



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 26

18th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and the children are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. Summer term is a very exciting term filled with educational visits, residentials, sports day, swimming gala and learning. Dates for diaries is particularly important at this busy time and these are updated weekly on the newsletter.

Big Pedal

The week beginning Monday 30th of April 2018 we will be participating in the national initiative 'Big Pedal'. Mrs Dixon is leading this in school and will be sending full details home with all children this week. We participated in this event last year and it was really successful.

Sports Day

We have two dates for Sports Day in the dates for diaries although we do hope that the weather will be kind to us on our first planned day; Friday 18th May 2018. The reserve day is Friday 25th May 2018. Following last year's event, we reviewed the day and as a result of the review we have changed the format of Sports Day this year. Children will now have an afternoon of sports rather than the whole day as in previous years. Parents are invited to join us on the field from 1.00pm.

End of the School Day

It was raised during Parent Voice on Monday evening about the timing of the Y5 and Y6 pupils coming out onto the playground at the end of the school day. I do appreciate that this can be frustrating, particularly when the weather is bad. Our school's working day overview explains: The children's working day ends at 3.30p.m. and children may take a few minutes to gather their belongings before they come out of school. **If you need a child immediately after school for an appointment, please inform the class teacher.**

The children are usually dismissed from the classroom at 3.30 but then will spend time chatting and making plans for the evening whilst gathering their belongings. We will have a focus this half term to encourage them to get out to you promptly on the playground.

Free School Meals

For our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children we have sent home with this newsletter a form for Free School Lunches. We are aware that children in these year groups are entitled to a free lunch without making an application however, claiming a free school lunch through this application provides extra funding for your child in school to support with learning, extra-curricular activities, support with payments for educational visits and residentials. A claim for free school meals at this stage also secures their entitlement for a free school lunch as they move to Year 3. If you have any questions regarding an application please contact Mrs Irving in the office who will be happy to support you. Any discussions or applications regarding free school meals are absolutely confidential. Mrs Irving can be contacted on the school number or by email h.irving@dsprimary.com

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Dear God,

We are thankful for all that we have and pray for all those in need.

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

Y3 parent Evening	Monday 23 rd April 2018
Big Pedal	Week Beginning: Monday 30 th April 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May 2018
Y6 SATs Week	Week Beginning: Monday 14 th May 2018
Sports Day	Friday 18 th May 2018
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 25 th May 2018
Library Bus Visit	Tuesday 22 nd May 2018
Swimming Gala	Thursday 24 th May 2018
Finish for half term	Friday 25 th May 2018
Return to school	Monday 4 th June 2018
Dad's Dinner	Friday 8 th June 2018
Save the date . . .	

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)
Gardening	Mrs Croskery	Friday	12.30	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
Football Club	Onside Sports staff	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.30	Y5/Y6 (Booking through school)
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)
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)