

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 15th December 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.

This includes electric scooters. 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.

Christmas Concerts

All year groups will be performing their Christmas Concerts next week. If you haven't already bought tickets for these events please ensure you do so as soon as possible.

Reception Applications

If you have a child in nursery and you need support with applying for your child's Reception place for next year please come to the school office and speak to our Office Manager, Donna, who will be able to assist you.

Christmas Raffle

We are having a special Christmas Raffle. There will be some lovely hampers and other surprises available to win, suitable for the whole family.

Raffle tickets are now available to buy. They are £1.00 per strip. All payments need to be made online via ParentPay. The tickets will then be given to your child to bring home. The winners will be announced during our last week of term, week beginning Monday 18th December!

Attendance Disco

Letters were given out this week to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole of the autumn term, inviting them to our Attendance Disco taking place next Wednesday 20th December straight after school. Parents must arrive to collect their children at 4.30pm. If you haven't yet returned the permission slip for your child please can you do so as soon as possible.

Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Writing Stars
Kingfisher	Norah	Carla
Woodpecker	Neitonas	Pearl
Tawny Owl	Marley	Ellie-Mai
Rabbit	Kharis	Eddie
Squirrel	Hoorain	Muhammad
Hedgehog	Jessenia	Phoebe
Butterfly	Elze	Sara A
Bumblebee	Ledion	Memona

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	71.67%
Bumblebee	75.00%
Year 1	
Rabbit	92.96%
Squirrel	84.64%
Hedgehog	95.17%
Year 2	
Kingfisher	92.95%
Woodpecker	92.00%
Tawny Owl	85.67%

Overall attendance this week is **86.26%**

Unfortunately, our attendance figures have dropped by a huge amount this week, hopefully we see a big improvement after Christmas. We would like to thank all of our families for your continued 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 18 th December	Year 1 Nativity - 9.30am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 2 Carol Concert – 9.15am and 2.00pm Nursery Sing-a-Long – 10.30am and 2.45pm Nursery Last Day
Wednesday 20 th December	Reception Nativity – 9.30am and 2.15pm Attendance Disco – After school until 4.30pm
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term – Non-Uniform Day . Pupils finish at 1.15pm
Monday 8 th January	All pupils return to school