



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 13

6th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

A big "Thank you" to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair either through planning, donating goods, helping on the day or attending. We made a very impressive £1,475 which is a super total which will be used to provide opportunities for our children beyond the remit of our school budget. We are so grateful as a school for the support we receive from parents and the community, thank you.

Christmas Plans

With only 2 weeks left in school we are going to be very busy! Alongside learning there are several events happening and I thought it may be helpful to highlight these.

Nativity (In school)	12/12/17 at 2.00 and 13/12/17 at 10.00am
Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)	13/12/17
Choir performing in Christmas at Dowdales	13/12/17 7.00 to 9.00pm
Christmas Parties	YN/YR(AM)Y1/Y2(PM) 14/12/17 Y3/Y4 (AM)Y5/Y6(PM) 15/12/17

A detailed letter is coming home today with lots of party information.

Choirs singing Carols at Coronation House and Staveley House (Morning)

Finish for Christmas; Church 1.00 to 2.00pm; Tuesday 19th December 2017

We are finishing later than some other schools this year as the County date for finishing was 15/12/17, as a school we felt finishing 10 days before Christmas was a little too early. We return to school on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Christmas Dinner Day

December 13th is the day we will be having Christmas dinner in school. This is a lovely event and the children really enjoy having their lunch served to them by the grown-ups! If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner it is important that this is ordered using the online Live-Kitchen by Friday 8th December 2017.

Attendance

Children's attendance is very important to support their learning and we are very fortunate that our Governors support the role of Beth Todd our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) here in school to monitor attendance and support families where attendance falls below 90%. The Local Authority are currently consulting on changes to their policy regarding attendance and we are awaiting the outcome of these consultations. Whilst we await the outcome of their policy there are some new procedures we need to put in place to ensure we are monitoring children's absence effectively:

- Parents should ring school on the first day their child is absent **and each day of their absence** before 9.30am
- Parents should inform school of the exact nature of their child's illness (school need to monitor the number of illnesses to ensure this does not need reporting to the Health Protection Agency)
- If parents do not call school before 9.30 school will begin by ringing parent contacts, if they are unobtainable school will use other contact numbers listed on record (this forms part of our safeguarding procedure)
- If no contacts are available school will contact our EWO who will make a home visit

Supporting our Church

Dalton Church Centre refurbishment fund has been successful in their application for funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund. The Centre and other nominated local causes will get an equal share of the money raised from sales of carrier bags. In addition, for those who have a Co-op card 1% of what is spent on selected products can go to nominated causes. Please support our Church Centre by nominating them. You will need to register your Co-op card on www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-communityfund and select Dalton Church Centre. The funding runs from 12 November 2017 until 27 October 2018.

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; September 2018, January 2019 and April 2019. 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 poor.

Amen

(Jorja Rogan Y2)

Dates for Diaries

Christmas Fair	3.30 to 5.00pm	Wednesday 29 th November 2017
Y3 Guitar Performance	3.00pm Parents Welcome	Wednesday 6 th December 2017
Nativity (In school)	2.00pm	Tuesday 12 th December 2017
Nativity (In school)	10.00am	Wednesday 13 th December 2017
Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)		Wednesday 13 th December 2017
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

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

