

# Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all!

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	Off We Go!
Reception	Ready Steady GO!
Year 1	Sensational!
Year 2	Welcome to the Jungle!

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

## Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

Information for parents can be found at:-

[www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents](http://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents)

## 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.

## Uniform

Please ensure that your child always comes to school in the correct, full school uniform. If you need a copy of our uniform policy or you have any queries about it please come and speak to the school office.

## School Applications

The deadline for a Reception place (September 2024) is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you require any help with your application please come and see Donna in the school office.

If you have any family or friends that are looking for a school place for their child please tell them about us! We have flyers in the school office if you would like to come and get one.

## Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Mathematician Stars
Kingfisher	Aisha	Carter
Woodpecker	Kayden	Nana
Tawny Owl	Logan	Yousaf
Rabbit	Yelyzaveta	Noah
Squirrel	Densi	Ivy
Hedgehog	Carla	Jackson
Butterfly	Evelyn	Sofia
Bumblebee	Abeeha	Desire

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	95.33%
Bumblebee	94.62%
<b>Year 1</b>	
Rabbit	97.74%
Squirrel	90.37%
Hedgehog	94.14%
<b>Year 2</b>	
Kingfisher	89.30%
Woodpecker	98.67%
Tawny Owl	90.00%

Overall attendance this week is **93.74%**

As you can see by the figures above it has been a much better week for attendance. 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
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School Nurse Drop In Session – 9am
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School Nursing Team visiting Reception for height, weight, vision and hearing checks
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Finish for half term
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	All pupils return to school
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Last day of Spring Term
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	All pupils return to school – Summer Term