



## Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

# Newsletter 2

12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Firstly, I would like to apologise regarding the confusion for some parents regarding extra-curricular clubs. The beginning of the academic year is really busy and staff were trying to get as much information out to parents regarding clubs; lesson learned for next year, we already have a staff meeting planned for July to organise clubs for September!

### **Applying for Reception and Secondary School Places**

I know the new school year has only just begun but for parents of children in our Nursery and Year 6 classes it is the time of year to be thinking ahead and making applications for the next stage of your child's learning.

The closing date to apply for a **Year 7 secondary school place is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018** and the closing date to apply a **Reception place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

If your child is in Nursery or Year 6 they will have brought home with them, yesterday, a two sided information leaflet explaining the process. If you have not received this information, or need help to complete an application please call the school office and we will be happy to help.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

Some children and families are choosing to cycle or scooter to school and this is a super alternative to arriving by car. Could I please remind parents that only children who have passed their Cycling Proficiency (Children in Y6) are allowed to cycle/scooter to school unaccompanied. All children who are cycling or scooting should be wearing a helmet and should dismount at the school gate, wheeling their bike or scooter carefully across the playground to be stored in the cycle rack. Bikes and scooters should be locked when stored in the cycle rack.

### **Photographs**

Here at Dalton St Mary's we have two priorities; all children should be safe and happy. Parents can support us with the safe element of these priorities by not taking photographs on the playground or at school events that may include other children. It is particularly concerning when these images are posted onto Social Media and can be viewed by others. There are occasions where, because of child protection concerns, a child's image should not be posted on social media as it could place them at greater risk. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Volunteering**

**If any Parents/Grandparents or friends of DSM are interested in volunteering in school, even if you only have an hour to spare, we would love to hear from you. We always require extra help with Reading, Maths and Crafts. If there are any green fingered Parents/Grandparents who would like to help with the gardens and grounds, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office with any offers of volunteering.**

**L Woodburn**

## Dates for Diaries

Harvest Festival (In school – Parents Welcome)	10.00	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018
Macmillan Coffee Morning	10.00 – 11.00	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Parent Drop-in Week – every day Monday to Friday	3.00 – 3.30	Week Beg. 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
DSM Bake Off		Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Finish for Half Term		Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Back to School		Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Parent Evening		Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Whole School Individual Photographs		Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2018

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Morning / Lunchtime Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Time	Comments
Scrabble	Mrs Rowe	Tuesday	12.25	Y4/Y5/Y6 (Library)
Gardening	Mrs Croskery	Friday	12.30	Y5/Y6 Children

### After School Clubs

Club	Leader	Day	Time	Comments
Multi Sports	Onside Sports	Monday	3.30 to 4.30	Reception and KS1 (2 places still available)
Craft Club	Mrs Rowe	Monday	3.30 to 4.30	Letters will come out next week to begin 24/09/18
Story Time	Mrs Ryder	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.00	Nursery and Reception – in the Reception Classroom – Just turn up!
Gymnastics	Mrs Dixon	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.30	Y4/Y5/Y6
Science and DT	Mrs Spence	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.30	
Netball	Mrs Pearson & Miss Brough	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.30	
Multi Sports	Onside Sports	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.30	KS2 (3 places still available)
Colouring Club	Mrs Ryder	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.15	To be held in Nursery
Debate Club	Mrs Judd	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.15	Y4/Y5/Y6
Guitar Club	James (Cumbria Music Service)	Wednesday	3.30 to 4.00	Currently Full
Performing Arts & Singing for Fun	Mrs Croskery/ Mrs Wright	Thursday	3.30 to 4.30	In the hall
Football	Mr Maguire	Friday	3.30 to 4.30	Limited Places

## Nursery Applications and Extended Hours

Applications for places in our Nursery are now being accepted for the next academic year; January 2019 (Closing date 28/09/18), April 2019 and September 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](mailto:h.irving@dsmprimary.com).

**Please note these holiday dates before booking family holidays, particularly with the changes to the Local Authority Policy relating to holidays in term time.**

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 totalling more than **5 days**. I feel it is important that parents are clear on the Local Authority policy. During the last academic year 72 children took leave of absence from DSM and we 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.

**AUTUMN TERM 2018**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 4 September</b>	<b>Friday 21 December</b>	<b>Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October</b>

**SPRING TERM 2019**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 January</b>	<b>Friday 29 March</b>	<b>Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February</b>

**SUMMER TERM 2019**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 15 April</b>	<b>Friday 19 July</b>	<b>Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019</b> <b>Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May</b>  <b>Good Friday – 19 April</b> <b>Easter Sunday – 21 April</b> <b>Easter Monday 22 April</b>