

# Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Uniform

All the children are looking so smart and grown up in their school uniform. Please be mindful that all hair accessories need to be small items in the school colours. We understand that many of you are still waiting for a uniform/bookbag delivery. Unfortunately, the company is experiencing delays and we thank you for your patience and understanding.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8.45am. The second session will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8.45am.

## Little Wandle Early Reading Meeting for Reception Parents

There will be a meeting for all reception parents next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2.40pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. Reception parents should have received further details in a letter earlier this week.

## House System

Thank you to all the children and their families that have handed in their voting papers for their favourite inspirational person this week. We are excited to count up the votes and will let you know who the top 4 people are very soon!

## Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Mathematician Stars
Kingfisher	Vlad	Lewis
Woodpecker	Samia	Idrees
Tawny Owl	Mya	Imaad
Rabbit	Ifeanyi	Ryan
Squirrel	Freya	Stefan
Hedgehog	David	Filip
Butterfly	Talula	David S
Bumblebee	Mikaela	Reggie

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 100%</b>	<b>Good 96-99%</b>	<b>Requires improvement 91-95%</b>	<b>Inadequate (PA) Below 90%</b>

## 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	96.27%
Bumblebee	96.00%
<b>Year 1</b>	
Rabbit	96.43%
Squirrel	97.50%
Hedgehog	96.67%
<b>Year 2</b>	
Kingfisher	92.33%
Woodpecker	96.67%
Tawny Owl	96.57%

Overall attendance this week is **96.05%**

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
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
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 trip to Tower of London – Kingfisher and Woodpecker Class
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 trip to Tower of London – Tawny Owl Class
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