



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

Doesn't the Summer holidays feel like a long time ago? As I write this the school corridors are filled with noise, laughter and questions! It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back. All of the children – including our 13 new Reception children have all settled so well. As we start the new year I wanted to take the opportunity to reintroduce you to the staff.

In Dallington class we have Miss Weiss – she was a student here and joins us this year as our new EYFS teacher. She is working with Mrs Mizen. They are joined by Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Smith. In Woods Corner we have Mrs Allcorn and Mrs Dipple ably supported by Mrs Lane. Over in Bodle Street we have Mr Tooze and Mrs Ngyuen. Mrs Donnebear has stepped up from Dallington Class to become a TA alongside Ms Egan. Then in Brightling we have Mrs Bloom and Mr Kirk and Mrs Langley. As always, a wonderfully strong team – these amazing individuals are supported by Miss Elliott who is delivering speech and language across the school, Mr Reed who is keeping the school standing and Mrs CB who pulls everything together. It is going to be a very good year this year!

Our whole school topic this term is 'explorers'. Every class will be interpreting this in their own way. Class brochures have been sent out this week which let you know what your child's class are covering.

As always there is a lot happening this term – the dates are written here but as always these are subject to change.

We had an amazing year last year and we need to build on that progress. If you have any time that you can spare to hear readers, support in class etc – you cannot imagine what a difference this can make.

As always, we are here to support you as much as the children. If there are any problems, queries, concerns or you just fancy a chat ...my door is always open.

Upcoming events

September

w/b 30th Book Fair

October

1st EYFS coffee morning 9am
2/3/4th Yr 4 residential
8th EYFS/ yr1 coffee morning
15th Harvest Festival – St Giles
22nd Coffee morning
25th Last day of term 1

November

4th First day of term 2
7/14th Take over day (yr6)
8th Open afternoon 2:30pm
13th Parents evening 3:30pm
14th Parents evening 6pm

December

2nd Decoration making morning
3rd One voice concert (yr5/6)
4th Federation carols (yr3/4)
6th Mufti day - foodbank
9th Nativity 2pm
10th Nativity 6pm
18th Christmas Lunch
20th School carols – end of term
January 6th term 3 starts

Changes

We made a few changes over the Summer holidays. We have a cargo container on the bank leading into the staff car park. We have taken all of the PE equipment out of the hall and it is now stored in here. It is still easily accessible but it has made the hall for more useable and all-round better space. A massive thank you to Joey's dad – Jamie- who kindly came up over the Summer and levelled the ground, cleared trees and made sure everything was perfect for the cargo unit.

The county council have built two new fire escapes from the KS2 classroom.

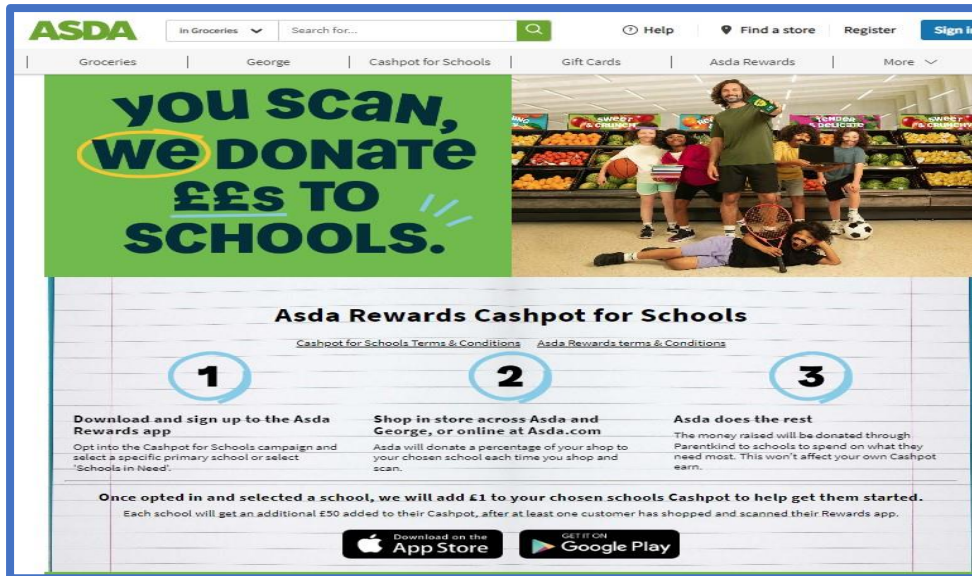
We have new basketball, netball posts and lots of new playground equipment.

Finally in the hall we have a new mural. This was designed by Winnie and Olivia (last years year 6). It depicts the Christian Values and Vision of our school as well the story of Noah's ark. The picture below does not do it justice – please pop in and have a look as it is very impressive.



Asda

You may have seen Joe Wicks on the telly telling you all about free money for schools - its true. If you sign up to the ASDA rewards App then we get £1 if you shop with ASDA we get more. Please see the attached for information on what to do and please, please, please pass it on to family and friends who may want to support us to. This offer is only available till the end of November so please take a moment to help us get these funds into our school. Monies not claimed by a school will be donated to schools with significant deprivation - we are not in that category so please help !



One way system – car park

Just a reminder that to try and ease the congestion of traffic around morning and afternoon pick up we ask the following;

- Please drive down the hill in the morning (towards the church)
- Please drive up the hill in the afternoon (church behind you)
- **DO NOT – AT ANY TIME- PARK ON THE ZIG ZAGS** – this limits an already tight road and cuts down on visibility for those crossing.
- Please **do not** park in the staff car park – this is in constant use - including children and staff getting PE equipment from the cargo unit
- If you are not stopping the area at the front of the school can be used to drop and go.
- The bus stop can be used for parking in THE MORNING but not the afternoon.

All of the measures are to ensure that we limit the congestion at drop off and pick up times. We have a Community speed/watch officer joining us at the next Governors meeting to look at ways we can improve the situation. At the end of the day we are doing this to ensure that the families and children of Dallington CEP School remain safe. Please follow the rules

Rugby

We had a wonderful young man called Trevor come in on Thursday to work with the children on Rugby. He is supported by Heathfield Waldron RFC, they are trying to encourage the younger generation to get involved. The children had a brilliant time yesterday. Trevor is back next week – the children will bring home information about HWRFC and how they can join if they are interested. A massive thank you to Trevor for his enthusiasm and for a great time on Thursday.

Attendance

Over the Summer the Government have introduced a new approach to attendance and how we can encourage children to be in school. I am meeting the Head at Punnetts Town on Friday to discuss what this means for us a Federation. We will update the policy and offer you a breakdown of what it means to you as families very soon.

EYFS

WOW! What a lovely start we have had to a new year. We had half the new cohort start on Monday and the second half on Tuesday. On Wednesday everyone was in and it has been brilliant. The class is filled with laughter, learning and cheekiness...long may it last!



Inset days

I know it is the first full week but I wanted to let you know that we have taken our final two INSET days in July. We will not be open on July 21st or 22nd. This means the final school day will be Friday 18th July – quick get booking cheap Summer holidays now!