

Dorothy Barley Infant School

Newsletter – 8th 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.

Unfortunately, over the last two weeks, we have seen an increase in latecomers to school. Doors close at 9.00 am for Reception and Key Stage One.

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 ensure that junior school children are accompanied and supervised at all times by parents/carers at the end of the day whilst waiting for their younger siblings.

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

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.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March it is **Red Nose Day**. We are inviting the children to come to school wearing something **red**. If you would like to make a contribution to this charity, there will be collection buckets on the doors at the start of the day.

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12th March. Please ensure that your child comes to school in correct, **full school uniform**, including **hair accessories** and **footwear**. Please see the school's website for our school uniform policy. If you would like a hard copy of our uniform policy, please enquire in the school office.

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	Writing Stars
Kingfisher	Josiane	Fatima
Woodpecker	Shylee	Edvania
Tawny Owl	Andreea	Khadija
Rabbit	Hamza	Ian
Squirrel	George	Areeba
Hedgehog	Eliza	Aisha H
Butterfly	Selman	Oscar
Bumblebee	Gabriel	Maria

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	92.52%
Bumblebee	94.29%
Year 1	
Rabbit	97.50%
Squirrel	92.80%
Hedgehog	98.27%
Year 2	
Kingfisher	98.15%
Woodpecker	97.33%
Tawny Owl	93.00%

Overall attendance this week is **95.49%**

As you can see, attendance has continued to improve this week. Well done to all our children and families!

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
11 th March 2024	Visit to National Portrait Gallery- Kingfisher Class
12 th March 2024	Class Photographs
15 th March 2024	Red Nose Day/ Comic Relief
21 st March 2024	Visit to National Portrait Gallery- Woodpecker Class
25 th March 2024	Visit to National Portrait Gallery- Tawny Owl Class
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

Library Launch!

The school has been fortunate to receive a grant to develop our library into a welcoming space for children to read for pleasure. We have been working away behind the scenes and were ready to launch our brand-new library space as part of World Book Day! Our library is now equipped with brand new furniture and books, as well as wonderful artwork created by the children themselves.



To officially open our library, we were joined by a very special visitor, our Chair of Governors, Sue Matthews. Our newly appointed Year 2 librarians enjoyed sharing our new library space. All classes have had the opportunity to visit the new library and choose a book to share at home. Please ensure that these books are looked after and returned to school.

