

# Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's great to see all of our children in school now. Punctuality has improved greatly so far this half term and it's really nice to see the children coming into school enthusiastic and on time ready to start the day! 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 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.

## Activity Clubs

We have some fun activity clubs starting this half term.

- Football (Years 1 & 2) – Friday 22/09 – 20/10, 3.15 – 4.15pm
- Multi Sports (Years 1 & 2) – Wednesday 27/09 – 18/10, 3.15 – 4.15pm

If your child is interested you can still sign up for the remainder of this half term.

## Flu Spray & Vaccinations

The school nurses will be coming into school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October to administer this year's flu sprays or vaccinations to the children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. All parents must fill in the online form to say whether you want your child to have it or not. Letters were given out this week with details on how you can do this.

## Reading & Library Books

Thank you for remembering to return your child's reading and library books ready for them to pick new ones. Please remember that these books are expensive and if you lose or damage a book you will be fined.

## House System

Today, all pupils will have received a letter informing you of our new House System. We are really excited to get things started but we need your help. Please take some time over the weekend to read through our inspirational people and think about who you would like to vote for. Look out for staff in the playground all next week who will have the ballot boxes.

## Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Writing Stars
Kingfisher	Sophia-Rose	Ilyas
Woodpecker	Kyle	Frannie
Tawny Owl	Stephanie	Logan
Rabbit	Margaret	Hamzah
Squirrel	Mirha	Luzibo
Hedgehog	David	Ronnie
Butterfly	Beau	Selman
Bumblebee	Dylan	Kacper

**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](mailto: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	
<b>Outstanding</b> 100%	<b>Good</b> 96-99%	<b>Requires improvement</b> 91-95%	<b>Inadequate (PA)</b> 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 %
<b>Reception</b>	
Butterfly	96.52%
Bumblebee	96.73%
<b>Year 1</b>	
Rabbit	96.30%
Squirrel	89.64%
Hedgehog	95.33%
<b>Year 2</b>	
Kingfisher	96.32%
Woodpecker	93.67%
Tawny Owl	97.24%

Overall attendance this week is **95.22%**

As you can see by the figures above we have had another great week for attendance! We really hope to see this continue.

### 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
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	School Nurses visiting school for flu sprays and vaccinations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Little Wandle Parent Meeting for Reception at 2.45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term – School closed to all pupils
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Little Wandle Parent Meeting for Nursery at 2.45pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term