



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 1

6th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year, the children all looked so smart coming into school today and there were lots of happy smiling faces; today is a great reminder of how lucky I am to be head teacher here at DSM. Many of you will have noticed that we have been very busy with maintaining and updating the school building over the summer holiday. Most noticeably is the fencing which remains in place around the supports at the junior end of the building on the main playground. Work had been planned to replace the concrete lintels and this would have been completed prior to the children's return however, as is often the case, the job is turning out to be trickier than first thought. There are supports in place between the Y3 and Y5 classrooms but these are simply a precautionary measure, we have had the building assessed by a structural engineer who has confirmed that the building is safe. Children have been spoken too about keeping clear of this area and they will be closely supervised during break times, it would really help if parents reinforce this message at the beginning and end of the school day. On a brighter note all the internal doors have been replaced with modern, effective fire doors. Three of the doors, two leading off the office area to the infant corridor and into the hall and the hall door leading to the junior classes, will now operate on a fob system. It is important that parents wanting to speak with myself, the office staff or their child's class teacher should come into school through the main front door – coming in through any other external doors could find you 'stuck' in one of the corridors.

School Lunches

The new term has begun really positively with regard to lunches and the majority of parents had successfully ordered their child's lunch through the online ordering service. There has been a slight change with regard to charging for meals that children do not take due to absence; this has been introduced to ensure Dolce are able to keep costs as low as possible and keep food waste to a minimum. If your child is, for whatever reason, not having their school lunch that has been ordered it must be cancelled through the online system before 9.30am on the day they were due to have the lunch. For children in Nursery, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents will be charged for all lunches that have been ordered and for children in YR, Y1 and Y2 school will be charged for lunches that have been ordered. If anyone needs any support with this please ask Mrs Irving in the office or email her at h.irving@dsmprimary.com.

Nursery Applications

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**. 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,

We have had time to rest and now we are full of energy. We have had time to think and now we are full of ideas. We have had time to stop and now it's time to get going.

Be with us God we pray today and throughout the new school year.

Amen

Dates for Diaries

Parent Voice	5.45pm to 6.45	Monday 18 th September 2017
(New members are most welcome)		
Eamon Riley (Author) in school		Monday 25 th September 2017
Year 3 Educational Visit – Low Sizergh Farm		Wednesday 27 th September 2017
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
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
Individual School Photographs		Wednesday 1 st November 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	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