



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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Lateness

Following on from conversations with the teachers. Starting on Monday 18th March, if you and your child arrive after 8:55am (when the gate closes) you will need to drop your child off at Reception; you will not be allowed to come into school. The reason we are doing this is we have so many people arriving late then wanting to talk to staff or just floating around school- it is causing lessons to start late. Our timetables are already over full, if we are not starting lessons until 9:10am this is not fair on the whole class. Either Mrs CB or myself will be there to take messages – if you need to speak to a teacher you will need to book a time to see them. I hope you understand- if there are any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me.

World Book day

What a brilliant week we had. The children did lots in class, had the opportunity to hear a different adult read every day and of course dressed as their favourite book or character. As always, the children looked amazing! Reading and a love of reading is one of the easiest but most beneficial things we can instil within children – hopefully this week and the other bits we do in school will be another step towards this happening.

Upcoming events

March

14th Parents evening 3;30pm

15th Comic relief mufti

21st Little sing – year 2

22nd Fods Neon Disco

27th Easter egg hunt

28th Last day of term 4

April

15th First day of term 5



Mother's day

A massive thank you to FODs for the wonderful Mothers day gift parlour. The children were all so excited. It was such a lovely idea. I hope all of our mums had a wonderful day.

Neuro diversity meeting

On Monday 25th March, Miss Conaway, the school Senco, will be holding a parental meeting about Neuro Diversity. There will be tea and cake as Miss Conaway shares with you what we do as a school to introduce and teach about neuro diversity. The meeting will be from 2:30pm until pickup. Please tell the school office if you are able to attend – just so there is enough cake!

Class + coffee morning

Don't forget we have a Class + coffee morning on Tuesday 16th April at 9am or you can also attend the Punnetts Town coffee afternoon on Wednesday 24th April at 1:15pm.

CLASS+ is part of the CLASS Team and works across East Sussex to support families/carers of Autistic children and young people with home based issues. This includes those on the diagnosis pathway. CLASS provide advice and support that:

- Enables families/carers to develop their knowledge and understanding of Autism
- Helps families/carers develop their confidence around how to best to support their neurodivergent child
- Allows families/carers to build on their child's strengths, confidence, and self-esteem

CLASS offer Monday advice line 10am - 1pm; phone consultations and virtual calls; workshops for parents/carers; short pieces of personalised guidance around a specific home-based issue and [Coffee and Chat sessions for parents/carers](#)

Contact CLASS+ on 01273 336 887 via email class@eastsussex.gov.uk
<http://www.facebook.com/CLASSPlusEastSussex>

Brightling class project

I was very lucky to cover Brightling class, for a short time, last week. They were working on a fact file around David Attenborough. They say every day is a school day but I learnt so much. The class had found out some really interesting facts and information about him. They were all really keen to share their work. Some of the new information I found out was:

- His favourite animal is humans
- He has over 10 plants/animals named after him
- He has 32 university degrees
- He has been on 148 television shows
- He is not a vegan or vegetarian
- His least favourite animal is the rat.

Parents evenings

We would have held both parents' evenings by the time you are reading this. I hope you found them useful, if there are any questions please speak to the class teachers. Thank you for your support.

MHWP

Mental health and well being are areas we have always put at the heart of what we do. I just wanted to bring you up to date with a few 'bits and bobs' we have going on at the moment;

- Mrs Mizen has trained as a Mental health lead
- Our year 5/6 children have been trained as Well Being Warriors and are working across the classrooms
- We started 'Mix it up' Friday last week. The children will be in house groups and they will have a chance to work together with others outside of their classrooms.
- We continue to have Bobbi, our therapy dog
- Mrs Delamare is still in on a Friday for time to talk.

If you have any questions about mental health please do not hesitate to talk to me or visit the school website where there is lots of good information and support

<https://www.dallington.e-sussex.sch.uk/mental-health/>

Big dance

Every year, the children of Brightling class take part in the Big Dance. The 'event' is for all primary schools in the Heathfield area. We have a practitioner from AB dance studios come in and teach the children a routine. Miss Langley, Mrs Bloom and Miss Hickman Smith then refine and polish the routine. On

Wednesday 13th the children travelled to HCC for their performance. They spent the afternoon rehearsing before curtain up! As always, they did us proud - they danced, waved, skipped and jumped to a wonderful performance. Well done everyone.



Attendance

We continue to promote good attendance at school. Good attendance is considered 96%- the school is currently 95%. Whilst we are slightly below, we are above the national average – attendance is not about letters, forms or anything else it is simply about your child's time in school. We don't do it to nag, we do it because we care.

Windmill

On Monday 4th, Miss Gallagher led an assembly on windmills. She explained how they work and what they are used for. She also volunteers at a local windmill, Argos Hill Windmill, which hold open days 12 times a year. During these special days, you can come and have a tour of the windmill and enjoy a tea or coffee and a homemade cake. These visits are free, but if possible, we ask for a small donation to help us to continue to restore the windmill. The open days are run from 2pm to 5pm. Here are our provisional for our open days this year:

- Monday 1st April
- Sunday 21st April
- Saturday 11th May
- Sunday 12th May
- Sunday 9th June
- Sunday 14th July
- Sunday 11th August
- Sunday 25th August
- Sunday 15th September
- Sunday 13th October

Please check our website or Facebook before your visit as these dates could be subject to change.

<https://www.argoshillwindmill.org.uk/>

FODS Neon Disco

Friday the 22nd March sees the FODs Neon Disco – tickets are still available in the School shop in Arbor

