



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 1

4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back! It has been absolutely lovely to have the children in school this week and it has also been lovely to catch up with you all on the playground at the beginning and end of each day. I am so thankful of your support with our arrangements and because of your support I do feel it has worked well. The procedures we have put in place inside school are working well and all staff are involved in reviewing the procedures to identify any areas which we may be able to improve. This will continue to be the case. I realise this week may have felt confusing with children spending time in both their old and new classes however I know they have benefitted from this short transition. Next week all children will be in their new classes full time.

We are going to make a couple of changes next week (From Monday 7th September) and this Newsletter will identify these changes.

Drop Off and Pick Up Times from Monday 7th September 2020

The last three days have allowed us to look at our plans in practice and we feel we can shorten the overall times for dropping off and collecting. I have noticed that many of our junior children have been coming onto the playground without an adult and this has really helped the situation, there are plenty of staff to greet and guide them each day and the children are now confident with the routine. I have liaised with the Local Authority and managed to extend Mrs Bevin's Crossing Patrol hours to ensure she is able to cover the whole of the extended drop-off and collection times. Mrs Bevin's has noted that there has been a significant drop in the number of cars trying to park which is super.

Times: Week beginning 07/09/2020

Your Child's Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery	9.10 – 9.20	3.20 – 3.30
Reception	9.10 – 9.20	3.20 – 3.30
Year 1	9.00 – 9.10	3.20 – 3.30
Year 2	9.00 – 9.10	3.20 – 3.30
Year 3	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 4	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 5	8.40 – 8.50	3.00 – 3.10
Year 6	8.40 – 8.50	3.00 – 3.10

As we have done this week please adhere to your drop-off collection times to ensure this continues to run smoothly. Also the same as this week; if you have more than one child you are dropping off/collecting please arrive at the time for your oldest child.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

All payments for wrap-around care should be made in advance of sessions required

Following discussions with Mrs Parkin and Mrs Millington we are able to increase capacity for wrap-around care at the beginning and end of the school day. Breakfast Club now has places for 25 children and After School Care now has places for 20 children. Parents should continue to drop off and collect from the hall for these clubs and please remember not to come into the hall with your child.

Places for wrap-around care have to be booked directly through Mrs Irving: office@dsprimary.com

Rainbow Badges

You will have noticed that your child has been given a small rainbow badge to wear in school. I felt this is a simple, visual way to remind children about staying safe. It is helpful if all children continue to wear their badges to school.

School Contact Updates

It is very important that we have up to date emergency contact details for all children in school. To support this we will be putting this reminder on the Newsletter at the beginning of each new term.

Have you changed address?

Have you changed your telephone number?

Have any of your other emergency contacts changed their address or phone number?

Please let the office know of any changes and we will update our system. Thank you.

A reminder also, especially as children move into new classes, teachers may ask anyone they do not recognise collecting your child who they are. This is part of our safeguarding procedures in school and is never meant to cause offence to anyone.

Asthma

In school we have a register of pupils who have been identified as asthmatic. All children on the register must have a working, in-date and sufficiently full inhaler, clearly labelled with their name, which remains in school in their classroom. Parents are responsible for ensuring school is provided with an appropriate inhaler. If you are new to school and have not completed an asthma registration form with us please contact the office and we can arrange a form to be sent to you.

If your child no longer requires an inhaler and has previously been on this register please contact the office and we will remove them from the register.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. Remember I am here if I can help you or your family in any way: l.woodburn@dsmprimary.com

Kind regards

Mrs L Woodburn