



# Dalsersh Primary School

## Newsletter – January/February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Staffing

Mrs Gayle Cunningham is currently absent due to a knee injury sustained during the Christmas holidays. We hope she is back on her feet again soon and wish her a speedy recovery! Miss Adele Livingstone will be covering Mrs Cunningham's class commitments until her return.

### Parent Consultations

Our Parent/Teacher Consultations will take place in the school Gym Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. A Google form will be posted on the school app with further information and a request to note your details and preferred date/time slot.



### After School Clubs

We have a variety of afterschool clubs running this term. Please see below for more detail.

Tuesdays – P4/5 Dance Club

Thursdays – P2/3 – Multi-Sports (P1/2 Block 2 – April/May Term 3)

Fridays – P6/7 – Football

### Music Tuition

The Youth Music Initiative with Mr Steven Johnstone has re-started on Wednesdays for P4/5. In P6/7, Mr Stephen Burns' Snare drum tuition continues on Wednesdays, whilst Mr Darren Somerville meets on Thursdays with his Bagpiping group.



### Eat Them To Defeat Them Campaign

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February we started the nationwide campaign 'Eat them to defeat them' which aims to encourage children and families to adopt life-long healthy eating habits including fruit and vegetables. Each week there will be a theme and children will receive stickers for every new food they try. Your child has been given a pack home with further information and some activities. Please see vegetable themes below for each week.

Week 1 - 20<sup>th</sup> February, Tomatoes

Week 2 – 27<sup>th</sup> February, Carrots

Week 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> March, Peas

Week 4 – 13<sup>th</sup> March, Sweetcorn and Butternut Squash

Week 5 – 20<sup>th</sup> March, Cauliflower, Cabbage, and Courgettes

Week 6 – 27<sup>th</sup> March, Broccoli, and Peppers



### World Book Day

World Book Day this year will fall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Children have the option to dress up or dress down and can choose to come to school in casual clothes or dressed as a character from a book. Your child will be 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.



**Hardwork Honesty Kindness Respect Teamwork**

South Lanarkshire Council have also organised a Themed Day Menu inspired by some of our favourite books and authors to coincide with celebrating the day. Please Ctrl & click on link below.

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education\\_benefits/291/school\\_lunches/8](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/291/school_lunches/8)

## Dress Down Days

Please see below for a reminder of dress down days for this term.

- ❖ 10th February- Holiday (Casual/ Donation for school funds)
- ❖ 2nd March- World Book Day (Optional up/down/ No charge)
- ❖ 17th March– Red Nose Day (Crazy hair day /Donation for charity)
- ❖ 31st March- Holiday (Casual/Donation for school funds)



## Showcases

Each class will be showcasing their learning over the next two terms and would like to invite you to come and join them on the following afternoons:

- Room 1 (P1/2) – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 1.30pm
- Room 2 (P2/3) – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 1.30pm
- Room 3 (4/5) – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 1.30pm
- Room 4 (P6/7) – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 1.30pm



## School Improvement

Staff have recently enhanced their knowledge and skills during training courses for:

### Literacy

NELI (Nuffield Early Language Intervention) – Mrs Barber and Mrs Cowie  
 Non-Fiction Talk4Writing – Mrs Speirs, Mrs Murray, and Mrs Barber

### Numeracy

Maths Recovery Programme – Mrs Robb

### HWB

Nurture – Mrs Middleton  
 Tennis Teacher Training – Mrs Middleton  
 PPRUDB – Mrs Beattie, Mrs Cowie and Mrs Taylor

### ICT

Google, Apple, C-Touch and Thing link Training -Miss Greig



## Attendance

As you are aware, children's attendance is monitored across the school. If there is a concern and your child has a high number of absences, we will contact you to inform you. Please see information below which highlights the importance of attending school.

Above 95%	95% or less	90% or less	85% or less	80% or less
Well done!	Slight Concern	Concerning	Risk of Under achievement	Severe risk of Under achievement
High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success!	The same as 9 school days missed.  (Nearly 2 weeks)	The same as 19 school days missed.  (Almost 4 weeks)	The same as 27 school days missed.  (Just less than 6 weeks)	The same as 36 school days missed.  (Just less than 8 weeks)

**Hardwork Honesty Kindness Respect Teamwork**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please telephone the office on 01698 882680 to speak to our Team Leader, Ms Graham in the first instance, leave a message on the answering machine if not available or email the office on [office@dalsersf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@dalsersf-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) and your information will be recorded or concern/request will be passed on to the appropriate staff member.

### Parking

A reminder that the drop off bays should be available for mini-buses and taxi's 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 on the road or at the car park behind 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 we wish to reduce the chances of potential road accidents or damage to vehicles. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.



### Pre-loved Uniforms

If you have any old, wearable school uniforms your child/children have outgrown, please hand them into the school office. We have a selection of sizes on the uniform rail inside the bubble at the office as well as some footwear. Please come in, have a browse and help yourself to anything which is of use to you. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce the cost of the school day.



### Parent Council

The Parent Council are organising a Movie Night for the whole School on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March afterschool. Tickets will cost £3, which includes entry, a goody bag and a drink and will be on sale at the Parents' Evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Children can bring a cushion or bean bag to sit on and some extra snacks if they wish in their bags. Parents/Carers should collect their child from the main gate at 5.30pm. Although not a dress down day, children can wear their joggers or leggings to school with their school polo and sweater.



The Parent Council will also be organising a 'Shorts and Shades' disco on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, information to follow. Our next Parent Council meeting is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the slightly earlier time of 6.30pm in the staffroom. Please come along and join us if you are free.

Best wishes,

*Ingrid Gardiner*

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Head Teacher



## Dates for Your Diary

### February 2023

- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – P2/3 Multi-sports afterschool club
- ❖ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming
- ❖ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 After school Football
- ❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday
- ❖ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – P2/3 Multi-sports afterschool club
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 After school Football
- ❖ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – P4/5 Dance Club
- ❖ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – P2/3 Multi-sports afterschool club
- ❖ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming
- ❖ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 After school Football
- ❖ Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Fluoride Varnishing P1-3
- ❖ Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Planned Industrial Action (School closed)

### March 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Planned Industrial Action (School closed)
- ❖ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - World Book Day
- ❖ Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dance Club
- ❖ Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – P6 Swimming
- ❖ Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – P6/7 After school Football
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Football Festival
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Dance Club
- ❖ Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – P4/5 Showcase @ 1.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – P2/3 Multi-sports afterschool club
- ❖ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming
- ❖ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 After school Football
- ❖ Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Dance Club
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Dental Checks P1 and P7 only
- ❖ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Consultations
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day
- ❖ Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 After school Football
- ❖ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – P6/7 Showcase @ 1.30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Dance Club
- ❖ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – P6/7 Showcase @ 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 After school Football
- ❖ Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Dance Club
- ❖ Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Hamilton Dance Showcase (TBC)
- ❖ Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – School Closes @ 2.30pm for Spring Break

## April 2023

- ❖ Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Schools re-open
- ❖ Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – P1/2 Multi-sports afterschool club
- ❖ Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – P1/2 Library Visit
- ❖ Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Football Festival
- ❖ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – P1/2 Multi-sports afterschool club
- ❖ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – P4/5 Library Visit
- ❖ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 Library Visit
- ❖ Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – P2/3 Library Visit