



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

I hope the half term was an enjoyable break and at some point, you managed to avoid the rain! This term is always a long but exciting one- it culminates with Christmas so who wouldn't be excited? We have our usual Christmas timetable planned out and I have added a few dates to the upcoming events - in Yellow.

I write this the day of storm Ciaran – a massive thank you to everyone for their support with the decisions the school made - it is always difficult because we have to make decisions hypothetically – I hope everyone escaped unhurt and there was no damage.

To tie in with Christmas, our Christian value this term is Love. We will be looking at how we can be more compassionate to ourselves and others.

Wellbeing Warriors

On the Thursday before we broke up, Brightling class travelled to The Amex stadium to take part in a new initiative called Wellbeing Warriors. This was all about children understanding their emotions and feelings and also recognising changes in others. Not only did they all learn some valuable new skills and information they also, more importantly got to have a tour of the Amex! The day was very powerful and we look forward to Year 5/6 spearheading this new initiative across the school



Upcoming events

November

8th Take over day – year 6

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 2pm

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



Attendance

Just a reminder that the school is set a target by County who have targets set by the Government – whether you agree or not we have to work towards meeting these targets. These targets/school attendance is tracked by Ofsted, the County Council and other outside agencies; attendance is part of the safeguarding framework. All schools are working towards 96% attendance - every day off is a day of missed education, a day away from their friends, a day they need to catch up on! So far – since September – the school attendance is 96% - keep up the excellent work! If you have any questions about school attendance please do not hesitate to speak to me.

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.



Commando Joe

In school we are using a new initiative called Commando Joe's. The scheme is based around prominent celebrities – the children are set similar challenges to the ones the celebrities have faced during their lives. The children are challenged to complete the challenges. The challenges take the children out of their comfort zones and focus on different skills to the academic ones we normally see! We had a brief introduction before the half term where the children had to work in groups to rescue CJ bear. The scheme is based around the RESPECT framework –

R= Resilience, E=Empathy, S= Self-awareness, P= Positivity, E= Excellence, C=Communication and T= Teamwork

I am really excited by this new initiative and strongly believe it will help different children have the opportunity to shine whilst offering all children the chance to develop key skills.



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!



Take over day

Next week we will hold the first of our Take over days. Year 6 have to apply for a 'job' within the school. They can be teachers, teaching assistants, secretaries, cooks, caretaker or the head teacher. The children, if successful get to work that job for the day. It is a wonderful insight into a working day and an invaluable experience.

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.