



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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PINS

I mentioned back in July, that, as a school we had signed up for Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in schools (PINS). We are one of 15 schools in East Sussex who were accepted on to the course. We had our first meeting on Monday 23rd September. It was so positive. I will attend a conference on Friday 4th October and then we start! The school will receive targeted support to develop all stakeholders understanding of Neurodiversity. There will be a parent forum set up – this is not just for those parents with neurodivergent children - it is for all - parents who want to learn more, parents who want to help, parents who want to understand one of the biggest challenges facing education worldwide. I am really excited by this scheme as I think it will help us all appreciate, understand and empathise a little more.

Young at heart

Some of our pupils from Bodle Street class were lucky enough to have the first visit to Young at Heart for this year. They spent the afternoon not just chatting with the club members but decorating cakes. These were sold afterschool on Thursday to raise money for the Macmillan coffee morning. We raised £120 thank you



Upcoming events

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

Bobbi

On Friday we welcomed back Bobbi! Bobbie is our gorgeous therapy dog. She comes in, with her owner Laura, once per term and supports children as they work or play. She is loved by all and helps bring a little calm to a chaotic world!



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 office 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

A massive thank you to Trevor for two days of enthusiasm, expertise and fun! The children all seemed to really enjoy the rugby sessions. Flyers were handed out to the children promoting the sessions that Heathfield Waldron RFC are offering. I know a few of our children/parents who have attended and who have fed back very positively about the session. I hope, if they go, the children have great fun and find a new hobby/sport to enjoy!

Attendance

We have updated the school policy and it will be live on the school website next week. This 'poster' gives you an overview of the changes.

ATTENDANCE **WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME**

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = **£640**
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE
10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME
2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME
A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

These changes are nationwide. As always if there are any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

School kitchen

Following a surprise visit from ESCC last week I wanted to share that the kitchen scored 98% for their cleanliness, hygiene and kitchen practices. Lucy and Lucy do such a wonderful job and this was just a small rubber stamp to show that. Well done Lucy and Lucy!

Book fair

This week we will be holding our book fair. The books will be on sale Monday to Thursday, after school. Not only is it a lovely opportunity to buy some new books or get ahead for Christmas the school get a percentage of all the books that are sold - so we can restock our shelves.



Commando Joes

We have been using Commando Joes for about a year now and I know the children have loved engaging with the challenges/tasks. We have just purchased the Let's Play version. These are activities that build on Commando Joes principals but they are designed for playtimes. Our Playground leaders (yr 6) were trained last week and have already introduced them to the New Reception children. Hopefully they will be a welcome addition to our approach.

Open days

If you have a child who is starting school September 2025 or if you have friends who have children starting school then – our prospective parents meetings are :

5th November 5:30pm and 6th November 9:30am

Please pass this information on and come along and see how our wonderful little school works!

Finally...

At the end of the last academic year, the school, with a very generous donation from FODS, purchased 16 virtual reality helmets. These have already proven a success with staff and the children. Brightling class have used them to explore the surface of Mars and everyone will be using them in the next couple of weeks to explore a variety of insects and small animals. FODS have reached out to the

community to see if local companies would be willing to donate towards the costs. So far we have received donations from

James, from Penshurst Fuels - <https://penshurstfuels.com/> and

Lyretta from Littlewoods Group - <https://littlewoodgroup.co.uk/>

A massive thank you to James and Lyretta and their companies for their support and the members of FODS who are driving this forward. It will enable the children the opportunity to explore the oceans, visit historical sites, get closer to insects and animals and stimulate creativity.

