



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 9

8th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

A reminder that it is our school Speech Festival on Friday 10th November 2017. The festival will begin at approximately 9.15am and will last until approximately 11.15am. We ask that any parents who plan to join us remain for the whole festival, I appreciate that it is a long morning but we cannot approximate times when individuals/classes will be performing and it does disrupt the festival if parents are arriving and leaving at different times. I am really looking forward to the event, I love to watch our children performing so confidently and enjoying public speaking.

Swimming

Last week were the first swimming sessions of the year for Years 4, 5 and 6 and this did cause quite a bit of extra work for Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Irving. As it was the first session following a half term break telephone calls were made home for children who had forgotten their swimming kit. We will not be making these calls in future as it is important the children ensure they are organised for the school day. I have spoken with all classes about being organised and have reminded them that it is their responsibility to ensure they have their kit with them (not Mum or Dad).

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

If your child is in YR to Y4 and missed the Nasal Flu Vaccination in school there is a catch up clinic later in the term. We will inform you of the date and venue as soon as it is confirmed by the Immunisation Team.

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

Thank you to all parents who visited classes during Parent Drop-in Week and all those who attended on Monday night to meet with class teachers. It is a vital key to successful learning that we work together to support our children and events like these provide a great opportunity to share success and next steps to support children's progress.

Showbie

Year 2 and Year 6 are currently trialing using our online learning platform, Showbie, as an extra form of communication for parents. If this is successful we will be extending this across the school. We are always looking for additional forms of communication as we value the support we have from parents as partners in children's learning. Mrs Croskery and Miss Robinson will be monitoring this trial and if successful will be working with other classes to develop this across the whole school.

Boxes of Hope

It is the last two days for us to gather the Boxes of Hope to send to Romania. All boxes should be brought into school by Friday and there is still a large box by the school office for small items to be donated allowing us to make extra boxes. 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 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 the animals and my friends. Thank you for our school, please keep us safe.

Amen

(Oliver YR)

Dates for Diaries

School Speech Festival

National Road Safety Week

Christmas Fair 3.30 to 5.00

Nativity (In school) 2.00

Nativity (In school) 10.00

Christmas Parties YN/YR(AM)Y1/Y2(PM)

Y3/Y4 (AM)Y5/Y6(PM)

Finish for Christmas (Church 1.00 to 2.00pm)

Friday 10th November 2017

Week Beginning 20th November 2017

Wednesday 29th November 2017

Tuesday 12th December 2017

Wednesday 13th December 2017

Thursday 14th December 2017

Friday 15th December 2017

Tuesday 19th 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