



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 6

10th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

As I mentioned in last week's Newsletter Dalton St Mary's were represented at the Education and Learning Awards 2018 being held in Carlisle and I am proud to announce we won the category of 'Best use of Technology'. This is a very important part of learning in school as we feel it is vital our children have the confidence and skills in technology to support learning. The way young people learn and retain information has changed so much and with the development of future technologies this will continue to be the case. Here at DSM we ensure our children have access to the very best technology and also ensure all our staff have the skills to keep up with them!

World Mental Health Day

Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day and in school each class will be taking part in an age appropriate activity from the Ten Keys for Happiness from www.actionforhappiness.org. The activities focus on being happy and the things we can do each day to make ourselves feel good. I hope the children will share what they have been doing when they come home tomorrow.

Boxes of Hope

We are supporting the Boxes of Hope campaign again this year in school and look forward to collecting the boxes here in school. We ask that parents remember to include £2.00 in the shoebox which helps to cover the cost of transport and packaging. This cost is kept to a minimum as no staff are paid for their work they are all volunteers. We have sent a leaflet with this newsletter, if you would like to donate more than one shoebox please ask at the office for additional leaflets. **We do have some empty shoeboxes here in school that parents can collect from the office.** All boxes should be brought into school during the week following half term (29th October 2018 – 4th November 2018).

Parent Drop-in Sessions

A reminder that next week (week beginning 15th October 2018) is parent drop-in week and you are invited to come into your child's class from 3.00 to 3.30 any day; Monday to 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. There is also an opportunity to share your child's learning the first week back after half term, appointment letters will be coming home with your child this Friday.

Swimming Dates

Swimming lessons for Years 4, 5 and 6 will begin on Thursday 1st November and continue for 7 weeks until Thursday 13th December. Please remember to send your child with swimming shorts for boys and a full one-piece costume for girls rather than a bikini or tankini.

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Dear God,

We thank you for the World you made. We thank you for the seasons and the lovely colours we see in Autumn. We thank you for the fields for the animals that help us to have food. Please look after the people who don't have food and don't have anywhere to live.

Thank you God.

Amen

Dates for Diaries

Parent Drop-in Week – every day Monday to Friday	3.00 – 3.30	Week Beg. 15 th October 2018
DSM Bake Off		Friday 19 th October 2018
Finish for Half Term		Friday 19 th October 2018
Back to School		Monday 29 th October 2018
Parent Evening		Monday 29 th October 2018
Whole School Individual Photographs		Wednesday 31 st 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 Pickering	Monday	3.30 to 4.30	Years 5 and 6
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	Currently Full
Netball	Mrs Pearson & Miss Brough	Tuesday	3.30 to 4.30	Years 5 and 6
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	Currently Full
Football	Mr Maguire	Friday	3.30 to 4.30	Limited Places