

# Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> March 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 very important that your child arrives promptly at the start of the day. Important learning takes place from the very beginning of the school day.

## 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.

A reminder that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school site.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping all our families safe whilst on school site.

## Curriculum

Spring 2 Curriculum Themes	
Nursery	On the Farm
Reception	A Bug's Life
Year 1	Into the Unknown
Year 2	Superhuman!

## 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)

## 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.

Earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

## World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. The children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on this day. It is not a charity event therefore donations are NOT required. We look forward to seeing the children in their costumes.

## Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that your child comes to school in correct, full school uniform. Please see the school's website for our school uniform policy.

## Year Two Visit to the National Portrait Gallery

A reminder to parents of children in Year Two that we need your child's permission slip returned to school as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Please speak to the Office Manager if you have any queries regarding the visits.

## Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Mathematics Stars
Kingfisher	David	Angie
Woodpecker	Aryan	Walee
Tawny Owl	Oliver	Andreea
Rabbit	Anri	Ava
Squirrel	Hunter	George
Hedgehog	Phoebe	Tahrin
Butterfly	Izaan	Minahil
Bumblebee	Monroe	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](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</b> 100%	<b>Good</b> 96-99%	<b>Requires improvement</b> 91-95%	<b>Inadequate (PA)</b> 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 %
<b>Reception</b>	
Butterfly	91.38%
Bumblebee	95.36%
<b>Year 1</b>	
Rabbit	97.78%
Squirrel	87.69%
Hedgehog	95.52%
<b>Year 2</b>	
Kingfisher	95.00%
Woodpecker	97.33%
Tawny Owl	94.00%

Overall attendance this week is **94.59%**

As you can see, attendance has improved this week compared to the week before the half term break.

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
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Visit to National Portrait Gallery- Kingfisher Class
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Class Photographs
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	Visit to National Portrait Gallery- Woodpecker Class
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Visit to National Portrait Gallery- Tawny Owl Class
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