



## Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

# Newsletter 11

21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Speech Festival last week. Congratulations to everyone who participated and congratulations to the winners. It is wonderful to be able to have a morning celebrating speech and performance. I was so proud of everyone from our very youngest children, who are new to Nursery, through to our oldest children in Year 6 and all children in between. Our judges were full of praise for the children and the school as a whole. Well done DSM!

### Red Cards

We always look for ways to improve communication with parents. Our Behaviour Policy is followed closely in school and there are occasions where children may be issued with Yellow or Red Cards as a result of behaviour incidents. We feel it is important to share this information and have generated a simple text system to inform parents if their child has received a red card in school. The text messages do appear brief as we have a limited number of characters to ensure the message is sent in one text. The text will be one of the following:

- Your child received a Red Card today for rough play. Please reinforce at home that this is not acceptable behaviour. Thank you for your support.
- *Your child received a Red Card today for hurting another child. Please reinforce at home that this is not acceptable behaviour. Thank you for your support.*
- Your child received a Red Card today due to already having two yellow cards. Please reinforce at home that this is not acceptable. Thank you for your support.
- *Your child received a Red Card today as a result of inappropriate behaviour. Please reinforce at home that this is not acceptable. Thank you for your support*

I must add that behaviour incidents in school are not a common occurrence and I feel by having a simple system, which is understood by all, supports children in making good choices.

### Residential Meeting for Y5 & Y6 Parents

There will be a meeting on Thursday 29th November 2018 at 3.00pm for parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 to share information about our planned Residential Visits for this academic year. The meetings are very informative and it is an opportunity for you to ask questions as well as learn about the exciting opportunities that these visits offer your children. Information will be sent home on this date and parents who cannot make the meeting should ask their child for the information. There will be further meetings planned as the year progresses.

### Changes to Morning Routines

We have discussed in school about our morning routines and the children coming into school off the playground in the morning, particularly as we are moving into winter. We are going to trial opening the doors every morning at 8.45am for children to come straight into school as they arrive. Children will go straight to their classrooms, there will be a member of staff in each of the classrooms from this time. Children who attend Breakfast Club will remain in Breakfast Club until 8.55am when the school day officially begins.

## **Languages Club at Dowdales**

We have had an offer for our children to attend a language club at Dowdales School. The club is open to our Year 5 and Year 6 children and the aim is to make new friends, learn about a different culture and learn some German along the way. The children will forgo a link with a partner school in Munich having a German pen pal and it is hoped this project will feed into the language work our children will undertake if they move onto Dowdales School. The club is to be held on the first Monday of each month at Dowdales School starting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. Anyone who is interested should email [rherbet@dowdales.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:rherbet@dowdales.cumbria.sch.uk).

**It will be the last Friday Football Club this Friday (23/11/18) as the nights are becoming darker. Thank you to Mr Maguire and Miss Jackson for committing their time to this club.**

## **Boxes of Hope**

Thank you so much to all the families who filled a shoebox this year or donated individual items to the school collection. We donated 54 filled shoeboxes this year and this really will brighten Christmas for children who are less fortunate. Thank you again for your support with this campaign.

## **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**

**A reminder that items for class hampers should be in by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018.**

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.

## **School Applications**

For any child wishing to join our Reception class in September 2019 the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. If you know of any other families who may be interested in a place in our Reception class in September 2018 could you please alert them to this date. Any parents who need support with this process please contact Mrs Irving in the school office who will be happy to help.

## **L Woodburn**

*L Woodburn*

*Dear God,*

*Please help the homeless people in the cold weather and make sure they are as happy as they can be.*

*Amen*

*(Lexie Cooper Y5)*

## Dates for Diaries

Non-Uniform Day		Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018
DSM Christmas Fair	3.30-5.00	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Residential Meeting for Y5 & Y6 Parents	3.00-3.30	Thursday 29 <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		Wednesday 19 <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

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
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