



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 13

4th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I cannot believe we only have two weeks left in school. It is lovely that we have our decorations up and are making plans that feel normal for this time of year; Nativity, Christmas Lunch, Parties and from Monday we will be starting our traditional 'Under the tree at 3.00'. Under the Tree at Three is where we would normally gather together in the hall and a member of staff would share a favourite Christmas story. This year we will be doing the event virtually on the screens in our classrooms and I am sure it will still feel special. Remember **Monday 7th December** is the day children are allowed to bring in **Christmas cards** – Monday is the **only** day cards can be brought into school. Your child should take them into their classroom and they will be stored for 72 hours before our Y6 children distribute them.

Nativity

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

It is very important that all parents register with ParentPay as all future school events will be booked and paid for using this system. Below you will find information about making a small payment towards Christmas parties through ParentPay.

Christmas Parties and ParentPay

This year school have made an online Tesco order for party foods. We are asking parents to support us with this by making a payment of £1.00 per child through our ParentPay system. Thank you to those parents who have already paid this is really appreciated and has the added bonus that you are set up and able to use ParentPay. When you login to the system, you will see a Christmas Party Event.

Please note the change of date for the Y2 party from Tuesday 8th December to Wednesday 9th December 2020.

Lunches and ParentPay

From January our school lunches will be ordered and paid for using ParentPay.

Further information will be shared next week, please do not order any lunches on the Dolce SchoolGrid for January 2021.

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	
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	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 time they are in school so it should be comfortable with appropriate footwear.
	YR	07/12/2020	
	Y1	11/12/2020	
	Y2	09/12/2020	
	Y3	10/12/2020	
	Y4	14/12/2020	
	Y5	15/12/2020	
Y6	17/12/2020		
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 that 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.	