



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 19

12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week in school, it is so lovely to see all the children and be able to have face to face conversations. I really have missed them and missed school feeling busy. I hope you have all had a good week and feel confident with the systems we have in place. Thank you all for supporting our drop off/pick up routines; keeping to the correct timings really helps. Someone did question why we insist on masks outdoors, for staff stood on the playground there are approximately 200 adults passing by them at each end of the day and several parents are approaching staff to speak with them. It is an additional measure that helps us to feel safer. There are times when the pavement outside school feels a little busy, could I ask that parents please maintain 2 meters if you are queuing and make space (wherever possible) for people to pass. Thank you.

This week in school

The children have had a busy first week back in school, they have all been laughing and I have never known them to be so chatty (which is lovely). I know some children have mentioned at home that they have been doing 'tests', this has been a very small part of the curriculum in school. It would be remiss of me not to consider the children's learning and it is so important that we put the right support in place for children as soon as possible. We have tried to find a good curriculum balance and please be reassured we have definitely had an emphasis on making sure our children were feeling safe and happy (my two most important jobs).

Swimming

We are feeling hopeful that we will be able to resume swimming from 22/04/21. Of course we will be following Government guidance, the Dalton leisure Centre risk assessment and incorporating these into our own risk assessment. For the first half term Year 5 and Year 6 will swim each Thursday afternoon. Year 3 and Year 4 will start swimming from 10/06/21. We will confirm these arrangements, by text, closer to the time.

After School Club

A reminder for parents who use our After School Club that we do not take bookings for the last day of term (Christmas, Easter and Summer). There will be no After School Club on Thursday 1st April 2021.

Year 5 and Year 6 Educational Visits

Thank you all for your responses to the Google Form sent out earlier this week. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and we will be going ahead with the plans. We have set up a payment item on ParentPay for these visits – the payment item allows parents to pay in 6 installments (or all at once). We have set the payment item at £200 to allow parents to budget, however if we have to choose the non-residential visit (£100) and parents have paid more than this on their ParentPay account we will arrange refunds. Further information regarding the visits will be sent home next week.

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. Now we are back in school I would like you all still to remember I am here if I can help you or your family in any way:

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Kind regards

Mrs L Woodburn

Dates for Diaries

Finish for Easter	From School at 2.00pm	Thursday 1 st April 2021
Back to School		Monday 19 th April 2021
Bank Holiday		Monday 3 rd May 2021
School Closed for Polling Day		Thursday 6 th May 2021
Sports Day	1.00 – 3.30	Friday 14 th May 2021
Reserve Sports Day	1.00 – 3.30	Friday 21 st May 2021
Finish for Half Term		Friday 28 th May 2021
Back to school		Monday 7 th June 2021
Y5 Coniston Experience		28/06/21 to 30/06/21
Y6 Coniston Experience		30/06/21 to 02/07/21
Finish for Summer	From School at 2.00pm	Friday 16 th July 2021