

Dalton St Michael's C.E. Primary School

Newsletter 2

Autumn 2 2018



This half-term has seen all the children settled into their classes: making new friends; gaining new skills and having a range of experiences. The small world activities in the Early Years classroom always enhances the children's learning and encourages them to learn through play.



Miss Dowling's class have been learning about the Romans and the Celts this half-term. They enjoyed a lovely trip to Chester Deva Museum to consolidate their learning. This week, they even re-enacted a 'battle' on the school playground which was great fun!



The children enjoy Maths lessons, particularly if they are practical. Mr Atkins' class really enjoyed their



lesson learning about times tables. They counted pumpkin seeds in 2's, 5's and 10's. Not only will this lesson be memorable, it helped to make the counting in groups easier and more meaningful to the children.



The Key Stage two Christmas Crafts Club was enjoyable this half-term. The children managed to practise their skills and created a number of crafts for the Christmas Fair.

Thank you for your support at the Christmas Fair. We managed to raise £323.91 which is all being spent on extra resources for the children.

The Scholastic Book Fair also managed to raise £98.00 to spend on books for our children next term.

John Dowding Reading Awards

Mr John Dowding was a very respected school Governor for many years. He had a passion for reading and listening to children read regularly. Awards are given each term for effort and progress in reading.

Key Stage one

Effort – Lilia

Progress – Daniel

Lower Key Stage two

Effort – Tom

Progress – Alexandra

Upper Key Stage two

Effort – Joshua

Progress – Eva



Wishing all our families a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

School Admission September 2019

Do you have, or know of anyone with, a child due to start school in September 2019?

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 2019. Further information can be found at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/>

Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please let us know on the first day of absence.

Attendance

This week you will have received a letter regarding your child's attendance this term. We will be working hard continuing to increase our attendance and punctuality in the New Year. Please be mindful that children should be arriving at school by 8.55am and registers are taken at 9.00am prompt. Children also begin independent learning activities during register time and we do not want children to miss this vital work.

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.

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.

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.

After School Clubs after Christmas

Monday – Sports Club for children Y2 to Y6

Tuesday – Indoor football with Mr Attkins for children in Y1, Y2 and Y3 from 15/2/18

Dates for your Diary (also on the website)

January

- 7 School term begins
- 25 Collective Worship in Church at 9.10am
- 29 'Commando Joe' Assembly

February

- 10 All age Worship in Church 11am
- 15 Collective Worship in Church at 9.10am
- 15 School finishes for the half-term holiday
- 25 Second half of the spring term begins

March

Week beginning March 4th – Maths week

- 27 Parents evening
- 29 Collective Worship in Church at 9.10am
- 31 Mothering Sunday Service in Church 11am

April

- 5 School closes for the Easter holiday