



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School
Autumn term 1
Newsletter 3
17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our systems in school appear to be working and drop-offs and pick ups are now running more smoothly. We are going to try, from Monday, opening the gate earlier at the beginning and end of the school day. This will allow parents to come onto the playground, hopefully reducing the queuing on the street. We ask that when you come onto the playground please stand in the area where your child enters/exits the building leaving space near the door for the children. Thank you. We will continue to monitor the situation. Although we are not running a team this year, I would like to say good luck to all those who are participating in the Keswick to Barrow or Coniston to Barrow on Saturday, it is good to see things going ahead this year, hopefully the weather will be kind to you.

Parking

Many times, on the Newsletter, I have requested that adults dropping off and collecting children in cars park safely and thoughtfully. I am aware that cars are being parked blocking resident driveways and also parking on the wide pavement by Coronation House (next to the school gates). I have spoken to some who are parking in this way but as soon as they stop someone else takes the space! We need to maintain relationships with our neighbours and parking is a constant cause of frustration for those living close to school. With regard to the pavement parking by Coronation House there was an issue when an ambulance was unable to gain access to their carpark because of a parked vehicle on the pavement. We, along with Parent Voice, are looking at ways we can address this issue however the solution should be simple – park away from school in a safe manner giving thought to residents. I would really appreciate your support with this.

Lunches

The system we use to order children's lunches has changed recently. This means that children's lunches need to be paid for and ordered **at home by 7.30am** on the morning you require the meal. All children in Reception/Year1/Year 2 are not required to pay for their lunch however they still do need to be ordered. We used to order lunches in the classroom, for those who hadn't ordered, however this is no longer the case. To support parents with this change we have made a 'How to' guide and a video tutorial which can both be found in the DSM Whole School Parent Group (HZ3W5). Mrs Irving and Mrs Croskery will be available to support with this at a special one off ParentPay Clinic on the playground from 8.45am to 9.00am on Monday 20th September, Wednesday 22nd September and Friday 24th September. From Monday 27th September if lunches are not ordered parents will be contacted, by text message, to provide a packed lunch for their child.

Dalton's big town litter pick took place on Saturday, September 11.

Mrs Pearson said it was lovely to see lots of our families supporting the litter pick in Dalton – well done! I will continue to share the message in school and hopefully, together, we will make a difference.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting our virtual Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday, 24th September 2021. The morning will be led by Year 6 and further information will be shared prior to the event. Many charities have suffered during the pandemic in regards to funding so we are really excited to be supporting Macmillan who have helped many people in our community.

Covid

I am aware that Covid is still present in the community and I think we have been fortunate that incidences have been low here in school. I appreciate the rules have changed regarding isolation however I please ask that if you have any incidences of Covid in your household or you/a family member is a close contact of a positive case please call school to allow us to discuss the situation. I thank those families who have already had conversations and those who have been pro-active with getting tested, this really does help to keep us all safe and in school learning.

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Kind regards

Mrs L Woodburn

Parent Showbie Codes

Showbie is our online platform and it is important that all parents join the correct classes to ensure good communication between school and home. Please find, below, a list of group codes which you may find useful. New parents will receive a letter with further information regarding Showbie.

Group	Code
DSM Whole School Parent Group	HZ3W5
DSM Family Tech Clinic	J3F7V
Nursery Parent Group	GQ82T
Reception Parent Group	V6AN9
Year 1 Parent Group	T23UW
Year 2 Parent Group	FJKGD
Year 3 Parent Group	U88N7
Year 4 Parent Group	H3NEE
Year 5 Parent Group	C9W59
Year 6 Parent Group	DGAEW

Dates for Diaries

Virtual Macmillan Coffee Morning	Y6 to Lead	Friday 24 th September 2021
Harvest Festival	Y5 to Lead; Shared Via Showbie	Thursday 7 th October 2021
Parent Appointment Week	Virtual Showbie meeting	Week Beg: 11/10/21
Flu Vaccinations	YR to Y6	Wednesday 20 th October 2021
Finish for Half Term	From School at 3.15pm	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Return to School		Monday 1 st November 2021