



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

Firstly – Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope the Christmas period was full of fun, family and pigs in blankets! It doesn't seem possible that we are entering term 3 and we are nearly half way through this academic year! This term, whilst a little quieter than December is still action packed! We have lots of opportunities for you to understand how school works – we will have parental sessions on reading, writing, phonics and math, parents will be invited in to share lunch with their child(ren) and we have parents' evenings.

We are going to try something different this year. We are not going to send reports home in July - they will come home at the beginning of March. There is no hard-fast rule saying they must come home at the end of the year. We felt it would be more beneficial to receive them half way through the year and then still have time for us to work on certain areas and celebrate the achievements. We will try it and gather feedback to see if it works.

We have two new members of staff in school. Mrs. Donnebaer is providing support to a child in Dallington class and Mrs. Thompson is working in Bodle Street supporting a small group during the mornings. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the school.

Clubs

Mrs CB has sent out the club list – please ensure that you sign up for any clubs your child would like to join.

Stay and play

We will be offering the Dallington parents the opportunity to come in and spend some time learning alongside their children. There will be a separate letter sent home about the dates but you will have the chance to come in, see how the class and work is structured and work alongside your child.

Upcoming events

January

9th Forest school starts – BS

9th Young at Heart

23rd football finals am

24th Sports hall athletics pm

W/b 29th Parental lunches - Dall

February

W/b 5th parental lunches - WC

8th Last day of term 3

9th Inset day

19th return to school – term 4

W/b 26th Parental lunches – BS

March

1st Reports home

w/b 4th Parental lunches – Br

8th Open afternoon 2:30pm

12th In house poetry final – KS2

13th Parents evening 6pm

14th Parents evening 3:30pm

15th Comic relief mufti

15th Young at Heart

21st Little sing – year 2

28th Easter egg hunt

28th Last day of term 4

April

15th First day of term 5

PE

Niki has returned for her Thursday PE sessions. Year 5/6 took part in a very vigorous circuit training session whilst the rest of the school are doing gymnastics. I was very tired just watching. PE happens every Thursday and the children can come to school wearing school PE kit – including Dallington Class!

Uniform

We have had a kaleidoscope of jumpers, hairbands, shirts and even socks recently. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform. We are very flexible and supportive but we have certain children treating school like a fashion show! Thank you!

Parking

As we start a new term – just a reminder! 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. Please also remember that you are not permitted to park on the zig zags at any time. This, again, cuts down on visibility, makes cars go around you and creates dangerous situations right outside of school. As we say in school, good for me, good for you - good for everyone! Thank you.

Topic

It always amazes me how children and staff interpret topics and put their own stamp on it. This term we are all looking at Blue Planet as a whole school topic. I have been fortunate enough to watch Dallington Class building boats for a penguin, Woods Corner making wonderful pictures of the Titanic, listen to Bodle Street as they bamboozled me with lots of facts about whales and Brightling class presenting their work on the habitats of different animals. It has been a brilliant start to the new topic and term! Hopefully lots more exciting work will be following!

Term 3

As we navigate away from Christmas into the Spring, lighter evenings and April showers (we need a little bit of rain) I just want to remind you that the school is here to support you and your family. We have avenues open to us that you may not be able to use by yourself. My door is always open... please just ask!