



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 10

15th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Monday will see the start of the necessary building work to replace the iron girder between the Y5 and Y3 classrooms. This is not an ideal time to be undertaking the work with the children in school however it was not realised that this needed to be done until the last week of the summer break. Since that time I have been working with structural engineers, builders and the Diocese to plan a solution. The work is necessary and needs to be undertaken before the worst of the winter weather sets in. It will mean that the Y5 and Y3 classes will be learning in other spaces in school, we have worked carefully as a staff to plan this together. We are fortunate that through the use of our iPads learning is more mobile and children's written work and maths is contained within two books. We will be reviewing the progress of the build and the learning situation for all junior classes on a weekly basis and will keep you informed. Be reassured that the building is safe and we will strive to keep disruption to learning at an absolute minimum. **From Monday 20th November the playground doors will be open every morning from 8.45 to allow all children to come straight into school, please support us by ensuring your child does not arrive too early.** Parents of Nursery children should wait by the Nursery building until their doors are opened at 9.00am. Thank you.

Online Safety

Last week a few online issues from home had to be talked through in school. We do realise that some of our older children are using social networking sites and APPs such as Snapchat and Instagram. In school we have a robust Firewall that protects our children by filtering the content they can access and blocking sites that are not appropriate. The APPs children can access on their iPads is controlled centrally in school and overseen by Mrs Croskery, we also have the software to monitor activity on any of the iPads or networked PCs. Your child's safety is a priority here in school and every day we aim for every child to be safe and happy. At home I understand that it can be more problematic to monitor and control your child's online activity however there are some great APPs and good advice for parent about online safety for your child. I have included these links that may be a starting point for you to consider your child's online safety at home. If you need any support with this please contact us here at school and we will be happy to help.

www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-30930512

Qustodio.com - Free Parental Control App

Boxes of Hope

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Boxes of Hope project this year, we were able to donate a super 42 boxes to put smiles on children's faces this Christmas. Thank you to Mrs Docker who works closely with school to ensure the success of this project each year.

Fundraising

We are not intending to fundraise in school for Children in Need this year. It had been raised on the Parent Questionnaire that some parents felt there were too many events in school where voluntary contributions were requested and the Parent Voice group discussed this at the beginning of this academic year and set out a rough guide of possible costs for this term, this did not include Children in need. There are many events across the year where we raise funds for deserving causes and we always appreciate your support with these events. There is an event planned for the end of this month to raise funds for the NSPCC, further information will be coming home following our NSPCC workshops this Friday.

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 fresh water and the food. Thankyou for our bodies.

Amen

(George and William Y1)

Dates for Diaries

National Road Safety Week

NSPCC Workout Fundraiser

Christmas Fair

3.30 to 5.00pm

Nativity (In school)

2.00pm

Nativity (In school)

10.00am

Christmas Parties

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

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

Finish for Christmas

(Church 1.00 to 2.00pm)

Week Beginning 20th November 2017

Friday 24th 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 (Full)
Y5 & Y6 Art Club	Mrs Pickering	Monday	3.30 to 4.30	Y5 Classroom (Limited Places)
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)
Y2 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