

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

A warm welcome to all of our Reception and Nursery children who started school this week. It was lovely to see them so confident and happy!

Parent Meetings

It was really lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Parents Meetings this week. We hope you found them informative. A parent's handbook went home with your children this week, if you have any further questions following on from the meetings please feel free to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

Our aim at DBI is, as always, to ensure our pupils receive the very best education and opportunities possible and we are all looking forward to the wonderful year ahead!

Senior Leaders are always available first thing in the morning at the year 1 and 2 doors and in the playground at the end of the day. Please feel free to speak to them if you have any queries or concerns.

Curriculum

Autumn 1 Curriculum Themes	
Nursery	Our Journey Begins
Reception	Once Upon a Time
Year 1	What's in the Toybox?
Year 2	What a Wonderful World

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

School Website

We are very pleased to announce that we will have a new school website within the next few weeks. We will update you with more information regarding this over the next couple of weeks.

Interim Midday Assistant Position

The school is advertising for a new Interim Midday Assistant. Details of the role are available on the school website under the Information section. Application forms are also available from the school office. The closing date for applications is Friday 22nd September at 9am.

Uniform

It has been an excellent start to the term seeing all the children looking so smart in their uniform. We know that some of your orders have been delayed but we are hoping for a speedy delivery. Thank you for your continued support in providing your child with the correct bookbag and P.E. bag, this helps keep our lovely new books in good condition and allows us to store both book and p.e. kits safely.

P.E. Kits

All pupils should come to school wearing school uniform and change into their P.E. kit at school. Apologies for the incorrect information in the parent handbooks.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

The school runs a Breakfast and Afterschool Club. Breakfast Club is open from 7.00am – 8.50am. The Afterschool Club runs from 3.15pm – 5.45pm. Details regarding booking and costs are available from the school office and on the school website. All bookings should be made in advance and accounts must be in credit via ParentPay.

Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Writing Stars
Kingfisher	Poppy	Ollie-David
Woodpecker	Ollie	Annie-Rae
Tawny Owl	Kylan	Nathaniel
Rabbit	Gigi	Iqra
Squirrel	RJ	Kaleb
Hedgehog	Hawa	Henry
Butterfly	Sara M	David S
Bumblebee	Monroe	Nicolas

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	92.67%
Bumblebee	96.33%
Year 1	
Rabbit	96.15%
Squirrel	96.07%
Hedgehog	100%
Year 2	
Kingfisher	98.33%
Woodpecker	95.33%
Tawny Owl	97.59%

Overall attendance this week is **96.70%**

As you can see by the figures above we have had a fantastic start to the term with hitting our overall target of 96% and our first class to achieve 100% attendance!

Punctuality

Please remember the doors close promptly at 9.00am. pupils arriving after this time will be considered late for lessons.

Date	Details
Thursday 5 th October	Open Day for prospective parents Open evening for current and prospective parents
Wednesday 11 th October	Little Wandle Parent Meeting for Reception at 2.45pm
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
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