



# Dalsersf Primary School

## Newsletter – September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### New Dates

Please note, we have had to make a slight change to our Nativity performances by P1-3 and P6/7 due to staff changes. The first Nativity showing will now be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and the second performance will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am. The P6/7 party will now be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.



### Showcases

Our class showcases will be on the following dates this session:

Room 4 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm

Room 2 – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Room 1- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

Room 3 – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm



### Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our recent 'meet the teacher' event. We had a very good turn out with 72% of parents in attendance. Thanks also for taking the time to share your thoughts and feedback. Please see some comments below:

- *'Very informative, was nice to see Esme show us round.'*
- *'Excellent! Thank you for inviting the parents.'*
- *'Thank you for all of the effort put in today by the children and staff. I really enjoyed seeing everything Sophie has been doing and feel I am now more able to help her at home.'*
- *'I loved watching Annabel working at school and seeing all her work on the wall.'*
- *'Thank you for letting us visit today. It was wonderful to be in the class and see the children at work and what they're learning.'*
- *'Very impressed by the standards overall, making learning fun.'*

### Parents' Evening

Our first Parent's evening of the session is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 3.15-7.15pm. All letters with appointments were issued on Monday so please check your child's bag if you have not received one.

The Scholastic Book Fair is in school this week and will be open on Parent's evening to buy books or gifts for Christmas. This is a great opportunity to raise children's interest in reading and foster a love of reading at an early age. Your contributions last year enabled us to purchase dictionaries, thesaurus, and novels for P4-7. This year we are hoping to purchase books to set up a school library. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Adverse Weather

Please ensure your child comes to school with a hooded waterproof jacket. In the event of wet weather before 9.00am, children will access the school via the gym hall door from 8.45am (unless already attending breakfast club).



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## Parent Council

At a recent Parent Council AGM Meeting we appointed our new office bearers:

Chairperson – Mrs Lynsey Allison  
Vice Chairperson – Mrs Lynsay Cooper  
Treasurer – Mrs Angela Fikaj and Ms Nicola Jamieson  
Secretary – Mrs Caroline Bryson and Ms Tracy-Jane Mclean



Thank you for volunteering to take up the roles and to old and new members who also joined us for another session. I look forward to working in partnership with you.

If you wish to contact the parent council, please contact them on the following email:

[dalsenfpc@outlook.com](mailto:dalsenfpc@outlook.com)

## Hallowe'en Discos

Our Parent Council are organising two Hallowe'en discos on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

1. P1-3 6.00-7.00pm
2. P4-7 7.15-8.30pm

Tickets for our Hallowe'en discos will be on sale on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October and cost £3.50. This will include entry to the disco, a snack, and a drink.



## Parent Portal

Thank you to everyone that has already signed up for Parents Portal. The new Parents Portal app is now live on Google Play and the App Store which will make logging into Parents Portal a lot easier than using the web address.

If you haven't already signed up, please do so as soon as possible in order to receive all school communication online which will help keep you up to date with your Childs' school journey and will help reduce our carbon footprint going paperless. We are looking to have all Parents/Carers using Parents Portal by the end of September so we can use this as the main way of school communication relating to your child/children.

The Parents Portal allows you to have direct communication with the school, to view your child's attendance, view your child's report cards, update your child's details, and give online permission for excursions/after school clubs. These are just to name a few reasons to download the app.

If you experience any problems trying to download, gain access to the new app or link your child to your account, please feel free to contact the school office on 01698 882680.

## Parking

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 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.



## Nut Free School

We are a nut-free school, meaning we don't allow nut products so we can protect children who are allergic to nuts. Hazelnuts fall under the nut-allergy umbrella, therefore Nutella is also not allowed. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner  
Head Teacher



## Dates for Your Diary

### October 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming L7, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening (Gym Hall) at 3.15pm
- ❖ Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 Friday Football Club L5, 3-4pm
- ❖ Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming L8, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 Friday Football Club L6, 3-4pm
- ❖ Monday 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – October holiday
- ❖ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming L9, 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Hallowe'en Discos. P1-3 at 6-7pm, P4-7 at 7.15pm-8.30pm
- ❖ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast Club re-opens at 8.15am
- ❖ Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens at 9.00am

### November 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – P6 Swimming L10, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming L11, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations P1-7
- ❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming L12, 1pm (Last week of swimming)
- ❖ Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre, 4.00pm - 6.00pm TBC

### December 2023

- ❖ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Nativity (afternoon) at 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Nativity (morning) at 9.45am
- ❖ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – P1/2/3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – P4/5 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> P6/7 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

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