

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

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.

Flu Spray/Immunisation Catch-Up

The Immunisation Team will be back in school on Monday 20th November to administer the flu spray or vaccination to any children who missed it on the first date. If you would like your child to have this but haven't previously completed a consent form please do so at the following link:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/barkinganddagenham>

Black History Month

Every year Black History Month is celebrated throughout October. The theme this year is 'Saluting Our Sisters', recognising and honouring the achievement of black women.

Over the next couple of weeks in school, the children will be learning about some of these inspirational women and how they have contributed to British Society. These women could be from the world of sport, art, science, music etc.

They will read stories written by black authors and also listen to music by black musicians.

Please discuss this with your children at home.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions

The school nurse will be coming into school once a month for a drop-in session. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and speak to the nurse about any concerns that they may have regarding their child.

The first session will take place on Wednesday 1st November at 8.45am. The second session will be on Wednesday 6th December at 8.45am.

Little Wandle Early Reading Meeting for Reception Parents

A huge thank you to parents for attending this week's meeting. We hope you found it informative and have taken the opportunity to explore the Parents' section on the Little Wandle website. If you do have any further questions, please do speak with your child's class teacher. The teaching staff are available at the end of each day for any queries, once all the children have been handed over to their parents.

Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Writing Stars
Kingfisher	Helen	Sebastian
Woodpecker	Evie	Samia
Tawny Owl	Ahmad	Ellie
Rabbit	Ava	Hibba
Squirrel	Areeba	Eden-Rose
Hedgehog	Filip	Gabby
Butterfly	Mia	Sebastian
Bumblebee	David P	Izabele

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	94.00%
Bumblebee	98.49%
Year 1	
Rabbit	95.36%
Squirrel	89.64%
Hedgehog	97.33%
Year 2	
Kingfisher	93.33%
Woodpecker	98.33%
Tawny Owl	94.33%

Overall attendance this week is **95.10%**

As you can see by the figures above we have hit our attendance target and had another great week! 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
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term – School closed to all pupils
Monday 30 th October	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 8 th November	Little Wandle Parent Meeting for Nursery at 2.45pm
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