



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 5

4th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes, prizes, gave children money for activities, generously gave their time to help or came along on the day to the Macmillan Coffee morning we raised an amazing £1006.04. This is a super achievement for a very worthy cause and we sincerely thank you all.

Harvest Festival

A reminder that our Harvest Festival will be held in school at 10.00am on Friday 6th October 2017. The service is being led by our Year 3 children, and parents and friends of the school are welcome to join us for the service. We will be gratefully receiving into school donations of tinned or packet food which will be donated to the Local Foodbank. The Foodbank is a vital service for many people and they really value community support.

Pobble

As a whole school we are always focused on raising the standards of writing and therefore we endeavor to offer our children interesting and stimulating writing opportunities. As an addition to this we are going to introduce 'Pobble' to our children next week which is a teacher founded website for publishing our pupils' writing online. Giving children an audience for their work is a great motivating factor and we believe this opportunity will inspire our children to have a real purpose for writing. We are sending home a letter about Pobble, which includes a permission slip at the bottom. In order for us to be able to publish your child's work we must have your permission. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter as soon as possible. Until your permission is given, your child will not be able to have their work published online.

School Applications

I know we have only just started back and we want to enjoy our Year 6 class for a whole year however I must remind parents that for our Year 6 children the closing date for applications to their preferred secondary school is 31st October 2017.

For any child wishing to join our Reception class in September 2018 the closing date for applications is 15th January 2018. If you know of any other families who may be interested in a place in our Reception class in September 2018 could you please alert them to this date. Any parents who need support with this process please contact Mrs Irving in the school office who will be happy to help.

Nursery Applications and Extended Hours

Applications for places in our Nursery are now being accepted for the next academic year; January 2018 and April 2018. Application forms are available from the school office and we are able to provide the **30 hour offer for those parents who qualify**. Parents who do not qualify for the 30 hour offer are still able to book and pay for their children to stay for the full day (£10.00 per extra session). If anyone would like any further information please ask Mrs Irving in the office or email her at h.irving@dsmprimary.com.

Mrs L Woodburn

Dear God,

Thank you for this wonderful thing called harvest, which allows us to thank the farmers, fishermen and all the other people that provide us with food. Thank you for the sun and the rain that helps us grow the crops in the field and helps to ripen the fruits on the trees. Let us remember all those people in countries that don't have the sun and the rain to give them all those wonderful foods. Let us pray for more successful harvests all over the world.

Amen

(Anon)

Dates for Diaries

Harvest Festival (in school)	10.00 (led by Y3)	Friday 6 th October 2017
Nursery and Reception Welly Walk	9.15	Wednesday 11 th October 2017
Premier League Cup in school		Thursday 19 th October 2017
DSM Bake Off		Friday 20 th October 2017
Finish for half term	3.30	Friday 20th October 2017
Parent Drop-in Week	3.00 to 3.30 Monday-Friday	Week Beginning 30 th October 2017
Parent Voice	5.45pm to 6.45	Monday 30 th October 2017
YN and YR Stay and Play Phonics	9.15	Wednesday 1 st November 2017
Dalton Litfest		Friday 4 th November 2017
Parent Evening		Monday 6 th November 2017
School Speech Festival		Friday 10 th November 2017
National Road Safety Week		Week Beginning 20 th November 2017
Christmas Fair	3.30 to 5.00	Wednesday 29 th November 2017
Nativity (In school)	10.00	Tuesday 12 th December 2017
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Christmas Parties	YN/YR(AM)Y1/Y2(PM) Y3/Y4 (AM)Y5/Y6(PM)	Thursday 14 th December 2017
Finish for Christmas (Church)	1.00 to 2.00pm	Friday 15 th December 2017
		Tuesday 19 th December 2017

Extra-Curricular Activities

Morning / Lunchtime Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Time	Comments
Singing for Fun	Mrs Wright	Wednesday	12.30	Reception/Y1/Y2 (Y3 classroom)
Scrabble	Mrs Rowe	Tuesday	12.25	Y3Y4/Y5/Y6 (Library)
Phonics Club	Mrs Cain	Tuesday	12.30	YR/Y1/Y2 (Reception classroom)
Gardening	Mrs Croskery	Wednesday/Friday	12.30	Y4/Y5/Y6 Children
Craft Club	Mrs Rowe	Friday	12.25	Y6 (Library)

After School Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Time	Comments
Multi Sports	Onside Sports	Monday	3.30 to 4.30	Reception and KS1
Gymnastics	Mrs Dixon/Miss cant/Mr Akred	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.30	KS2 (limited places)
Multi Sports	Onside Sports	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.30	KS2 (Booking forms from the Office)
Art Club	Mrs Ryder	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.15	Year 2 (in Nursery)
Guitar Club	James (Cumbria Music Service)	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.00	Booking through the school office
Performing Arts	Mrs Croskery	Thursday	3.30 to 4.30	KS2 Children (in Hall)
Yokids	Yokids (Leanne)	Friday		Y1 and Y2
Netball	Mrs Pearson	Friday	3.30 to 4.30	Y5 & Y6