



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term **Newsletter 6** 9th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We come to the end of another busy week in school and this week we celebrated the appointment of our new Head Boy, Head Girl, their Deputies, Prefects and our Colour Team Captains. The children in Year 6 put in really strong applications this year and for the first time we now have a Y6 Leadership Team made up of the Heads, Deputies and three Prefects. It makes me so proud that our Year 6 children take on the responsibility of these roles and I am looking forward to working with them as young leaders of our school.

Covid-19

As you are aware we do have some members of staff who have to remain at home after being advised to do so by Public Health England. At different times, over the last few weeks, we have also had children and families who have been affected by the virus in different ways. I want to reassure parents that we will always share any instances of Corona Virus with you through our texting system and I really appreciate the way parents are dealing with this sensitive information. Texting may seem impersonal but it is the most effective way to share the same information with a large group of people at the same time. Any families who have children with underlying health conditions would be contacted individually if we felt any situation in school involved their child directly. It has tested the plans we have in school for this type of situation and I feel that our plans are strong. We have four different plans in place to ensure we can support learning in school and at home for these eventualities; if a staff member needs to isolate and the class remain in school, if an individual child/family has to isolate, if a bubble should need to close, if the whole school should need to close. We hope that we do not have to use these plans very often but they are there to support each of these situations. Parents can help by making sure you have already joined the Showbie classes and Groups below. Thank you for your support with this.

Showbie Groups/Classes (A Class is used for children's learning and a Group is used for communication)	Code
Nursery Group	GQ82T
Reception Group	T23UW
Year 1 Group	FJKGD
Year 2 Group	U88N7
Year 3 Group	H3NEE
Year 4 Group	C9W59
Year 5 Group	DGAEW
Year 6 Group	29RT5
DSM Parent Group	HZ3W5
DSM Family Class	CWHK6

Beginning and End of the School Day

The routines at the beginning and end of the school day continue to run smoothly. Times will remain the same for the rest of this half term. We will continue to review the routines, if you have a particular issue with any of the timings please contact Mrs Irving who will be happy to discuss things with you. Thank you for your support with this.

Class	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Reception	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 1	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 2	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
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.

Reading Books

A reminder that reading books should have been returned to school today and a new book will be sent home with your child on Monday.

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: I.woodburn@dsmprimary.com

Kind regards

Mrs L Woodburn

Dates for Diaries

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.
Half Term	26/10/20 -30/10/20	We finish for Half Term on Friday 23 rd October at the end of the school day and return to school on Monday 2 nd November 2020.