



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 18

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of another half term where we have been remote learning. I understand what a challenge this has been for everyone involved. As I acknowledge the challenges I also think it is appropriate to acknowledge the effort everyone has put into remote learning. Teacher's and support staff have worked tremendously hard to ensure remote learning has been available for every child each day and parents have worked tremendously hard to support children learning at home. DSM children have been amazing during this difficult time, engaging with remote learning and often going the extra mile to produce some fantastic pieces of work - well done to you all. Mrs Croskery has worked hard to ensure our technology and devices have been in place to support learning. Mrs Irving and Miss Jackson have also worked hard to ensure there has been telephone support available in school each day and kept the office running in difficult circumstances. We have a core group of staff in school each day who have worked hard to ensure those children who needed to be in school have been well supported with their learning and at lunchtime. Breakfast and After School Care staff have continued to support families at the beginning and end of the day. Our cleaning team have also worked extremely hard to make our school environment as safe as it possibly can be. I have always known DSM is a great team and this situation has exemplified just how great we are together. Thank you is easy to say however I would like to say a **very sincere** thank you to each and everyone of you.

After Half Term

Remote learning will begin again for all children on Monday 22nd February 2021. I am hopeful that this will only be for a short period of time. It has been said that the Roadmap for coming out of lockdown will be produced on this date to give schools 2 weeks notice prior to a return on 8th March 2021. However, yesterday there appeared to be some confusion around this date with a suggestion that the Roadmap will be shared week beginning 22nd February 2021. Be reassured as soon as I have any information about returning to school it will be shared immediately with parents.

Year 6 Leaver Hoodies

It does seem strange to be discussing our Year 6 children leaving when they have missed so much of their final year at DSM. It has long been tradition for our Year 6 children to purchase a Leaver's Hoodie and this year it is also an option to purchase one for your child. Hoodies should be ordered directly through Identity: www.OneIdentity.co.uk and follow the Leaver's Hoodie link. There is a deadline for orders of **27th March 2021**.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. Please enjoy the break from remote learning for half term. Remember I am here if I can help you or your family in any way:

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Kind regards

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