

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 10th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see all our pupils back at school this week! We would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support in bringing your children into school every day and on time.

Health & Safety Information

No one should be riding their bikes or scooters on site. Please dismount and walk next to them whilst on the school premises.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping all our families safe whilst on school site.

Curriculum

| Autumn 2 Curriculum Themes | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Nursery | Over the Rainbow |
| Reception | Back on the Farm |
| Year 1 | On the move |
| Year 2 | London's Burning |

We will be sending home our curriculum overviews for each year group.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of our families that have donated food over the last few weeks for our Harvest Festival.

All the food was collected today and donated to the Barking Food Bank who support people and families in crisis.

We really appreciate all of your support!

Uniform

Please ensure that your child always comes to school in the correct, full school uniform. If you need a copy of our uniform policy or you have any queries about it please come and speak to the school office.

Remembrance Day

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been learning about Remembrance Day and why it is important. They have also made some beautiful poppies which we have proudly displayed all along the corridor.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has bought the poppy merchandise that we have had on sale and made donations.

We have raised £370 which is amazing and will be donated to The Royal British Legion. Thank you all so much, we couldn't do it without you!

Stars of the Week

| | Class Stars | Mathematician Stars |
|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Kingfisher | Artiom | Ruqaayah |
| Woodpecker | Sahara | Aryan |
| Tawny Owl | Madiba | Claudia |
| Rabbit | Ella | Adam |
| Squirrel | Anthony | Ylljeta |
| Hedgehog | Gabby | Paige |
| Butterfly | David C | Hazel |
| Bumblebee | Rafi | Anastasia |

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs L Pearce
Headteacher



Attendance

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF THE ABSENCE. PLEASE DO THIS BY PHONING THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 02082704655 OR EMAILING US AT OFFICE@DOROTHYBARLEYINFANT.ORG.UK

We aim for the best education for your children at Dorothy Barley Infant School. Full Attendance and Punctuality are essential for your child to make the maximum progress.

To reach the school target pupils must not have any more than 6 days off per academic year. If you need to make appointments for your child, please aim to make them out of school hours or during school holidays.

Thank you

Children with 100% attendance each half term will receive a certificate. Pupils with 100% attendance for the whole year will receive a special reward.

| Attendance during one school year | | Equals this number of days absent | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 90% | | 19 days | |
| 80% | | 38 days | |
| 70% | | 57 days | |
| Outstanding 100% | Good 96-99% | Requires improvement 91-95% | Inadequate (PA) Below 90% |

Safeguarding at DBI

Do you know our Child Protection and Safeguarding Team?

Mrs Ratford
Deputy Head & Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Osborne
SENCO & Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



If you have a concern about a child, please see a member of our safeguarding team.

In an emergency call 999.

Below is a breakdown of the class attendance for this week.

This week's highest attendance for each year group are highlighted.

| Class | Attendance % |
|------------------|--------------|
| Reception | |
| Butterfly | 97.67% |
| Bumblebee | 92.34% |
| Year 1 | |
| Rabbit | 95.00% |
| Squirrel | 92.09% |
| Hedgehog | 93.79% |
| Year 2 | |
| Kingfisher | 94.33% |
| Woodpecker | 94.67% |
| Tawny Owl | 94.57% |

Overall attendance this week is **94.38%**

As you can see by the figures above it has been another good week for attendance in most classes! We really hope to see this continue. Thank you to all our families for your support in bringing your child to school every day!

Punctuality

Please remember the doors close promptly at 9.00am. pupils arriving after this time will be considered late for lessons. You will be asked to provide a reason.

| Date | Details |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 15 th November | Little Wandle Parent Meeting for Year 2 at 2.30pm |
| Friday 17 th November | Children in Need |
| Monday 20 th November | Flu spray/immunisation catch-up session |
| Monday 27 th November | Year 2 trip to Tower of London – Kingfisher and Woodpecker Class |
| Monday 4 th December | Year 2 trip to Tower of London – Tawny Owl Class |
| Friday 8 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm |
| Thursday 14 th December | Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm |
| Thursday 21 st December | Last day of term |