



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 4

25th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Well done and thank you to those who joined us this week for our virtual Harvest Festival Service on Thursday and the virtual Macmillan Coffee Morning today. A huge well done to Year 5 and Year 6 for hosting and to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Woodburn(Y6) for their hard work in planning these events. I would prefer that we could welcome you all into school however, it is wonderful that we have the technology to enable us to share these events with you at home. I mentioned on last week's Newsletter about new restrictions being implemented in Barrow schools and I now have confirmation from Cumbria County Council that we are included in this advice. From Monday 21st September the advice is not to allow any non-essential visitors into school, we were already very aware of who we were allowing into school and this will continue to be the case.

Reading Books

As a staff we are regularly reviewing our systems in school. As part of this week's review we discussed reading and reading books and how we could develop a safe system for sending books home. From Monday 28th September 2020, children will bring a reading book home each Monday. The book should remain at home and be brought back into school on Friday of the same week. The books will then be placed in a box, separate from all other learning materials, for at least 72 hours. Younger children should be encouraged to read the book each evening, even though this may seem repetitive it will consolidate their reading and develop confidence in their skills. Older children may wish to keep longer texts at home for more than one week and this is fine, it can remain at home until the child has finished reading the book. I know children will have access to other books at home and we encourage all children to read daily, their school book can provide another opportunity to read.

Communication and Showbie

As I mentioned above I am pleased we have the technology to be able to share many aspects of school life with you at home. As more parents begin to use Showbie as a way of communicating with school I have spoken to staff and made clear that they should not be responding to communications late into the evening, very early in the morning or at weekends. Staff will still respond to communications between 8.00am and 4.00pm and if parents have an urgent query they can still call the school office or speak to staff members on duty at the beginning and end of each day.

Staff and Bubbles

All arrangements for the day to day running of school were fully risk assessed before our return at the beginning of September. As part of the risk assessment we looked at staff who may be required to work in different classes to provide support for learning or deliver specific areas of the curriculum such as RE and PE. All staff members are aware of their responsibility, wherever possible, to keep a two metre distance from other adults in school and also maintain a two metre distance from children. We have to accept, and this is noted in the risk assessment, that this is not always possible with our very young children. What we can do is keep the length of any contact with a child, less than two metres, as brief as possible. Staff who are working in different classes are very clear of their responsibility to keep themselves and the children as safe as possible.

Drop Off Times will remain the same week beginning Monday 28th September 2020

Your Child's Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery	9.00 – 9.10	3.20 – 3.30
Reception	9.00 – 9.10	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 always please adhere to your drop-off collection times to ensure this continues to run smoothly. Also remaining the same; if you have more than one child you are dropping off/collecting please arrive at the time for your oldest child.

DSM Family Day on Friday 25th September

At a time where we need to keep our distance, we still want to stay connected with our families. We are one big school family and one big community too!

On Friday 25th September, across the school, children will be learning about different families and will have the chance to share and talk about their own family. We are asking the grown-ups to help the children upload a family picture to their class folder. Please note: parents/guardians can only access their child's family photo. No other grown-ups will be able to see other family photos. We look forward to seeing your photos and getting to know our DSM families a little better.

Showbie

We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we send home/receive into school. To ensure we still have open channels of communication whilst not sending letters we are going to develop communication systems on Showbie.

It is important that parents join classes and groups that are relevant to them.

Showbie Groups/Classes (A Class is used for children's learning and a Group is used for communication)	Code	Who should join this class/group? What information will I find in there?
Nursery Group	GQ82T	All parents of children in Nursery In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Reception Group	T23UW	All parents of children in Reception In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.

Year 1 Group	FJKGD	All parents of children in Y1 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 2 Group	U88N7	All parents of children in Y2 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 3 Group	H3NEE	All parents of children in Y3 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 4 Group	C9W59	All parents of children in Y4 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 5 Group	DGAEW	All parents of children in Y5 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 6 Group	29RT5	All parents of children in Y6 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
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DSM Parent Group	HZ3W5	ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL CHILDREN IN ALL YEAR GROUPS Weekly newsletters (each Friday), whole school letters, any whole school information.
DSM Family Class	CWHK6	ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL CHILDREN IN ALL YEAR GROUPS This will used for any whole school learning projects.

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@dsmpriamry.com

Kind regards

Mrs L Woodburn

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Parents who are familiar with our weekly Newsletter know this section includes important dates for parents for the term ahead.

Event	Date	Arrangements
Parent Drop-in Week	Week Beginning - 02/11/2020	This week we would normally invite parents into school between 3.10 – 3.30 to visit classes and share your child's learning. In the current climate this is not possible. Instead of a visit we are preparing a series of videos which each class will prepare and these will be shared on Showbie – Further information will follow nearer the time.
Parent Evening	06/11/2020	Parents would normally be offered an appointment to discuss the early weeks in your child's new class. This year we will be sending home a short written report to enable us to share how your child has settled into their new class.

The current guidance which is clear is that the symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Change to/loss of sense of taste or smell

If anyone in the family has one or more of these symptoms the advice is to isolate and access testing. We can support parents and offer advice around Government guidelines but if you are concerned about your child's (or a family member's symptoms) it is always best to seek medical advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

If you do not have access to the internet you can call 119

If you cannot access an appropriate test through these two contacts please ring school and we may be able to help you access an appointment.