

Dalton St Michael's C.E. Primary School

Newsletter 1

Autumn 1 2019



The new academic year 2019/20

This term we have welcomed thirteen children into our Reception year group as well as ten children into our Nursery. We are pleased that three new families have also joined our school and hope they already feel part of the Dalton family.

School Admission September 2020

Do you have, or know of anyone with, a child due to start school in September 2020? Parents will need to apply for a school place for their child even if they already attend our Nursery. Please be aware that a place in the Nursery does not guarantee a place in school. Applications can be made online until January 15th 2020. Further information can be found at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/>

Nursery Admission

Please complete an 'Expression of Interest' form, available from the school office if you are interested in a Nursery place for your child in the future. We have limited places available in the Nursery each academic year. There are still a small number of places for this academic year.

Secondary Admission

The closing date for Secondary Admission for September 2020 is October 31st 2019. Please make sure you complete the online application before this time if your child is in year six at the moment.

We are collecting ALDI fund-raising stickers – please send into school if you have any at all!



Our year one children have been working hard ordering numbers to 30.

Harrison even managed to identify the missing numbers!



Mr Attkins' class went on an Invertebrate Hunt in the school grounds. They took the creatures back to class to identify them carefully before letting them go back to their habitats.



We promoted World Mental Health Day on October 10th by wearing yellow and donating to the fund-raising. We managed to raise £82.40. Thank you for the donations.

After School Clubs after half term

Monday – Sport's Club –Year 2 – Year 6

Gardening Club

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Lake and Mrs Winstanley for all their help at Gardening Club over the years. It is time for Mr and Mrs Lake to have a well-earned rest. The school grounds have always looked beautiful and this is mainly due to their help and support.

If any parents and grandparents are willing to give some time to help with the gardening and/or looking after the school grounds in the future we would be very grateful.

Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please let us know on the first day of absence. May I also remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised following Government legislation and school policy.

As you have been previously informed, the Governors made the decision to use Penalty notices from this academic year which will be issued if unauthorised holidays are taken. These would be issued by Lancashire County Council. If you require further clarification please arrange an appointment to speak to me.

Car Park

Please can I remind you to use the car park when dropping and picking up your child from school. Parking on the road at the front of the school building or wooden gate could cause a serious accident.

After School Club Booking

Please remember to book at the school office if you require after school care. This is important to ensure the correct staffing and resources are available.

Online Payment

Payment for school dinners, school uniform, school trips, Breakfast Club and after school care can be made online for your convenience on <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

If you require a new login for the website please enquire at the school office. Prompt and regular payments are appreciated.

Dates for your Diary (also on the website)

October

28 Return to school after half-term

November

- 1** Autumn Disco 6-7.30pm
- 5** Parent Meeting/coffee morning 9-10.20am
- 7** School photographs
- 13** Cinema Trip for Y2 – Y6
- 25** Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school



December

- 2** Welly Bob's Visit to school
- 11** Christmas Lunch
- 12** Nativity Service at Church at 6pm
- 13** Nativity Service in Church at 9.15am
- 18** Christmas Party

A visit to Birch Green Care home to sing carols with the residents is also to be arranged.

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Thursday 19th December at 3pm.