



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 4

27th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We have now appointed our Colour Team captains, Prefects, Head/Deputy Head Boy and Head/Deputy Head Girl for this academic year. A big thank you to all the children who applied for these roles in school and congratulations to all those who have been appointed. It is really encouraging that so many of our Y6 children wanted to assume this level of responsibility and I am confident that they will all do a super job.

Parking

Parking is again becoming a serious issue outside school. I must insist that drivers do not stop outside of school when dropping off/picking up children. It makes things very difficult for Miss Bevins, our crossing patrol, and she has had drivers being rude to her if she has challenged their parking. We really value Miss Bevins and she is there to keep our children safe. I know that the majority of our parents support her in her work and I thank you for that, I am asking those who do sometimes park in the wrong place, or stop on the crossing to park safely and keep everyone safe.

Uniform standards

I am always very proud of the high standard of appearance of our children here at DSM and I am always grateful that parents support us with this. As we are at the beginning of a new academic year I would just like to give a reminder regarding a few key areas of our policy;

Hair : Girls: Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back when determined by a teacher for Health and Safety reasons. Accessories should be understated and minimal (no large bows) and of natural colour. **Boys:** Should be traditional, conventional, of natural colour, neat and tidy and not follow extremes of fashion in terms of cut, style and length (no shorter than a number 2 and no line patterns or mohicans). **Cosmetics and accessories:** Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish. If children come in earrings they should be a plain stud style and children must be able to remove them themselves for P.E. Children should not have transfer tattoos – these have become rather competitive especially in KS1. **Uniform:** Black shoes (not trainers) **For P.E. Indoors all children will require:** Shorts - Plain black shorts (football style) T-Shirts - Plain short sleeved gold, red, blue or green (according to colour team – **not** football shirts/fashion t-shirts) Plimsolls - (Not trainers.) Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attend Dalton Leisure Centre for swimming lessons for which they require a swimming costume / trunks, towel and a comb or hairbrush. Girls should wear a one-piece swimming costume and boys should wear trunks/short swimming shorts. **All items of clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.** Thank you for your support with this.

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@dsmpprimary.com.

Mrs L Woodburn

Dear God,

Please bless our school and all the grown-ups who help us with our learning and the grown-ups who work in the office, the kitchen, cleaning and lots of other jobs. We are thankful that we have a lovely school and ask that God to help those children who are not able to go to school.

Amen

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Dates for Diaries

MacMillan Coffee Morning	10.00 to 11.00	Friday 29 th September 2017
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 (Week beginning: 11/09/17)

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