



# Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

## Newsletter 8

1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. It has felt very Autumnal with the darker mornings and evenings. We have spoken with the children about taking care when coming to and from school and also when playing out in the evening. We will also be reminding the children this week about firework and bonfire safety. This is another busy time of year and dates for diaries should help you as parents keep up with planned events in school.

### **Premier League Trophy**

We had a super time when the Premier League Trophy visited our school. We do have some super pictures of the event and I intend to share these with parents through Showbie, our shared workspace in school. Please be patient with me whilst I get this organised. I will let you know as soon as they are available.

### **Swimming**

A reminder that swimming starts this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 for Y4 (1.15), Y5 (1.45), Y6 (2.15). These timings are approximate and occasionally they may need to change to fit in with other curriculum events in school. A quick reminder for swimming kit which is part of our Uniform Policy:

*Children in Years 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.*

### **Important Dates**

Parent Drop-in Week	3.00 to 3.30 Monday-Friday	Week Beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Parent Evening	3.45 to 6.00pm	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017

Slips for Parent Evening appointments need to be returned to school tomorrow. Thank you.

### **After School Club**

After School Club continues to be very popular; Mrs Millington and Mrs O'Reilly are doing a super job and really enjoy spending time with the children at the end of the school day. Following half term After School Club has now relocated to the Nursery building. We ask when collecting your child that you please use the small gate, on Coronation Drive, into the main playground and collect children from the double Nursery doors. We think this will make things easier for parents and staff at the end of the session. Thank you.

### **Poppy Appeal**

We now have poppies for sale in school for Remembrance Day. These will be available each break time being sold by our very sensible year 6 children.

### **Sharing our Learning**

A reminder that for the rest of this week parents with children from Y1 to Y6 are welcome to pop into school, into your child's class, between 3.00 and 3.30 and share their learning. Children will be able to show you their books and talk with you about their learning. On this occasion we have not included Nursery and Reception as the children are just settling into their routines and at this point in the year may not have recorded a great deal in their journals. We do hold these events regularly throughout the year and we will include our younger children in future weeks.

## Boxes of Hope

It is the time of year when we start to gather the Boxes of Hope to send to Romania. All boxes should be brought into school during the week following half term (30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017). We have put out 2 examples of boxes in the entrance by the school office if you would like ideas for what to include. If you need a new leaflet Mrs Irving has some available in the school office. We look forward to receiving lots of boxes for this very worthwhile project.

## School Applications

For any child wishing to join our Reception class in September 2018 the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> 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,*

*Thankyou for our school family and friends, please keep us safe.*

*Amen*

(Maddison Boyd Y5)

## Dates for Diaries

Parent Drop-in Week	3.00 to 3.30 Monday-Friday	Week Beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Parent Voice	5.45pm to 6.45	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
YN and YR Stay and Play Phonics	9.15	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
Swimming Starts for Y4 (1.15), Y5 (1.45), Y6 (2.15)		Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017
Dalton Litfest		Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Parent Evening		Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
School Speech Festival		Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
National Road Safety Week		Week Beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Christmas Fair	3.30 to 5.00	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Nativity (In school)	10.00	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Nativity (In school)	10.00 or 2.00 (TBC)	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Christmas Parties	YN/YR(AM)Y1/Y2(PM) Y3/Y4 (AM)Y5/Y6(PM)	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Finish for Christmas (Church 1.00 to 2.00pm)		Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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