

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support in bringing your children to school every day and on time. It is important that your children do not miss out on the learning that takes place as soon as the school day begins.

Health & Safety Information

Please support our school by walking to school wherever possible. If you do need to drive to school, please ensure you park safely and not across driveways or blocking the pavement.

Please do not ride bikes or scooters anywhere on school site. Please ask your child to walk their bike or scooter to the bike rack once on the school premises. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping all our families safe whilst on school site.

Please ensure you are supervising your children on school site before and after school whilst they are in your care.

Curriculum

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

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

Information for parents can be found at:
www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child always comes to school in the correct, full school uniform. This includes our school P.E. Kit and footwear.

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.

School Applications

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 available.

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 second session will be on Thursday 8th February at 9.00 am.

School Photographs- Wednesday 7th February

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform for their school photographs.

The family photo session will be from 8.15am – 8.45am. Please arrive at the school playground where you will be escorted into the hall by a member of staff.

Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Writing Stars
Kingfisher	Scarlett	Guler
Woodpecker	Martin	Lewis
Tawny Owl	Imaad	Kylan
Rabbit	Aviel	Lilly-Joy
Squirrel	Denitsa	Freya
Hedgehog	Khavya	Jessenia
Butterfly	Sara A	Sofia
Bumblebee	Reggie	Memona

Well done to all our stars!

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%

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	91.00%
Bumblebee	91.43%
Year 1	
Rabbit	97.41%
Squirrel	90.77%
Hedgehog	95.86%
Year 2	
Kingfisher	88.00%
Woodpecker	95.33%
Tawny Owl	96.30%

Overall attendance this week is 93.22%

As you can see by the figures above it has been a better week for attendance but it would be really good if we could hit our overall target of 96%. 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.

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.

Date	Details
7 th February 2024	Individual School Photos
8 th February 2024	School Nurse Drop- In Session – 9am
12 th February 2024	School Nursing Team visiting Reception for height, weight, vision and hearing checks
16 th February 2024	Finish for half term
26 th February 2024	All pupils return to school
7 th March 2024	World Book Day
26 th March 2024	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
27 th March 2024	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring Term
15 th April 2024	All pupils return to school – Summer Term