



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 11

20th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

As we move further into the term could I please ask parents to check Dates for Diaries? This is a busy half term and I would hate any parents or children to miss anything as a result of not reading the Newsletter. We are planning to have all of our special events in school even though they may be a little different. It is important that all parents have registered with ParentPay as we will be using this for any events which may incur a payment or voluntary contribution. If you need any support with registering on ParentPay please contact the school office.

Near Miss Accident

I have written numerous times on this Newsletter and through text messages asking parents to park with care when bringing/collecting your child to/from school. There was an occasion this week when a parent had mounted the pavement to park their vehicle and had not realised that they had only just missed hitting a child who was walking to school. The consequences of this incident could have been tragic for all those involved. I ask all parents to observe the markings outside of school and remind parents once again that it is illegal to park on the footpath – this also includes the wider footpath outside Coronation House.

I thank the majority of parents who either walk to school or park responsibly and I appeal to those who know they have maybe parked without due care to think again about the safety of all our children. Thank you.

Internet Downtime

Next week, on 23rd/24th/25th November we are undertaking work on our wireless connectivity in school. The work is necessary and it is unfortunate that this could not be scheduled at any other time. How will we manage for 3 days with no iPads? Joking aside, we are prepared however any parents emailing the office or a member of staff in school may experience a delay in receiving a response. If you have an urgent query it will be best, on these three days, to telephone the office rather than email and we will be happy to help.

Nativity

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter we are making preparations for Christmas. We have made the decision to record this year's Nativity and then make it available to parents. The logistics around doing a live event, as we did with the Harvest and Macmillan Coffee morning, are really tricky as the Nativity involves 4 classes. It will be fun and a new experience for our younger children to be part of making their very own film! Further details of how and when you will be able to access the film will be shared with parents as soon as it is ready.

ParentPay

Our ParentPay system for **booking** Breakfast and After School Club is now live. **ParentPay is not currently used for lunches.** It will also be used for **payments** for Breakfast and After School club and any other clubs, trips and events that require payment. Parents who already have booked ahead for Breakfast and After School Club after 23rd November 2020 should login to the ParentPay website and ensure their bookings are showing on the system. These may need to be added by yourselves. Any balances (credits and debits) have been transferred onto the system. If there are any issues at all, please contact the school office. **A reminder that charges are made for bookings that are not cancelled with more than 24 hours' notice.**

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		Our Nativity will be a recorded event this year and once this is prepared we will share the link with parents.
Christmas Parties	YN	10/12/2020
	YR	07/12/2020
	Y1	11/12/2020
	Y2	08/12/2020
	Y3	10/12/2020
	Y4	14/12/2020
	Y5	15/12/2020
	Y6	17/12/2020
		On the day of your child's party, we ask that they please arrive at school, in the morning, in their party clothes. Please remember that your child will need to wear the outfit for the whole time they are in school so it should be comfortable with appropriate footwear. This year school will be providing party food for children – there will be further information on next week's Newsletter.

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.