



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 18

31st January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

The Spring term is going so quickly and we only have one full week left before we finish for half term. The first week back after half term is drop-in week for parents. Each day from 3.00 to 3.30pm parents and carers from home are welcome to pop into school to visit their child in their classrooms and share their learning and look at their books. Monday 26th February 2018 is Parent Evening, appointment slips for this will be coming home with your child on the first Monday back after half term.

Pupil Absence

Following up from the attendance information on last week's newsletter I would like to remind parents of the procedures put in place from the Autumn Term which supports school with 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
- **Parents should cancel their child's lunch through Livekitchen before 9.30 (this includes children in KS1)**

NSPCC Number Day

A reminder that it is NSPCC Number Day this Friday, 2nd February 2018, parents are welcome to join us for parts of the day. If you are joining us for part of the day could you please come into school through the front entrance and sign in and out on the sheet that will be available. We hope to see as many parents as possible joining us for this event.

8.55 - 9.10am	Register class
9.15 - 9.30am	Meet in the Hall to introduce NSPCC Numbers day Parents/Guardians invited to attend.
9.30 - 10.30am	Challenge 1 Parents/Guardians invited to go into classes.
10.30 - 10.55am	Morning Break: KS2 Bingo in the School Hall. KS1 Dancing to numbers in Y2
10.55 - 12.00pm	Challenge 2
12.00 - 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00 - 2.15pm	Maths activities in the classroom
2.15 - 2.35pm	Afternoon Break
2.35 - 3.00pm	Finish off – complete Book Creator Class page
3.00pm	Meet in the Hall for 'Show and tell' Parents/Guardians invited to attend.

Dalton St Mary's App

Please can I also remind you of our School App that is easily downloaded to any device. We really understand how important communication is between home and school and this is an additional way for us to share with you events that are happening in school. We will still continue with Facebook, Twitter our website and this weekly newsletter. I do hope you find this App useful. Please visit

<https://www.ourschoolsapp.com> to download the app.

Mrs L Woodburn

Dear God,

Thankyou for everything in our precious world and help everyone who is hurt or sick. Help people who don't have anything.

Amen.

(Dani O'Brien Y4)

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 19 th February 2018
Parent Voice	5.45pm	Monday 19 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		Thursday 1 st March 2018
(Children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book)		
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)