



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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Football

Last week we took some of our older children to the annual Heathfield schools football tournament. The tournament has been postponed twice because of the weather. It was a wet and muddy afternoon but every single child was amazing on and off the pitch! Especially the girls team who 'managed' themselves and had lots of first time players. The girls finished 3rd on goal difference – 1 more goal and they would have won. A massive congratulations to the boys who not only won every game they did not concede a single goal! They are now through to the next round against schools from Uckfield! Well done to everyone!

Take over day

Every year the year 6 children get to apply for a 'job' within the school. They write a letter of application and then, if successful, work that job for a day. They can apply to work in the kitchen, the school office, as caretaker or within the classrooms as a teacher or teaching assistant. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a working day!



Upcoming events

November

13-17th Anti Bullying week

15th Take over day – year 6

17th Mufti Children in need

24th Young at Heart – Bodle Street

28th Brightling – carols at Burwash care home

29th Bodle carol concert – State Hall

30th Decoration making morning

December

1st FODS Christmas celebration

6th – Nativity 10:30am

7th Nativity 6pm

8th Mufti day – food banks

11th Brightling carols at De La Warr

12th Pantomime

13th School Christmas lunch

14th Christmas parties

15th Last day of term

January

2nd Term 3 starts

Nativity

We have had to change the time of the Nativity on 6th December– it will be at 10:30am. I apologise for the change. The performance on 7th is still at 6pm.

Parking

I have had several parents raise concerns about parking in the mornings. Please try to ensure that you are parking as close to the kerb as you can (not on the pavement), your car is straight and that larger vehicles (school bus) can get past. The Street is narrow but if we do not ALL park sensibly we are creating lots of problems for parents and children crossing the road and causing congestion as other vehicles will not be able to pass. As we say in school, good for me, good for you - good for everyone! Thank you.

Remembrance service

A massive thank you to Rev. Lloyd and Mr Sewell for delivering our remembrance service. Due to the weather we couldn't make it to church but although the venue was different the message and atmosphere were the same. A special mention to Thomas Lloyd who played the Last Post on his trombone – he was amazing!



Anti-bullying week

This week we have alongside thousands of schools nationally celebrated anti bullying week. We have looked at the definition of bullying

*The **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.*

It can happen face to face or online.

We discussed how we can support ourselves and others in our school, community. It has been a really positive week.

Bobbi

On Friday we had Bobbi and her owner Laura visit the school. Bobbi is a therapy dog and she visits every month. The teachers choose different children to go out each visit. The children have an opportunity to play some games whilst interacting with Bobbi. A massive thank you to Bobbi and Laura.



Math afternoon

Last week Mr Cox and four children from Year 5 – Sophia, Sylvia, Joey and Thomas travelled to St. Andrew prep school in Eastbourne to take part in a math afternoon. It was a lovely afternoon with the children performing brilliantly, learning new strategies and having fun!

Fellowship of St Nicholas

We received a wonderful letter from the charity thanking you all for your harvest donations. They mention how the food will be used to support many families through their mobile and stationary pantries. Well done everyone

Burwash care home

Last week we started a new 'friendship' with Dudwell St Mary's care home. We took ten Brightling class children to meet the residents and spend an hour reading to them and discussing their lives. It was a lovely afternoon and hopefully the start of a very positive relationship!



Snow

Don't panic! The storm the other day reminded me that we need to share the procedures - if the school does close for bad weather or other reasons. If we have very bad weather and need to close the school, this is the procedure: If the snow or ice comes over night, a decision will be made by 7am as to whether it is safe to open the school. If the decision is taken not to open then a notice will be placed on our website, school Facebook page and a study bugs message sent. At the same time ESCC will be informed and a notice will be available on their website; you can also sign up for an 'alert' from ESCC if our school is closed. Local radio stations will also be informed, but this tends to be quite slow. If we need to close during the day, we will Study Bugs as a matter of urgency; we would ask that you spread the word to other parents too.



FODS afternoon

As we move into the season of goodwill to all men I would like to share with you the FODS Christmas celebration. It sounds wonderful and I am sure the reality will be even better. The members of FODS always put on brilliant events – I am really excited that the tickets will be stamped differently at each station – not that I am a big fan of Polar Express! Hope everyone will be able to support this super idea!



TT Rockstars

We have presented certificates in assembly today for children's use of Times Table Rockstars. This is a brilliant app that supports the learning and development of times tables. Just a reminder that children can access this at home. If you need a log in please speak to your child's class teacher. A special mention to Ernie (yr4) who came to see me to show me he had been ranked as the 4th in the whole world (on the challenge he was playing) – which is amazing!