



**Dalton St Mary's CE Primary
School**
Autumn Term
Newsletter 7
16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We are almost at the end of the first half term and overall I feel we have managed this strange situation very well. I would like to thank you all for your support with the arrangements we have in place as I know things do feel different. I would also like to publicly thank the staff team at DSM who continue to work extremely hard to ensure children are having a positive learning experience in school alongside managing all the new systems we have in place to keep everyone safe. Not forgetting the important people, the children, who are managing really well with the new systems and bringing some much needed fun into each day – thank you. School is definitely not a school without our children! Next Friday (23/10/20) we finish school at the end of the day (3.00 to 3.20) and return on Monday 2nd November 2020 following the same drop off routines which are currently in place.

Macmillan News

The winners of our Macmillan cupcake competition were announced on Monday. Congratulations to all the class winners and a big congratulations to **Annie Cooper** who was the overall school winner; well-done Annie. The final total raised this year was £800.00 which is super, thank you to everyone who donated to this wonderful cause.

Covid-19

It is a challenge to keep up with the many changes regarding the new tiers and restrictions that are being put in place by the Government. I am aware that there has been some suggestions of a '*two week circuit breaker*' being implemented extending the half term break to two weeks instead of one. I have not had any official notification of this and please be reassured that if I have any information regarding changes to our school day/holidays I will share this with you immediately. I liaise, on a daily basis with the Local Authority and the Department for Education to ensure I am informed of decision making. As a school we are being open and honest about any incidences of Covid-19 in our school and we will also be open and honest with any other information we receive that would have an impact upon any of our school community.

Boxes of Hope

We are supporting the Boxes of Hope campaign again this year in school and look forward to collecting the boxes here in school. We ask that parents remember to include £2.00 in the shoebox which helps to cover the cost of transport and packaging. This cost is kept to a minimum as no staff are paid for their work they are all volunteers. We have sent a leaflet home this week with more information. If you would like to donate more than one shoebox please ask at the office for additional leaflets. All boxes should be brought into school during the week following half term (2nd November 2020 – 6th November 2020).

Showbie

A reminder sure you have already joined the Showbie classes and Groups below. Thank you for 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
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.
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.
Nasal Flu	03/12/2020	The School Nurses will be in school on this date to administer nasal flu spray to children whose parents have given their permission. Communication will have been sent to parents from the School Nurse Service.
Nativity	08/12/2020 1.30	We will be performing our annual Nativity this year. At this stage we cannot say whether we will be able to have an audience in school but we are prepared for a remote event for this special occasion. Further information will be shared nearer the date.
Nativity	09/12/2020 10.00	Please see above
Finish for Christmas	18/12/2020 1.00	Please note that children will be collected from school at 1.00pm.