

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to 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. Please remember the doors close at 9.00am. Pupils arriving after this time will be considered late for lessons. You will be asked to provide a reason.

Important learning takes place from the very beginning of the school day.

Health & Safety Information

Bicycles and scooters **should not** be ridden anywhere on the school premises.

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

Curriculum

Please see below for our new Themes for the summer term!

Summer 1 Curriculum Themes	
Nursery	Living and Growing
Reception	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets
Year 1	Fee Fi Fo Fum!
Year 2	Blooming Marvellous

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.

Earrings **must** be removed for PE lessons.

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.

Year Two Visit to the National Portrait Gallery

A reminder to parents of children in Tawny Owl Class that your child must be in school uniform whilst on the school visit to the National Portrait Gallery.



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK- Dare to be Different!

We are asking the children to show their support for Autism Acceptance Week by wearing something different to school on Thursday 28th March - 'Do you dare?'

Parents' Evening

Please ensure you have booked a time to speak with your child's class teacher. These meetings are on Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March.

Entry via the Year Two door (left hand side of the playground) for Key Stage One and Reception parents.



LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM



A reminder to all our families that the infant school closes on Thursday 28th March at 1.15 pm.

Stars of the Week

	Class Stars	Writing Stars
Kingfisher	Lewis	Musa
Woodpecker	Annierae	Olly
Tawny Owl	Nathaniel	Imaad
Rabbit	William	Ellie-Ann
Squirrel	Keira	Aayan
Hedgehog	Hassaan	Eisa
Butterfly	Sebastian	Daniel
Bumblebee	Ayzaan	Joash

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	96.33%
🌟 Bumblebee	98.52%
Year 1	
🌟 Rabbit	98.21%
Squirrel	92.00%
Hedgehog	94.48%
Year 2	
Kingfisher	95.33%
🌟 Woodpecker	96.67%
Tawny Owl	92.00 %

Overall attendance this week is **94.83%**

As you can see, attendance has increased slightly since last week. We hope to see excellent attendance next week as there are quite a few exciting events taking place, as you can see from the weekly calendar below!

Thank you to all our families for your support in bringing your child to school every day!

Date	Details
25 th March 2024	Visit to National Portrait Gallery- Tawny Owl Class
26 th March 2024	100% Attendance Award Event (during schooltime)
26 th March 2024	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
27 th March 2024	Year One visit to Mayesbrook Park
27 th March 2024	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00pm
27 th March 2024	Nursery last day of term- finish at usual times.
28 th March 2024	Autism Acceptance Day- 'Dare to be Different' (Details to follow)
28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring Term for Reception & Key Stage One - 1.15 pm finish.
15 th April 2024	All pupils return to school at the usual time – Summer Term