



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Summer Term

Newsletter 37

11th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I do hope everyone who attended our Summer Show last week had a super time. The children really enjoyed performing for you and I was extremely proud of them all. A lot of time and effort does go into preparing these events and I would like to thank the staff for their commitment to this and thank parents who support by providing outfits, coming along on the day, practicing lines at home and listening endlessly to the songs! Thank you all.

Office News

We would like to share with you that after seventeen years at Dalton St Mary's Mrs Hodgson has decided that she is to retire at the end of this summer term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hodgson for all she has done for our school and wish her a long and happy retirement. To support a good handover to Mrs Irving we will be **closing the office tomorrow, Thursday 12th July**, and ask that parents only ring school if it is an emergency. Telephone calls will be received onto the answer machine and this will be checked at regular intervals.

Attendance

Our school's Christian vision states that we ensure everyone in our school family experiences the best we have to offer. Good attendance at school is necessary for children to make the most of everything we have to offer, to make progress with their learning and experience success. To support good attendance, we employ the services of our Educational Welfare Officer, Beth Todd, and work closely with other schools in our cluster. As a group we meet regularly to discuss aspects of attendance and at our most recent meeting we discussed the changes to the Local Authority's Policy on issuing penalty notices for unauthorised holiday in term time. The Local Authority have made some significant changes to the policy and as a group of schools, from September 2018, we will be following the guidance offered by the Local Authority (LA). Fixed penalty notices may be considered by the LA where there have been **5 days** or more of unauthorised leave of absence, this had previously been **10 days**. This would be considered alongside your child's overall attendance on an individual basis. The LA will also consider issuing fixed penalty notices where a child is taking a second leave of absence in the same academic year totaling more than **5 days**. I feel it is important that parents are clear on the Local Authority policy. This academic year 72 children have taken leave of absence from DSM and we have lost 330 days of learning as a result of holidays. I ask that all parents consider carefully the possible impact of absence upon your child's learning.

Annual Reports

Year 6 reports should have been brought home today, Wednesday 11th July 2018, along with the children's SATs. Here at DSM we are so proud of everything our children achieve and I always explain that our results at the end of each Key Stage are an honest reflection of our cohorts. We value the individuality of each child and recognise, that as individuals, we all have different strengths and areas we need to develop. The two things that are given the highest priority here at DSM is that our children are safe and happy.

Year 6 Leavers

T shirts for signing (if desired) should be brought to school in a bag on Thursday 19th July and not worn. Please can we remind children in all other year groups that they **must not** have their t-shirts signed. This is a privilege for the Year 6 children only.

Summer Sports Camp

Onside Sports, who work with us in school each week, will be holding a Summer Camp here at Dalton St Mary's. It will run for 5 days beginning on Monday 20th August 2018. Further information has been sent out from Onside Sports.

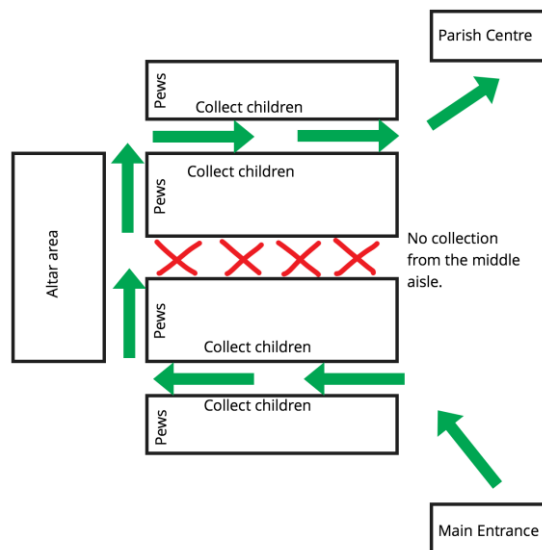
End of term Service

Can I please ask that children do not bring any bags to school with them on the last day of term? 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 Friday 20th July at 12:30 could you please inform Mrs Hodgson in the school office. Thank you.

The one-way system for collecting children, which was first used following the Easter Service, will be in place again at our end of year service. 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. Can we take this opportunity to thank you in advance for following 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 on the 20th July 2018 with details please. **There will be no After School Club on this day and all children should be collected from Church at 2.00pm. Thank you.**



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Dear God,

Please keep everyone safe in this warm weather and think of those less fortunate than us.

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

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| Year 6 Reports to Parents | | Wednesday 11 th July 2018 |
| Y3 Guitar Assembly | 3.00pm | Wednesday 11 th July 2018 |
| Finish for Summer | Church Service 1.00pm | Friday 20 th July 2018 |
| Return to school | | Tuesday 4 th September 2018 |