



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 10

13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I mentioned last week that we would strive to make this half term as normal as possible in school. Interestingly this week I have seen Christmas resources being ordered and I have been part of plans to organise a remote visit from the person most children would like to see at this point in the year! I also know there are discussions taking place to ensure children still receive a gift, enjoy a party and have a Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day. We were talking in school this week and reflected on how lovely it is that our systems and routines in school are so embedded we now have days, in school, where we do not think about Corona Virus. The children have adapted so well and carry out the daily changes to the routines without any fuss; they are very special children.

School Videos

A reminder that the short videos are still available in your child's Showbie parent group. Please do logon with your child and have a look at their classroom and share some of their learning.

Short Delay to ParentPay

From 23rd 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. Parents who already have bookings for Breakfast and After School Clubs up to and after 23rd November 2020 should be reassured that school staff will arrange to 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.**

Changes to After School Club Times; As a school we need to monitor very carefully our staffing and budget costs. Breakfast and After School Club are monitored in the same way. After analysing income/costings it is clear that the period of time from 5.30 to 6.00pm is not cost effective and is no longer viable. From Monday 23rd November, there will be two booking options for After School Club; 3.30 to 4.30pm (£3.00) and 3.30 to 5.30pm (£5.00)

Breakfast Club Bookings; Bookings for the two slots 7.30 to 9.00am (£3.50) and 8.00 to 9.00am (£2.50) will be available on ParentPay from 23rd November. Our 8.30am 'drop off' slot is still available with £1.00 cash payable on the day of 'drop off'.

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
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.
Christmas Cards	07/12/2020	If children would like to write Christmas cards this year we have arranged that all cards will be brought into school on one day Monday 7th December . They will be stored in boxes until Friday 11th December when the Y6 Leadership Team will distribute them. Children will bring them home on this day. Cards will not be accepted into school after Monday 7th December .
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
Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day	16/12/2020	Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas Jumper. In exchange for coming to school in our jumpers we are encouraging those who can this year to send in a food item, which we will then donate, to the Food bank. We do think it is important to support our local charities.
Finish for Christmas	18/12/2020 1.00	Please note that children will be collected from school at 1.00pm.