaper Summer holidays 😊

Coffee morning

We will be holding a McMillan coffee afternoon on Friday 29th September at 2pm. These events are always brilliant and support a wonderful cause. There will be a separate Study Bugs message about this but keep the date free.

Early Christmas presents

There is a new paint your own pottery place opened in Hailsham. They cater for both children and adults (Prosecco Thursdays!). We have some flyers in the school office or visit their website www.bellespottery.com

Traffic

It is the first newsletter of the new year and I don't want to moan so.... Just a gentle reminder that the school operates an unofficial one way system. This is in place to alleviate some of the congestion we have on the narrow country roads. We ask that we drive down the Street (towards the church) in the mornings and drive up the Street (Church behind you) in the evenings. It is not a perfect system but if people follow the instructions it does make the roads safer and less congested.

The county council have added a new sign about parking on the zig zags- this is simply not allowed. You limit the width of the road, cut down on clear sightlines for those crossing the road and simply create issues / dangers that do not need to exist. Is it worth putting others at risk because you are running late or don't want to park at the top of the road? I think that is a simple answer!



Finally....

My door is always open, if you have a question, problem or just fancy a good old natter! 2023/24 is going to be a brilliant year and I am looking forward to working with you to ensure the children have the best experience possible!