



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 2

13th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We are definitely back into to the routine of school now and looking forward to the year ahead. Extra-curricular clubs have begun and are proving very popular, particularly the gymnastics which proved extremely popular with over 40 children expressing an interest! Please look out for a separate letter regarding the gymnastics as we try to resolve a way of providing all those children with an opportunity to attend whilst still ensuring it is a positive worthwhile experience. As we move into the Autumn term and the weather becomes more wintery the doors to school on particularly windy or wet mornings will be open from 8.45am for the children to make their way straight into school and to their classrooms.

Individual Photos

I hope everyone is aware that the date for photographs has been brought forward to this Friday 15th September 2017. This was changed by Tempest due to unforeseen circumstances, it will be nice that all uniforms will still be fresh at the beginning of the term and orders will be back in lots of time for Christmas gifts! Families with siblings **not in school** should arrive at 8.30 and queue in the hall, children who have siblings in school will have a photograph taken together and also an individual photograph.

Our School Vision

Along with the Newsletter this week we have sent home a questionnaire that we would like all parents to complete. It is important that we are always looking to the future of DSM and working together to plan how we want our school to be now and in the future. Your opinions as parents are very important in developing this and we would like as many returns as possible. Questionnaires should be sent into school with your child to hand to their class teacher before 22nd September 2017. Thank you.

Breakfast Club and After School Care

Many families are now using the wrap-around care that we offer here at Dalton St Mary's and I am pleased that we are able to offer this to support busy parents. Following feedback from parents Breakfast is now available from 7.30am to 8.55am (£3.50) and 8.00am to 8.55am (£2.50), children who arrive at 7.30am should come into the hall through the doors on the staff carpark and our 8.00am starts continue to come in across the playground. Mrs Millington continues to offer after school care from 3.30pm to 6.00pm – the costs are different depending on pick-up time. To find out more about either of these please call the office and Mrs Hodgson or Mrs Irving will be happy to help.

Swimming

Swimming begins for Y4, Y5 and Y6 on Thursday 2nd November 2017. Y6 will swim first and be in the water at approximately 1.20pm followed by Y4 at approximately 1.50pm then Y5 at approximately 2.20pm. Although parents are able to watch the swimming lessons this is part of the children's school curriculum learning and we politely ask that you do not distract the children by waving or talking to them whilst at the pool. 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@dsmprimary.com.

Mrs L Woodburn

Dear God,

Please help the people who are poor and the people who have been in the horrendous hurricanes in America and the Caribbean and the damage from the dreadful floods.

Thank you for our lovely food and water.

Amen

(Leah Jarvis Y6)

Dates for Diaries

Individual School Photographs		Friday 15 th September 2017
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
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
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