



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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Time flies

Well that was February – I know I keep saying it but time is flying past so quickly! It doesn't seem possible we are heading into the final two terms of this academic year. Anyway, I am obviously getting old as I keep moaning about time!!

Please be aware we have had to change one of the dates for Parents Evening.

Monday 11th starting at 6pm

Thursday 14th starting at 3:30pm

The change is due to Brightling class performing at the Big Dance on Wednesday 13th...sorry!

Open afternoon

To coincide with the parents evenings we will be holding an open afternoon on Friday 8th. From 2:30pm you can come in and with your child, look at their books/work.

Mother's day

FODS are holding the first annual Mother's Day gift sale for the children, taking place in school time, on Friday 8th March. There will be 3 gifts for the children to choose from, which will be given to them on the day, wrapped and put in a bag for safe keeping. The children will come to the 'shop' during school time. Tickets for the event are priced at £2.50 per gift and you can purchase these via School Shop in Arbor or by dropping cash into the office if you prefer



Upcoming events

March

1st Reports home

w/b 4th Parental lunches – Br

8th Open afternoon 2:30pm

12th In house poetry final – KS2

11th Parents evening 6pm

14th Parents evening 3:30pm

15th Comic relief mufti

15th Young at Heart

21st Little sing – year 2

27th Easter egg hunt

28th Last day of term 4

April

15th First day of term 5

MHWB

Mental health and well being are areas we have always put at the heart of what we are doing. 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 start 'Mix it up' Fridays this 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/>

Netball

On Wednesday Miss Langley and Mrs Hoskins took sixteen of our year 5/6 children to compete in the Heathfield school's netball tournament. We had an A and B team who took part. Miss Langley and Mrs Hoskins were so proud of all the players. They battled, pivoted, passed and shot their way to 4th and 5th. A massive well done to everyone.



Chestnut tree house

As you will know, we recently held a mufti day and cake sale for Chestnut tree house. It was following a request from a former student who is doing a business 'exam' at Bexhill college. They were challenged to come up with a plan to raise the most money for a charity. Our mufti day was a small part of a bigger plan. They finished on Friday with a quiz night and raffle. Overall they raised £1,281.55 – an amazing amount of money for a brilliant charity.

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, 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 open days for this year:

- Sunday 10th March (Mothering Sunday)
- 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/>

World book day

We are celebrating on Friday 8th to avoid clashing with a PE day. It's that time of year again! Each year we think hard about how to celebrate World Book Day and keep the essence of

the day without it becoming all about parents feeling like they've got to buy a costume rather than about books and the magic of reading.

After talking to the children, they've come up with a plan! This year for World Book Day we invite you to dress up as your favourite book character - please bring the book in with you too if you can. This can be a home made costume, a shop-bought costume or just an outfit from home, but please don't feel you have to spend a fortune! If your child would rather not dress up, then they may come in mufti clothes with their favourite book and a prop or clue that tells us about their favourite character. For example - If you love Harry Potter then you could make a wand; if you're a fan of Paddington then you could bring in a marmalade sandwich (or a picture of one!); if you love the beast quest books bring us a picture of your favourite beast. We want to create lots of chat and excitement about books so have a think about something you really enjoy reading!