



# Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

## Newsletter 9

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This is generally a very busy half term in school with lots of different events. We will strive to involve parents in as many activities as possible, virtually of course, including the very important Nativity! This week we would normally have invited 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 have prepared some short videos which will be in your child's Showbie parent group. Alongside Drop-in Week, parents would normally have been offered an appointment to discuss the early weeks in your child's new class. Today your child should have brought home a short written report to share with you explaining how your child has settled into their new class.

### Learning at Home Pack

A big thank you for the prompt return of our Learning from Home packs. I had hoped that we would not need to use them however, with the closure of the Year 2 Bubble, it has been necessary for children in this class to learn from home.

This is the first time we have had to close a bubble and today we have sent a questionnaire to Y2 parents to gather feedback on the experience. It is a challenge to provide the right amount of learning but hopefully we can learn together and make any changes suggested to our practice if we have to do this again.

### ParentPay

From 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 our school will be using ParentPay for booking Breakfast and After School Club. It will also be used for payments for Breakfast and After School club and any other clubs and trips that require payment. Full details of this change will be sent home after the half term break, I just wanted to give parents notice of our intention to become a cashless school. Parents who already have bookings for Breakfast and After School Clubs up to and after 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 should be reassured that school staff will transfer the bookings over to the electronic booking system. **A reminder that charges are made for bookings that are not cancelled with more than 24 hours' notice, this is a good habit to get in to as it will be the same with the ParentPay system.**

### Beginning and End of the School Day

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.

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.
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.
<b>Christmas Cards</b>	<b>07/12/2020</b>	If children would like to write Christmas cards this year we have arranged that all cards will be brought into school on one day <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> . They will be stored in boxes until <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> when the Y6 Leadership Team will distribute them. Children will bring them home on this day. Cards will not be accepted into school after <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> .
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.