



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 20

21st February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I hope everyone has had a lovely half term break. We had a very busy end to Spring 1 with Ofsted calling at the end of the week however, here at Dalton St Mary's we always welcome visitors and the opportunity to share our learning. The report has been delayed as a result of the half term break, as soon as I have the final copy I will issue it to all families.

World Book Day

A letter has been sent home today with information regarding World Book Day. Alongside the activities on the day we will be having a Book Fair each evening from Wednesday 28th to Friday 2nd March. This is the first year that 'The Book People' will be providing the books, we do encourage you to come along and have a look as we are very excited about the range they will bring and we are hoping it will be affordable for everyone.

Mother's Day Lunch

The deadline has now passed for ordering a Mother's Day Lunch and the response has been wonderful. Mrs Irving, Mrs Quinn (our Kitchen leader) and I are meeting on Friday morning to discuss the organisation of the day. We will get this information out to you as soon as possible following this meeting. Thank you for responding so positively to this event, we are sure it will be a super day.

Parent Drop-in Sessions

A reminder that this week there is an opportunity to share your child's learning. Every day this week is parent drop-in week and you are invited to come into your child's class from 3.00 to 3.30, Monday and Tuesday have been fairly busy and this is available Thursday and Friday. Parents do not have to be here for the whole 30 minutes, it is an opportunity to pop in to the classroom, take a look through your child's books with your child and get a feeling of the learning environment in your child's class. We look forward to seeing lots of parents over the week.

Parents Evening

Your child should have brought home a letter regarding Parents Evening on Monday this week. This should be returned by tomorrow morning to allow teachers to allocate appointments. We do endeavor to give all parents the time slot they request and you will be informed of your time tomorrow evening. Please check bags and pockets for the appointment slips. Thank you.

School Crossing

Miss Bevins does a super job each day ensuring our children cross the road safely at the beginning and end of each school day. It is challenging and there have been a couple of recent incidents that have left Miss Bevins quite shaken, either by thoughtless drivers or older children disregarding the necessity to be safe near roads. We have spoken with the children regarding this issue and would appreciate parents reinforcing this at home with children who walk alone to school or with their friends. Again I must insist that parents who drive their children to school should not stop on or near the crossing or the zig-zag lines, this is more frequent if the weather is bad and only adds to the dangerous conditions at busy times of day. Thank you.

Mrs L Woodburn

Dear God,

Please bless our school; thank you for all the teachers that work so hard to help us learn.

Thank you for our friends and playtimes to enable us to enjoy time together. Please keep our school safe.

Amen.

(Anon)

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

Parent Drop-in Sessions (Every day 3.00 to 3.30)	Week beg: Monday 19 th February 2018
Gymnastics (Key Steps 1 and Key Steps 2)	Friday 23 rd February 2018
Parent Evening	Monday 26 th February 2018
Book Fair (3.30 – 4.00)	Wednesday 28 th February to Friday 2 nd March 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
Cyclewise (Y5 and some Y6)	Monday 12 th March 2018
South Cumbria Music Festival	Monday 19 th March 2018 and Thursday 22 nd March 2018
Family Bingo	5.00 to 6.30 Friday 23 rd March 2018
Wind in the Willows Theatre Production	Tuesday 27 th March 2018
Travelling by Tuba Music Day	Wednesday 28 th March 2018
Easter Church Service 1.00 to 2.00	Thursday 29 th 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)