

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 9th 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 keeping the school outdoor premises a safe environment.

Please do not walk through the school car park to gain access to the school site. This entrance is for vehicles only.

Bikes and scooters must not be ridden 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.

Curriculum

Spring 1 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.

ParentMail Launch Day

Today we have launched our brand-new communications app, ParentMail. Letters were sent to all families yesterday telling you all about this new form of communication. Registration links were also sent to families today by email. These links only last for 12 hours. If you haven't activated your account today let us know on Monday and we can resend the link.

We would like all parents to download the ParentMail app. You will receive notifications of any messages we send much faster with the app!

Photographs

Your child will be bringing home a 'proof' of their photographs which were taken this week. They all look very smart in their uniform!

Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Mathematician Stars
Kingfisher	Inaaya	Norah
Woodpecker	Pearl	Alex
Tawny Owl	Austeja	Kylan
Rabbit	Iqra	Gigi
Squirrel	Stefan	R.J.
Hedgehog	Zarah	Lucas O.
Butterfly	Noah	Hazel
Bumblebee	Nicolas	David S.

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%

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	92.67%
Bumblebee	90.71%
Year 1	
Rabbit	99.26%
Squirrel	90.77%
Hedgehog	96.55%
Year 2	
Kingfisher	85.33%
Woodpecker	98.00%
Tawny Owl	94.67%

Overall attendance this week is 94.78%

There has been a huge improvement in attendance this week across the whole school. 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
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