



## Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

# Newsletter 8

31<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Thank you to everyone who called in to drop-in week before the half term break, across the school 92% of children had someone call into their classroom to share their learning. Thank you also to everyone who came to parent evening on Monday, we really enjoy the time to share your child's learning and also share targets to work together to support progress. If you did not manage to make parent evening on Monday arrangements can be made with class teachers for an appointment at a time that is convenient to you both.

### **Parent, Staff and Children's Choir - Tomorrow**

A letter was sent home before half term explaining about a project we have planned with Church. The plan is for a staff, children and parent choir, which will meet on a Thursday evening immediately after school for 45 minutes to an hour. We will be learning and practicing a song to sing at the Christmas Service. Parents can join the choir with their children or on their own if children do not wish to attend. If your child attends Performing Arts on Thursday evenings, they can be a part of this choir if you as a parent wish to join. I do hope some parents are brave enough to join us in this project, it will be very relaxed and we will make sure it is fun.

### **Winter Weather**

We always endeavour to keep Dalton St Mary's C of E Primary School open and it is never an easy decision if we have to close the school for any reason. It is important for you as parents to be informed as soon as possible of any closures and as a school, we will always aim to do this quickly and efficiently. If the school were to close due to inclement weather, it could mean the school site is unsafe or school staff are unable to travel safely from their home to school a decision will be made by 7.30am (at the latest) on the day of the closure. This information will be sent by text to all contacts, broadcast on both The Bay Radio and Radio Cumbria and a notice will be posted on the homepage of this website. We hope this does not happen but it is always good to be prepared.

### **Scooters and Bicycles**

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.

### **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 by Friday of this week.

## Poppy Appeal

We now have poppies for sale in school for Remembrance Day. These will be available each break time being sold by our very sensible Year 6 children.

## Non-Uniform Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 will be non-uniform day to help plan for and support our Christmas Fair, which is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children who come to school in non-uniform should bring a bottle for the bottle tombola and children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

## DSM Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair which is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018 will affect some extra-curricular activities. Multisport for KS2 has not been booked for that evening and parents have not been charged for that session, Colouring Club and Debate Club will not happen that evening as staff will be busy in the Christmas Fair. Guitar Club will take place on the evening of the Christmas Fair. Your child should have brought home further information regarding arrangements for Christmas Fair day and information about class Christmas hampers. If you did not receive these two letters please ask your child or speak to the class teacher.

## Swimming Dates

Swimming lessons for Years 4, 5 and 6 will begin tomorrow, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November and continue for 7 weeks until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## L Woodburn

### *L Woodburn*

Dear God,

Thank you for our school and my friends that I play with.

Amen

(Charlie Dodd Y4)

## Dates for Diaries

Library Van Visit		Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
DSM Speech Festival		Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Non-Uniform Day		Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018
DSM Christmas Fair	3.30-5.00	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Nativity (in school)	10.00	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Christmas Parties (Y1/Y2/Y5/Y6)		Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Christmas Parties (YN/YR/Y3/Y4)		Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day		Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Finish for Christmas - Service in Church	1.00-2.00	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
Back to school		Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

## 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**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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