



Dallimore Primary and Nursery School

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Aspiring to work with our community towards a bright future for our children.

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Weekly update

This week in assembly, we spent some time thinking about **democracy** and what it means in our everyday lives. We discussed how democracy is about everyone having a voice and being listened to, and that voting is one way of helping decisions to be made fairly.

We have also marked Black History Month this week through a range of activities and workshops. Children in Key Stage 2 took part in engaging workshops delivered by One Day Creative, and staff were extremely impressed by the children's knowledge, thoughtful answers and positive attitudes throughout the sessions.

Thank you to all families who supported Show Racism the Red Card Day. We are also very grateful for any donations received. Across the school, children explored themes of equality, respect and inclusion. In Key Stage 1, children shared stories and discussed the importance of tolerance and understanding others. In Key Stage 2, pupils took part in discussions about racism, considered a range of scenarios and explored how to respond appropriately if they witness or experience racist behaviour. These valuable conversations helped children understand the importance of standing up for others and treating everyone with kindness and respect.

Looking ahead, I will be sending out booking information next week for our Parents' Evenings, which will take place during November. We look forward to welcoming families into school and sharing children's progress and achievements so far this year.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Gotheridge.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 96.5%

Overall attendance so far this year: 95.9%

Class with the best attendance this week: Otters - 100%

What attendance percentages look like over the course of a year.

Attendance	What is your attendance?		
	100%	0 days off	Perfect!
	98%	4 days off	Very impressive
	96%	7 days off	Good
	95%	9 days off	Almost there
	94%	11 days off	Needs to improve
	90%	1 month off	Concerns
	80%	2 months off	Serious concerns

This week has been another excellent week for attendance - every day really makes a big difference to both how the children settle and their learning.

If you need any support with attendance, please get in touch with me - pop in or give us a call.

Staffing update

Sadly, Mrs Fernandez will be leaving Dallimore next Friday as she takes up a position at a school closer to home.

Mrs Fernandez has been a highly valued member of our team and has supported so many children during her time with us. Her kindness, care and commitment will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils.

We would like to thank Mrs Fernandez for everything she has done for our school community and wish her every happiness and success in her new role. We know she will be fantastic.

Thank you for attending our phonics information meeting

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Reception and Key Stage 1 phonics and reading information meeting this week. We hope you found the session helpful and informative, and that it provided useful ideas to support reading and phonics learning at home.

Over the coming half term, there will be further opportunities for parents and carers in these year groups to visit school and see learning in action. This will include opportunities to spend time in Reception classes and learn more about the fantastic progress children are making. Further details will be shared soon.



Online Safety Update

We are aware that some children, particularly in Years 5 and 6, are using social media platforms such as TikTok.

Unfortunately, these platforms can sometimes be used to share unkind comments or content about other children.

Parents should be aware that TikTok has a minimum age requirement of 13. We encourage families to regularly check their child's online activity and remind them that the same standards of kindness and respect expected in school also apply online.

Please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult if they see or experience anything online that makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children stay safe online.

Diary dates - more information will be provided nearer the time about specific events

Monday, 2nd November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - KS2 Halloween disco

Tuesday, 3rd November - 3:30 - 4:30pm - Reception and KS1 Halloween disco

Tuesday, 10th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Thursday, 12th November - 3:45 - 6:00pm - Parents' evening

Friday, 13th November - Children in need

Friday, 4th December - Non-uniform (in return for a Christmas Fair donation)

Monday, 7th December - 2:15pm - KS1 Christmas performance

Tuesday, 8th December - 2:30pm - Reception Christmas performance

Wednesday, 9th December - 9:30am - KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday, 10th December - 2:30pm - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Craft afternoon

Thursday, 10th December - Christmas Bake Off entries

Friday, 11th December - 2:45pm onwards - Christmas Fair

Monday, 14th December - 2:30pm - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Craft afternoon

Tuesday, 15th December - 2:30pm - KS1 Christmas Craft afternoon

Wednesday, 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday, 16th December - Nursery (Dragonflies) and Reception Christmas Craft afternoon - 2:30pm

Thursday, 17th December - last day of Autumn term