



## Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

# Newsletter 12

28<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

It is not quite December but it is the Christmas fair this evening and the Christmas decorations went up in school yesterday – in school, it is officially the build up to Christmas. I am certain you will be hearing Christmas songs at home over the next couple of weeks as we prepare for The Nativity and the Church Service. Please be reassured that during the next few weeks we will remain focused on learning and not until the final week will we be holding parties and Christmas Dinner/Jumper day. I am certainly not against having fun but we feel strongly that children come to school to learn; here at Dalton St Mary's I feel we have a really good balance of both fun and learning.

### **Reporting Children's Absence**

A request from the school office; If your child is absent from school could you please call the office before 9.30am on their first day of absence. It would be helpful when calling to give an estimate of how long your child may be absent. If parents haven't called school to report an absence by 9.30am this will mean the office staff need to take time to call around all parents of children who are absent. Children who are having a hot lunch on the day of absence, this also needs to be cancelled by parents. Thank you for your support with this.

### **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.

### **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 forge 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).

### **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**

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Dear God,

Thankyou to God for everything, we love you God, thankyou for everything.

Amen

(Nursery)

## Dates for Diaries

Residential Meeting for Y5 & Y6 Parents	3.00-3.30	Thursday 29th 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