



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 24

21st March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Congratulations to all of our children who have represented our school this last week in either sports or performing arts. Lots of children from KS2 enjoyed the cross country event at Dowdales on Friday, congratulations to Joseph Fell who was first boy home in his year group and Sophie Law who was the first girl home in her year group. At the South Cumbria Music Festival we have enjoyed success with Isla Smith and James Rafferty being awarded 1st place in their classes, Samuel Knott and Lana Hamilton 2nd places and Elizabeth Knott and Connor Smith 3rd places in their respective classes. Joshua Smithson and Emma Jepson both received commended marks from the adjudicator. Our Choral Speaking Choir, conducted beautifully by Mrs Croskery, were awarded 1st place in their class on Monday evening. Mrs Croskery and I are looking forward to Thursday evening when the choir will perform in a singing class. We are always confident when we take our children to any event that they will represent Dalton St Mary's in the best possible way, they never fail to make us immensely proud.

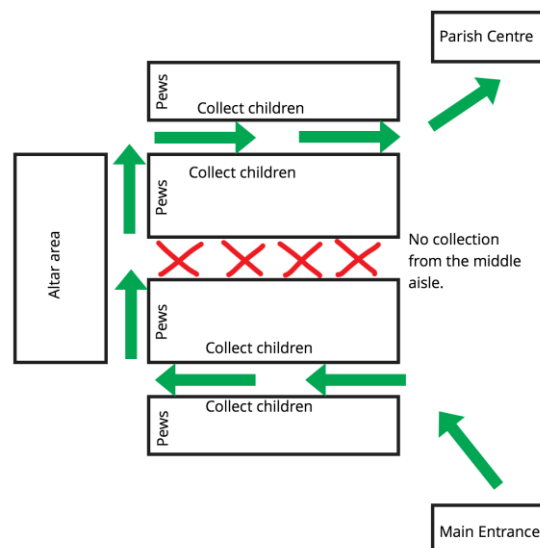
Easter Service

Can I please ask that children do not bring any bags to school with them on Thursday next week? This will really help with our walk down to Church. If your child has a packed lunch could I please ask that they bring their lunch in a bag that can be disposed of after they have finished their lunch? This really helps our end of term arrangements.

Walkers: If you are able to walk to Church with us on Thursday 29th March at 12:30 could you please inform Mrs Hodgson in the school office. Thank you.

After the Easter service this year, we will be operating a one-way system for collecting children, exiting through the Parish Centre adjacent to the church. Any parent who has not attended the service will need to come in through the main church door when collecting their child and then follow the one-way system. The Parent Voice group are hoping that this will help parents to collect their children in a calm, controlled and safe manner. Can we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for trying this system and remind you that parents should not be parking in the church car park, especially as now families will be exiting this way with children.

If you wish your child to walk home by themselves, they must bring a note with permission or parents must ring the school office. If you know someone else will be collecting your child could you please send a note or call the office before 12 o'clock with details please.



Visitors in school . . .

We have had reported cases of headlice in school this week in in Y2 and Y4. I do appreciate the frustration this causes but unfortunately headlice is problematic when large groups of children are together. The Easter break is a good opportunity for everyone to check their children's hair and treat any headlice if it is found. Treatments are available, free of charge, through the minor ailment scheme operating at many chemists including the pharmacy in Dalton. If anyone would like any further information about the treatment of headlice or the minor ailment scheme please call at the school office.

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

South Cumbria Music Festival		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
Dad's Dinner	Save the date . . .	Friday 8 th June 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)