



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 24

18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I have always considered myself to be an experienced Headteacher however, this week has seen us entering a period that none of us have ever experienced before. I am grateful for the messages and comments from parents supporting the systems we have put in place here at DSM. Along with the very visible measures; no non-essential visitors, additional handwashing, additional cleaning hours, reducing the occasions where we meet together as a whole school, asking vulnerable members of staff and those displaying symptoms to remain at home and following closely all Government guidelines we are working really hard behind the scenes to prepare for possible school closure. The most important thing at this time is clear communication. I intend from today to put links to all communication, including Newsletters on the Homepage of our school website.

Health and Safety

It has been brought to my attention again that some parents are concerned that the handwashing in school is causing irritation to childrens' hands. We are ensuring that children are supervised and that hands are washed and dried properly. The soap we use in school is an anti-bacterial soap; it is unscented and dermatologically approved for sensitive skin. Advice, this morning, from our Health and Safety Team is clear that we cannot accommodate children bringing in their own handwash, soap and creams from home unless children have been prescribed these items for medical conditions. If your children are experiencing difficulties with their hands parents could use cream at the beginning of the school day and during the evening.

School Lunches

Dolce have indicated that from Monday 23rd March 2020 they will be implementing a reduced menu. This will be on SchoolGrid from 6.00pm tonight (Wednesday 18th March 2020).

Possible School Closure

We intend to remain open at school unless we are directed to close by the Government or Public Health England. The only other scenario would be if our staff were to become ill and we did not have enough members to meet safe ratios. In the event of a school closure you would receive detailed communication regarding the arrangements for Learning at Home.

What we have already done:

Sent home an agreement for your child to bring home a school iPad in the event of a closure. Started to post all communication on the Homepage of our school website:

www.daltonstmarys.cumbria.sch.uk

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Fundraising Support

Thomas Pugh, one of our Year 3 pupils, has decided to take on the challenge of Scafell Pike on 13th June 2020. The challenge is being undertaken to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund which is very important to Thomas and several other pupils here at DSM. If anyone would like to support Thomas in his fundraising efforts, he has a GoFundMe Page dedicated to this challenge: <https://www.justgiving.com/Rebecca-Pugh4>

Dates for Diaries

Mother's Day Lunch	Cancelled	
Easter Bingo	Postponed	
YN/YR/Y6 Photographs	Cancelled	
Finish for Easter	From School at 2.00pm	Friday 27 th March 2020
Back to School		Tuesday 14 th April 2020
Y5 Coniston Residential		04/05/20 to 06/05/20
School Closed for Polling Day (School Open)	Cancelled	Thursday 7 th May 2020
Bank Holiday		Friday 8 th May 2020
Y6 SATs Week		Wk. Beg: 11 th May 2020
Whole School Photograph		Tuesday 19 th May 2020
Sports Day	1.00 – 3.30	Friday 15 th May 2020
Reserve Sports Day	1.00 – 3.30	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Finish for Half Term		Friday 22 nd May 2020
Back to school		Monday 1 st June 2020
Y6 York Residential		15/06/20 to 18/06/20
Dad's Dinner	12 o'clock	Friday 19 th June 2020
Finish for Summer	Church 1.00 to 2.00	Friday 17 th July 2020

Extra-Curricular Activities (Clubs begin second week back)

Morning / Lunchtime Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Time	Comments
Craft Club	Mrs Pearson	Monday	12.30	KS2 (Library)
Scrabble	Mrs Rowe	Cancelled	12.30	Y4/Y5/Y6 (Library)
Singing for Fun	Mrs Wright	Tuesday	12.30	Reception/Y1/Y2 (Y4 Classroom)
TT Rock Stars	Mrs L R Woodburn	Thursday	12.45	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 (Y6 Classroom)
Craft Club	Mrs Rowe	Cancelled	12.30	Y6 (Library)

After School Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Time	Comments
Multi Sports	Onside Sports	Monday	3.30 to 4.30	Reception and KS1 (currently full)
Gymnastics	Mrs Dixon	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.15	Y4/Y5/Y6
Debate Club	Mrs Judd	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.15	Y4/Y5/Y6
Guitar Club	James (Cumbria Music Service)	Cancelled	3.30 to 4.00	Booking through the school office
Multi Sports	Onside Sports	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.30	KS2 (currently full)
Art for All	Mrs Ryder	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.15	KS2 (Reception Classroom)
Fun Maths	Mrs Cain	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.15	Y1/Y2 (Y1 Classroom)
Performing Arts	Mrs Croskery	Thursday	3.30 to 4.15	KS2 Children (in Hall)