



Dallington CE Primary School



...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life. (1 Timothy 4:12)

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Poppy appeal

With term 1 being so long this year it seemed that we didn't really have time to promote this but we still, through your generosity and the children's fascination with snap bands raised a huge £168. Mr Sewel, one of the villagers who organises this sends his thanks and wanted everyone to know that his district raised a massive £1831. All of the money raised will go directly to the charity. Well done everyone!

Football

Normally we write and tell you about how brilliant our boys team did in the tournaments - this time I am so pleased to tell you about the girl's team. Following on from finishing second in the Heathfield tournament they went through to the next round and played against schools from Uckfield and Crowborough. Under the expert coaching of Mrs Donnebaer they kicked, dribbled and scored their way to finishing a brilliant third place! They were all so proud of their achievements they all wore their medals the whole of the next day!



Upcoming events

December

6th Mufti day - foodbank

9th Nativity 2pm

10th Nativity 6pm

18th Christmas Lunch

20th School carols 1:30pm –
end of term

January 6th term 3 starts



Tree

Our Christmas tree was put up on Monday 2nd – just in time for decoration making morning. As history dictates the year 6 decorated the tree with Mrs Bloom. This year we didn't have the traditional decorations, the whole school wrote a gift tag with a small wish they wanted this Christmas. I hope you agree the tree looks wonderful!



Decoration making morning

On Monday we held our annual decoration making morning. As always it was a lovely event with parents and children coming together to cover themselves in glue and glitter ...sorry coming



together to make decorations that will adorn the school and classrooms! As always, we invited the local preschool children and they joined our Reception children in the hall making some lovely festive

decorations. A massive thank you to the staff for the hard work and all those parents who were able to come in and support us!



Friday

Don't forget this Friday is a busy day! The children can wear Christmas mufti for a donation of food for the Hailsham Foodbank. On their website <https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> they are asking for specific items! I know they are always so grateful for your generous support!

Then in the afternoon we have FODS Elf Extravaganza- this will be a brilliant end to the week and lots of fun!



One voice

On Tuesday the children from year 5/6 travelled to the De La Warr pavilion in Bexhill to perform carols and other Christmas songs as part of the one voice concerts. It was an amazing evening, not only did the children get to sing on a stage that has seen some huge artists perform there over the years it was an amazing start to this festive period. A huge thank you to Mrs Lloyd and the Brightling staff for ensuring the children were ready and to the children themselves for being amazing!

Federation Carols

Following on from the success of year 5/6 singing at the De La Warr – year 3/4 were not to be ignored! They, alongside the year 3/4 from Punnetts Town performed at the State Hall in Heathfield. Mrs Dipple had put together a wonderful evening of songs, instruments and stories. It was a really amazing evening and everyone should be very proud of themselves. A massive thank you to Mrs Dipple who organised and led the evening, the staff for working so hard with the children, the parents for their support and of course the children for performing so brilliantly.



Grandad wheels

Some of you will remember we had Grandad wheels speak to the children a year ago. Grandad wheels lives in Halifax, following a very serious cycling accident he ended up, full time, in a wheel chair. He started to write stories to amuse his Grandson Charlie. These proved popular not only to Charlie but a far wider audience. He has written 6 books and

regularly tours around schools. All of the profits he donates to charity. We were very honoured to hear he has just made his largest donation - £18,000 to two charities. This has meant his fundraising has topped £90,000 - an amazing effort and we have been part of this journey!

If you would like to read more about Grandad Wheels and his journey/books please visit his webpage, <https://www.grandadwheels.com/>

Weather

I am just updating everyone as we head into the winter! If we have very bad weather and need to close the school, this is the procedure:

If the snow or ice comes over night, a decision will be made by 7am as to whether it is safe to open the school.

If the decision is taken not to open then a notice will be placed on our website, school Facebook page and a studybugs message sent.

At the same time ESCC will be informed and a notice will be available on their website; you can also sign up for an 'alert' from ESCC if our school is closed.

Local radio stations will also be informed, but this tends to be quite **SLOW**.

If we need to close during the day, we will Studybugs as a matter of urgency; we would ask that you spread the word to other parents too

School Carols

On Friday 20th December we will be having our School Carols at St Giles. This will be at 1.30 and last for approximately 45 minutes. All are welcome to join us.

Finally...

We have our two Nativities next week – Monday at 2pm and Tuesday at 6pm. On the evening performance FODS will be selling mulled wine and mince pies – a little festive treat as you watch your angels perform!