

# Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Welcome back!**

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils, parents and carers. We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Our pupils have returned to school with a positive attitude, keen to continue on their learning journey.

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!

## **New Staff**

We would like to welcome Mrs Sam O’Hara, who will be joining the Leadership Team part-time. She will be leading on curriculum and educational standards. We are very pleased to have her as part of the DBI Team.

## **Curriculum**

Next week our ‘meet the teacher’ meetings for Years 1 and 2 will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Details are included in a separate letter. You will receive information about your child’s year group to support their learning throughout this academic year.

<b>Autumn 1 Curriculum Themes</b>	
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.

## **Uniform**

At DBI we have high standards regarding school uniform. Our policy is on the school website and hard copies are available from the school office. Please make sure you take the time to read the policy carefully and ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. This includes our school P.E. kit and footwear.

## **P.E. Kits**

All pupils need a P.E. kit for their P.E. lessons. Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit in school. See our uniform policy for more details.

## **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	Mathematician Stars
Kingfisher	JJ	Aisha
Woodpecker	Kyree	Shylee
Tawny Owl	Yuvan	Kadence
Rabbit	Ayla	Thia
Squirrel	Muhammad	Ella
Hedgehog	Tahrin	Lennox

**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



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	
Bumblebee	
<b>Year 1</b>	
Rabbit	84.62%
Squirrel	94.05%
Hedgehog	97.78%
<b>Year 2</b>	
Kingfisher	93.33%
Woodpecker	88.89%
Tawny Owl	97.73%

Overall attendance this week is **92.88%**

Well done to all classes who have achieved our attendance target of 96% this week!

### 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 11 <sup>th</sup> September	All reception pupils start for either morning or afternoon sessions
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Parent Meeting at 8.55am. Year 2 Parent Meeting at 2.45pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for prospective parents Open evening for current and prospective parents
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