



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn term 1

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30th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope everyone is well. I would like to thank everyone for being patient as we continue to follow guidance in school for Covid-19. We do still have additional cleaning before, during and after the school day and I thank Mrs C Cairns, Mrs S Cairns and Mrs Tyrie for their work which helps to keep us safe and ensures we have a lovely clean environment in which to learn and work. I will always keep parents up to date with incidences in classes and this will allow you to make decisions for your family. I do hope and pray that incidences remain small and everyone remains well.

Additional Bank Holiday

As you may be aware, an extra bank holiday has been announced for 3 June 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As on previous similar occasions (eg the 2012 Diamond Jubilee or 2011 Royal Wedding), the DfE has therefore amended the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for maintained schools to a minimum of 189 days, in order to allow schools to close that day or on another day.

As 3rd June is in half term week in Cumbria, schools are taking an additional day at another point in the year. We will be taking this day on Friday 27th May meaning we will finish for May half term on Thursday 26th May 2022. I thought it would be helpful for parents to have this date as soon as possible.

Residential Dates

I have begun planning residential opportunities for Year 5 and Year 6 this academic year. The plan will be for Year 5 to have a 2 night, 3 day outdoor education residential at Coniston (Wednesday 4th May 2022 to Friday 6th May 2022). Year 6 will have a 3 night, 4 day city visit in York (Tuesday 21st June 2022 to Friday 24th June 2022). I am awaiting final costings for the visits and will send out further information to parents as soon as possible. There will be meetings to explain the content of the visits later in the Autumn Term and again in the Spring Term.

Polite Reminder about Punctuality to School

Being punctual for school means **making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the bell rings**. There are many ways to ensure your child is on time for school, from making sure their school bags are packed the night before to making sure they get up with plenty of time to eat and get ready for school. **Lost minutes means lost learning**. Please remember we begin our day at Dalton St. Marys between 8.45am and 8.55am, if your child arrives after 8.55am then they are late. Please be aware that our Education Welfare Officer will be in school running a Late Gate Initiative in the near future to further highlight this important fact.

Breakfast and After School Bookings

Can I please remind parents that bookings for Breakfast and After School Club through ParentPay need to be paid for within 2 hours of booking the slot. **It is easier to make sure there is money on the account prior to booking as this secures the place immediately**. If a booking is made without credit being on the account and then money is not added within 2 hours of requesting a booking the request will be cancelled. We cannot allow debt to accrue on the ParentPay accounts as the system does not allow for this.

Lunches

You may be aware, through the media, that some deliveries are being interrupted due to a shortage of drivers. This has not affected school so far however Mrs Quinn (our cook) asked me to advise parents that this may affect us in the coming days and weeks. Mrs Quinn liaises well with our suppliers and had a conversation yesterday that there may be a problem with meatballs! It may not happen however, if there is ever a delay with an order, we do have resources available to make lunches but it may be necessary to make a last-minute change to the menu. We would always text parents to inform of any changes to the menu.

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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

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
World Diabetes Day	Wear Something Blue	Friday 12 th November 2021