



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term

Newsletter 15

18th December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Here we are at the end of the Autumn Term. I think 2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone. I do hope that Christmas gives us all time to relax, reflect, smile and have fun. I think throughout this year, more than any other year, hope has been the thing to carry me through. I continue to hope for the future and send sincere wishes to you all for a safe and happy Christmas and a brighter 2021.

Covid Contact

I do hope everyone remains well and we are all able to enjoy the Christmas break safely. To support our whole community I ask if any children develop symptoms on Saturday 19th December or Sunday 20th December and have a positive test result could parents please email me directly on: l.woodburn@dsmprimary.com

This is in addition to the track and trace procedures you will be advised to follow. If I am alerted to any positive cases (children or staff), this will allow me to contact directly anyone who may be affected by the positive result. I sincerely hope this does not happen but this will help to keep our families and our community safe.

There has been media coverage about the use of lateral flow testing in schools from January. I am aware that local secondary schools are piloting this from January 2021. There have not been any specific instructions around the use of lateral flow testing in primary schools. We have received guidance and an outline of how this may look. Please be reassured that as soon as I have any information that will affect our children and staff I will share this with you all.

Nativity and End of Term Service

Remember that this year's Nativity, our Special Visitor Footage and our End of Term Service have all been recorded and are available on DSM Parent Showbie Group (the code for this group is HZ3W5) and our DSM YouTube Channel.

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.

Lunches and ParentPay

From January our school lunches will be ordered and paid for using ParentPay. Further information has been sent home with your child today and is available also on the DSM Parent Showbie Group (the code for this group is HZ3W5) and the Newsletter section of our school website. Please do not order any lunches on the Dolce SchoolGrid for January 2021.

Residentials

I am aware that Year 5 and Year 6 parents and children will be starting to think ahead to the annual residentials which happen in these year groups. We have provisionally booked the following visits:

- Year 5 to visit Coniston on the 5th May, for 2 nights (YHA Holly How)
- Year 6 to visit York on the 15th June, for 3 nights (YHA York)

This term it has been difficult to envisage how things will be in May and June however, these dates are booked. If Government guidance suggests, and we also think it is safe to take our children on residential visits these will definitely go ahead. We will send further details upon our return to school in January - I do not want any parents to be worrying about costs and payments before Christmas.

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
Finish for Christmas	18/12/2020 1.00	Please note that children will be collected from school at 1.00pm.
Return to School	Tuesday 5th January 2021	All children should arrive/be collected at their designated time – please see table below.

Beginning and End of the School Day for January 2021

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