



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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Tough Mudder

Through our links with Bedes, our year 4 were invited to participate in the Tough Mudder race at their school. All of year 4 travelled down to Hailsham, very excited, to participate. They ran, crawled, climbed and laughed their way around a surprisingly dry course! They had a brilliant time. Sonny came first overall, Ernie was third and Emily forth. A fantastic effort by everybody.



Upcoming events

May

w/b 13th KS2 SATS week

17th Year 5/6 beach trip

24th Last day of term 5

June

3rd June Start of term 6

7th Young at Heart

3-14th Times tables tests – Year 4

w/b 10th Phonics Screening – KS1

18th Olympics – year 5/6

24th Residential week – Brightling

25th KS1 show 2pm

26th KS1 show – 10am

w/b 24th NSPCC workshops

28th open afternoon 2:30pm

July

1st Sex education week

3rd Move up morning

4th Move up morning

5th Young at Heart

9th Brightling show 2pm

10th Sports morning

10th Brightling show 6pm

19th Last day of term

Safeguarding review

At the end of April we had a safeguarding review from the county council. It was a long morning, with lots of questions, debate and no stone left unturned. There was so much to celebrate and a few targets to work on (two of which we have already addressed). A massive well done to the all for the staff and children for a brilliant result.

Bobbi

We continue to offer the children lots of opportunities to develop – both academically, socially and mentally. Bobbi, our therapy dog, continue to visit the school and gives the children an afternoon of stress-free play and a chance to relax. Again, a massive thank you to Laura (Bobbi's owner) for her support.



Snacks

I have noticed that of a playtime – particularly the older children – are not bringing in a snack but more of a meal. One child had 5 items, another child had 3 items but there were all sweet and another child had a family size pack of crisps! We are, as a school, incredibly proud of our Healthy school status, as part of that process we shared our policy with

everybody and it is still viewable on our website. Like everything we want to apply common sense and allow the children choice but if this trend continues we will ban snacks – except school managed ones. Just for your reference the policy does state

3. SNACKING We understand that snacks can be an important part of the diet of young people and can contribute positively towards a balanced diet. Children may bring in fruit, vegetables or cereal bars (not covered in chocolate) for their mid-morning break. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils are provided with an additional free piece of fruit or vegetable on a daily basis.

Parking

Whilst I am moaning, we are, again, getting more and more people parking on the zig zags outside of school. There is simply no excuse for this except laziness! All you are doing is narrowing visual lines for both children crossing and cars approaching, you are making cars go around you which then pushes them closer to the school drop off site where there are always families and simply just creating dangerous situations and putting people at risk for no real reason except for adding an extra 1 minute on your walk time. If this continues I will contact the Police and ESCC parking enforcement. Please think!

Tennis

No more moaning. More celebrating. Yesterday, our year 3/4 tennis team travelled to Cross in Hand tennis club to participate in the Heathfield school's tournament. We took two teams, they volleyed, back handed and played their way through an afternoon of fun! I am please to announce our A team came first and will now go to the next round in Crowborough. A massive well done to all our participants and a huge thank you to Mrs Haywood and Mr King for supporting the children throughout the tournament



Reading Challenge

Speaking of the Summer, we have been informed by the library service that they will be again offering their excellent Summer Reading Challenge.

The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src **6th July - 7th September 2024**

I know the Summer is a busy time but please consider this challenge. Reading is the most important skill we teach and this can open the children to so many different worlds/opportunities/learning experiencesand most importantly it is FREE!!

Finally....

On a final note, next week is SATS week for Year 6! The teachers and children have all worked so hard to fill in gaps, learn new bits and revise other bits. The SATS are a necessity, unfortunately, for Primary schools - they do not highlight the artists, the sportsmen, the kind, the good, the fragile, the quiet or the loud, they give us a line on which schools are judged. We wish all of our year 6 children the best for next week – we know how hard you have worked, how wonderful you are and all we ask is that you give it 100% !