



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 17

24th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Young Voices was another huge success this year, the children and staff had a wonderful time and as always Dalton St Mary's children were an absolute credit to themselves, to you as parents and to our school. I would like to say a big thank you to; Miss Robinson, Mrs Wright, Mrs Everett and Mr Akred, also to parents who supported their children in Manchester yesterday and those parents who allowed their children to participate even if they couldn't attend. Thank you to Mrs Croskery for her planning and organisation of the event, the bus driver commented that in his seven years as a driver it was the most organised visit he had ever accompanied. It is a long day and a late night but it is definitely worth it to see the pleasure on the children's faces as they perform in such a big arena.

Attendance

I have attached to the Newsletter some information regarding attendance. Good attendance is really important to ensure children make good progress both socially and academically; children find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with and find learning more satisfying. Good attendance also supports successful transfer between primary school, secondary school, higher education and employment or training. I hope you find the information useful.

Swimming

There will be a change to swimming tomorrow. Y6 will be using the Y5 and Y6 swimming slots to enable them to undertake their distance swimming tests. Y6 will be swimming from 1.15 to 2.15, Y4 will be in the water from 2.15pm.

Parking

I have received a complaint from a resident who lives very close to the school frustrated about parents and carers parking across driveways when dropping off and collecting children from school. I do understand the frustration of residents and although parents may only be there a short time they may well be blocking a resident from leaving their driveway. It is very important for us as a school to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and I ask that you support with this by ensuring, if it is necessary for you to drive to school, that you park thoughtfully. It may be an idea to park further away from the school and walk up to meet your child(ren), this would ease congestion and improve safety for our children when crossing the road. Thank you.

School Crossing Patrol

Tomorrow morning; Thursday 25th January 2018, Mrs Bevins will not be on duty at the school crossing. Mrs Bevins is on staff training as part of her Midday role and, as silly as it may seem, we are not allowed to cross the children over the road as we are not trained in the role. Tomorrow it will be the responsibility of parents to ensure their child crosses the road safely.

Mrs L Woodburn

Dear God,

Thankyou for the light so we can see our friends and family. Thankyou for sacrificing your only son for us to live a happy life. Thankyou for our voices and all of the music that we know.

Amen.

(Iysha & India Y6)

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.

Dates for Diaries

Furness Voices		Wednesday 31 st January 2018
NSPCC Number Day		Friday 2 nd February 2018
Y5 Dowdales Visit		Friday 2 nd February 2018
Y2 Indoor Athletics at DASH	3.45pm	Friday 2 nd February 2018
Half term		Friday 9 th February 2018
Parent Drop-in Sessions (Every day 3.00 to 3.30)	Week beg:	Monday 18 th February 2018
Parent Evening		Monday 26 th February 2018
Book Fair (Every day 3.30 – 4.00)	Week beg:	Monday 26 th February 2018
World Book Day (Children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book)		Thursday 1 st March 2018
Mother's Day Lunch		Friday 9 th March 2018
Family Bingo	5.00 to 6.30	Friday 23 rd March 2018

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	Y4/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 (After Half Term)
Gymnastics	Mrs Dixon/Mrs Spence/Mr Akred	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.30	KS2 (letter to go to home to those children selected)
Story Club	Mrs Ryder	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.00	Nursery, Reception and a grown-up!
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) (WEF 24 th January)
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)