



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 20

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and settling into the daily routine of the children being back in school. I really do feel they have settled well and we will continue to take time each day to discuss feelings and work on rebuilding friendships and relationships. All staff in school continue to undertake lateral flow tests twice each week and we thank you as parents for being alert to any possible symptoms in your children and continuing to wear masks at drop off/collection times.

Collecting children at the end of the day

It has been noted that some grown-ups are arriving early to collect their children. Children will not be ready until the time listed below, if you arrive early it means that you will have to wait until the correct time to collect your child. We are trying to avoid any queuing outside of the gate and also avoid blocking the pavement. There are two ways you can help us with this;

1. Arrive at the correct time **or**
2. If you do arrive early please wait away from the entrance gate, on the other side of the street, until it is time to collect your child

You **can** collect younger siblings if you **are also** collecting your **older child from the playground** at the same time. If your older child is walking home alone please **do not arrive** to collect your younger child until it is **the time for their class** to be collected.

	DROP OFF	PICK UP
NURSERY	9.10 - 9.20	3.20 - 3.30
RECEPTION	9.10 - 9.20	3.20 - 3.30
YEAR 1	9.00 - 9.10	3.20 - 3.30
YEAR 2	9.00 - 9.10	3.20 - 3.30
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

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 has been sent home with your child yesterday. The information is for the full residential option (Plan A), if we are unable to have the full residential option I will send out the arrangements for day visits (Plan B) nearer the time.

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

Easter Service (Y4) will be available on Showbie (DSM Parent Group) and Youtube		Wednesday 31 st March 2021
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