



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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Chicks

Day 57 in the Chicken house..... We are preparing to rehouse the chicks into their new home! They have grown so much and are ready for a bit more freedom and space! We will hold a competition to name them – I will update you with the, I am sure, ingenious names!

Parents Evenings

We have held two parents' evenings this week. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. If you need to arrange an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Heat

I wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone for their support and understanding last week. It is never easy to close a school – especially when it is based on a ever changing picture. However we always make every decision with the children's best interests at heart. The children and staff did an amazing job in very difficult circumstances. Again thank you for your understanding and support.

Summer fair

What a lovely event we had! A massive thank you to everyone who was able to support the event. We had some lovely stalls, gorgeous burgers and a wonderfully friendly environment. Thank you to everyone at FODS for a brilliant event. We will update you for a final figure once everything has been sorted/counted and verified!

Dates

A final few dates have been added to the green bar – please check as they cover all year groups and highlight how much we still have to cover!

Upcoming events

July

W/B 6th Residential (yr 5/6)

9th Dallington Class to Drusillas

13th KS1 production – 2pm

14th Sports Morning

15th KS1 production – 10am

KS2 production – 2pm

16th KS2 production – 6pm

20th Year 6 leavers day- Bewl water

22nd Leavers service 9:15am

22nd Last day of term/year!

Basketball

On Monday 29th June, a group of year 5/6 girls travelled to Crawley to take part in a basketball festival. They learnt new skills, played some games and had a great time. One of the reasons we travelled so far was this event was about empowering female sports stars and promoting the womens game. So not only did they children learn new moves but they met proffessional stars and were hoepfully inspired to follow their dreams! We have a flyer for a local club if any young ladies are interested in joining a local club



Summer reading challenge

We had the library service lead collective worship on Monday 15th. They came in to talk about the new Summer reading challenge. The children will all come home with a little flyer on Friday.

More information can be found by clicking on this link

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Reading is such an important skill and this challenge is a wonderful way of accessing books and encouraging a love of reading.

INSET DAYS

Just a reminder of the important dates :

School finishes on Wednesday July 22nd

For those who are still here in September the children return Monday 7th September. Staff are in from the 2nd but the three days are INSET days

Nut allergy

Just a reminder we have a young man in school who has a severe nut allergy – we still have children with nut based products in their lunchbox. I am positive your child can wait for a treat until they are home – it is an easy decision!

Brighton university

On Sunday morning I received an email to say that our wonderful little school has been nominated for Team of the Year by the students who undertook their training here. Whilst that is amazing in itself – the nomination made me tear up! I am always gushing about our school but this was wonderful to read-

I am nominating Dallington Primary School for Team of the Year because they are the most inclusive, welcoming, and supportive team I have ever had the privilege to learn from. Throughout my placement, every member of staff contributed to my development, not just my mentor or class teacher, but the whole school community. Every staff member would check in with me and was eager to ask how it is going, how my lessons have been, if I need any support and so much more. Their collective approach to supporting and nurturing trainee teachers is exceptional and deserves recognition as they are a key element to a trainee teachers journey. From my very first day back in November the team made me feel like I belonged. They didn't treat me as a visitor or an extra pair of hands but treated me as a colleague. This sense of belonging was created by staff greeting me each morning, allowing me to observe and learn from their practice, endless opportunities to take part in the schools activities. They made me feel welcome from the moment I emailed them before I had even started. As mentioned previously everyone played a part in my teacher training journey from allowing me to observe their lessons, support staff supporting me in lessons, the deputy and headteacher reassuring me when unsure and offering me supportive advice. The school and staff here at Dallington are truly one of a kind. Their support was never limited to formal observations. It was in everyday interactions, small conversations, and shared moments that built my confidence which has made me the teacher I am today. This school enabled me to finish my first year of school based training feeling prepared and ready for what is to come in my teaching career. The schools values created a safe and supportive environment where I could learn, make mistakes and not be judged but supported so I could grow my teacher presence and feel supported when any challenge arose. Dallington deserve this award for their amazing commitment to supporting and developing every student teachers journey the moment they step through the door.