



Dalsersf Primary School

Newsletter – February Update 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid Update

The Scottish Government have indicated that from 28th February the following key changes can be made:

- **Face coverings** – staff continue to wear these in communal areas or where social distancing cannot be maintained
- **Assemblies** - removing the remaining restrictions on assemblies
- **Transition visits** – P1 and P7 visits can now resume fully if appropriately risk assessed
- **School Trips** – removing restrictions with appropriate risk assessments in place
- **Staggered start and finish times**- removal of 2.55pm finishing time for Room 1 and Room 3. From Monday 28th all classes will leave on the 3pm bell via the P1-3 gate.

Dress Down Day

Our next Countries/Colours dress down day will be on Friday 25th February. Children are invited to dress in a colour of their choice to represent a country. Eg USA – red/white/blue, Scotland – blue/white etc. If you would like to make a donation of £1 to support the school, it would be very much appreciated. (This is optional).



Eat Them To Defeat Them Campaign

From Monday 28th February-Friday 1st April we will be taking part in the nationwide campaign which aims to encourage children and families to adopt life-long healthy eating habits. Each week there will be a vegetable theme and children will receive stickers for every new food they try.



Football Festival

Good luck to our team from P6/7's who will be representing the school on Tuesday 1st March at the second interschools football festival at Hareleeshill Barn. Everyone is looking forward to the next round, have a great afternoon and remember to **Aim High, Always Try!**

Afterschool Clubs

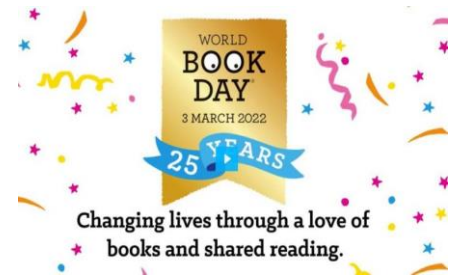
P4-7 Dance Club will begin on Monday 28th February and will be led by Mrs Middleton and the P6/7 Football Club will begin on Wednesday 2nd March and be led by Miss Dunn. Thank you to both ladies for volunteering to lead these clubs.



Hardwork Honesty Kindness Respect Teamwork

World Book Day

We will be celebrating 25 years of World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and staff have lots of exciting activities planned for the children including reading dens and a book swap.



- **Dress Up or Dress Down**

There will be a free of charge Dress Up or Dress Down day where children can choose to come to school in casual clothes or dressed as a character from a book.

- **Book Swap**

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be having a book swap. If your child would like to take part, he/she can bring in a book they no longer wish to keep between 28th February – 2nd March. On World Book Day, all children who have brought in a book will have an opportunity to choose a new book from the donated books.

- **Book Tokens**

Your child has been given a £1 book token which can be used at a variety of shops to buy special World Book Day books which cost £1 or towards the cost of another book. More details can be found on the voucher or on the World Book Day website.

- **Reading Together**

World Book Day is an excellent opportunity to be reading together as a family, so why not all curl up cosy on the sofa and enjoy a book?

Thank you to Mrs Robb and Mrs Murray for organising World Book Day. I am sure the children will enjoy immersing themselves in all the wonderful activities planned for them!

Communication and Partnership

Ms Julie Graham and Mrs Carol Devanney are currently covering the Team Leaders absence in the school office from 9.00am till 3.00pm. Please contact the office in the first instance and leave a message on the answering machine out with this time on 01698 882680 or email the office on office@dals erf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and your concern or request will be passed on to teaching staff.

The school shares information in a variety of ways but the main channels of communication are through the School app, Twitter and School Website.

School App

Please download our 'School App for Parents' from the app store and search for 'Dals erf Primary School' if you have not already done so. This will allow you to receive messages, news items and updates.



Twitter



Photographs of learning will be shared weekly on the schools Twitter page. This platform is protected and will only include parents/carers and approved followers who are part of Dals erf learning community. Please send a request to follow at: [@dals erfPS](https://twitter.com/dals erfPS) If your request has not been accepted, please contact the office to let us know as we may not recognise your Twitter name.

Hardwork Honesty Kindness Respect Teamwork

School newsletters, Covid updates and other relevant information and will also be added to the website. Please search for: dalsarf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk



Parent Council

We still have some tea towels left if you would like to help raise funds for the school and are looking to give a gift to Mums, Grans or Aunties for Mother's Day in March. Tea Towels are now at the reduced price of £4.00 and all orders can be placed on Parent Pay. Many thanks in advance for your support, it is greatly appreciated by the whole school and Parent Council.

Active Schools

Room 2 will begin their multi-sport games with Keith Glendinning, our Active Schools co-ordinator on Tuesday 8th March for a four week block. Please ensure your child has their PE kit on this day.

Traffic Management Audit

We will be receiving a visit soon from South Lanarkshire Council to carry out a traffic management audit of the school. This will involve the elimination and reduction of risk assessment associated with the interaction of vehicles with pedestrians and other vehicles.

A reminder that the drop off bays should be available for mini-buses and taxis who drop off/pick up children before and after school, these are not parking spaces. Please use the designated visitors parking spaces or alternatively park out with the school grounds or use the car park at the side of the school. As you can appreciate, it can become very congested at peak times and your child's safety is of paramount importance and therefore wish to reduce the chances of potential road accidents or damage to vehicles.

Thank you again for your assistance with this matter.

Parent Consultations

Parent/Teacher Consultations via telephone will take place on the week beginning Monday 14th March and will be done either over one or two days depending on teacher preference. Teachers will call from a withheld number and will try twice to make contact. The consultations will last approximately 10 minutes. A Google form will be posted on the school app this week with further information and a request to note your details and preferred date/time slot.

Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardner

Acting Head Teacher



Dates for Your Diary

February

- ❖ Tuesday 1st – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd – P1 Dental Inspections and P1 Orthoptic Vision Screening
- ❖ Monday 14th- February Break
- ❖ Tuesday 15th- February Break
- ❖ Wednesday 16th – In-Service Day (Staff only. Children do not attend.)
- ❖ Friday 25th – Countries/Colours Dress Down Day
- ❖ Monday 28th – Dance Club begins

March

- ❖ Tuesday 1st – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd – Football Club begins
- ❖ Thursday 3rd - World Book Day
- ❖ Monday 14th March – Parent Phone Consultations this week
- ❖ Thursday 10th – P6/7 Swimming (11 week block begins)
- ❖ Thursday 17th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 24th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Tuesday 29th – Hamilton Dance Festival
- ❖ Thursday 31st – P6/7 Swimming

April

- ❖ Friday 1st – Dress Down Day
- ❖ Friday 1st – Spring Break begins at 2.30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 19th – Schools re-open
- ❖ Thursday 21st – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 28th – P6/7 Swimming

May

- ❖ Tuesday 3rd – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Thursday 12th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 19th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 26th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Tuesday 24th – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Thursday 26th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 26th – Dress Down Day
- ❖ Friday 27th – May Holiday

June

- ❖ Thursday 3rd – Holiday (Rescheduled from Monday 30th May)
- ❖ Friday 4th – Holiday (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
- ❖ Thursday 9th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 16th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Friday 24th – Dress Down Day
- ❖ Friday 24th – School closes for summer holidays at 1pm