



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School
Autumn term 1
Newsletter 8
22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are at the end of the first half term already. I do feel relieved that we have managed just over 7 weeks without too much disruption to learning in school. We have had 11 pupils who have tested positive for Covid this half term however the cases appear to be community based rather than school based – meaning cases are not linked through close contact in school. Fortunately, the children affected have not been too unwell and no staff members have been affected this half term; we hope this continues. I thank everyone for their support and vigilance in this matter. I hope everyone has a lovely half term break.

Cumbria Police, Remedi and the Fire Service

Today in school our Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children had a visit from PC 1827 Liam Oliver from the Barrow Community Team and Ashley from Remedi which is the Restorative Justice Service who work with Cumbria Police. They came to talk to the children about positive behaviour in the community, particularly with Halloween approaching. Year 5 and Year 6 also met with members of the Fire Service to talk about road safety and firework safety. It is great that we can begin to bring these important services back into school.

Boxes of Hope

Your child will have brought home a leaflet about the Cumbria Boxes of Hope, a charity we support each year. This year's campaign runs from November 1st to 12th, we need filled shoeboxes to be here in school by 12th ready for collection on Monday 15th November. These shoeboxes really do bring hope and joy to children who live in appalling conditions of extreme poverty through no fault of their own. I thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful project.

Poppies

Each year we support the British Legion with their poppy sales and we are pleased to say our Year 6 children will be selling these in school from Monday 1st November 2021. Children who wish to buy a poppy should bring a donation into school (suggested donation is £1.00). We do hope we can give lots of support this year as charities have really suffered during the pandemic.

Kind regards

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Dates for Diaries

There is a lot of information in dates for diaries, I do hope it is helpful to have this information in advance.

With regards to arrangements for the Nativity and end of term service I am hoping that the Nativity will be held in school and we can invite one family member into school to join us. I am also hoping that our end of term service will be held in Church, again we may have to consider numbers attending. Further information will be shared nearer the time of these events and arrangements will obviously be dependent on infection rates in our school and wider communities.

Children in Need is not included in our school events calendar as the children are participating in several events this half term. I always try to consider the number of occasions where we are asking parents to make donations and find alternative outfits to wear to school.

Finish for Half Term	From School at 3.15pm	Friday 22nd October 2021
Return to School		Monday 1st November 2021
Diwali Dance Workshop	YN to Y6	Wednesday 3 rd November 2021 (During the school day)
World Diabetes Day	Wear Something Blue (small donation)	Friday 12 th November 2021
Den Building Day	Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 Further information to follow	Monday 22 nd November 2021
Den Building Day	Year 2, year 3, Year 4, Year 5 Further information to follow	Tuesday 23 rd November 2021
Paralympian Athlete Visit	Further information to follow	Tuesday 7 th December 2021
Nativity	Led by YN/YR/Y1/Y2	Wednesday 8 th December 2021 Afternoon – Time TBC
Nativity	Led by YN/YR/Y1/Y2	Thursday 9 th December 2021 Morning – Time TBC
Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party	Come to school in party clothes	Friday 10 th December 2021
Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party	Come to school in party clothes	Monday 13 th December 2021
Nursery and Reception Christmas Party	Come to school in party clothes	Tuesday 14 th December 2021
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Come to school in Christmas Jumper	Wednesday 15 th December 2021
Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party	Come to school in party clothes	Thursday 16 th December 2021
Christmas Service	Hopefully this will be in Church 12.45	Friday 17 th December 2021
Finish for Christmas	1.45 from Church	Friday 17 th December 2021