

DORRINGTON NEWS: 13th November 2020

DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th December – Teacher Training Day

Week beginning Monday 14th December – Christmas Week
Christmas arrives at Dorrington. Details to follow

Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Bring in a donation of £1.00 and wear non uniform, decorate an existing jumper or wear a Christmas jumper

Tuesday 22nd December – The Academy closes for the Christmas Holiday at 1.30pm
Wednesday 6th January 2021 – The Academy reopens for the new term

MOBILE PHONES

Preferably, mobile phones should not be brought into the Academy. However, if there is a valid reason for your child needing the use of a mobile, please ensure that they know to bring it to the office each morning for safe keeping.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 6/11/2020

This week the top classes for Attendance and Punctuality were as follows:

Attendance					
KS1	2I	98.18%	KS2	5B	98.67%
REC	RC	92.67%	Year 3	3M	90.33%
Year 1	1P	91.67%	Year 4		
Year 2	2I	98.18%	Year 5	5B	98.67%
			Year 6	6A	95.33%
Punctuality					
KS1 Winners	1CJ	0 LATES	KS2 Winners	3S/5R/6R	0 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	2M	6 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	3M	9 LATES

Nursery

This week in Nursery the children have been learning about Autumn. They have learnt that in Autumn the leaves change colours to red, orange, yellow and brown. The children have been investigating different natural materials found in Autumn such as conkers, pine cones and acorns. Next time you are out and about with your child see what you can find. Next week in Nursery we are starting a new topic on colours. Encourage children to name colours around them.

Reception

The current topic in Reception is Space. In Literacy we have read the story 'Whatever Next' and labelled pictures from the story. In Science we have been experimenting with various materials to find out which are waterproof and would be suitable for a spacesuit to keep the bear from the story warm and dry. We have all been working very hard in phonics recently. Our handwriting is improving as is our blending of sounds to read words. Please continue to practise these reading and writing skills at home with your child. Please check the school website for the homework and reading tasks which are to be completed each week.

Year 1

Thank you to all children and parents that have taken the time to make a scarecrow or smile stone. They have all been lovely to look at around school. This half term, children will be reading and writing about the story of The Gingerbread Man. In numeracy, children will be exploring number quantities and identifying the largest and smallest amount. In science, children will be learning all about the human body and identifying the different body parts and investigating their senses.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have started our topic of the Great Fire of London. The children have been taught facts about the Great Fire of London, including how and when it started. The children have also had the chance to create their own house from the period of the Great Fire of London which was then burnt in the Outdoor Education Area to demonstrate the effects of the fire. In Literacy this week, the children have been writing towards a diary entry. They are going to write about the Great Fire of London as if they have experienced it themselves. The skills they have learnt include writing in first person, using past tense verbs and time adverbs. In Numeracy we have continued our learning of place value and the children have partitioned numbers, learnt about odd and even numbers and solved worded problems.

Year 3

What an interesting week we have had. In IPC we have started to learn about our Stone Age Topic and the children have enjoyed discussing what they already know. In Literacy we have been following the Stone Age theme and have been rewriting traditional tales but with an ancient twist. In Numeracy we have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10 and then using this to help us problem solve. Well done to everyone who bought in a smile stone, they look fantastic and we can't wait to see the new path!

Year 5

This week in Year 5, the children have worked extremely hard in Literacy. They have used inverted commas and synonyms for "said" to create dialogue as well as looking at ways to create suspense within an adventure story using rhetorical questions and ellipses. Be sure to ask your child what these features are and why we use these. In Maths, the children have started looking at comparing and ordering decimal numbers up to 3 decimal places. The children have enjoyed dressing up for Children in Need. Thank you for all of your donations.



ONLINE RECEPTION CLASS APPLICATION SEPTEMBER 2021

The closing date for registering your child for a Reception Class place in September 2021 is 15th January 2021. Please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application. Offers will be sent out from 16th April 2021.

ONLINE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES APPLICATION SEPTEMBER 2021

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline for registering your child at secondary school is 31st October 2020. If you have not already done so, please apply online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

REMINDER LATE CHARGES

For each child entering the late area, the parent will be charged an initial £5. For every subsequent 5 minutes thereafter, there will be a further £5 charge. For example, if a child in Key Stage 1 is in the late area at 3.30pm and is not collected until 4.00pm, this will incur a charge of £35. An invoice for the total amount will be sent to the child/children's home address within 7 days.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money should be paid into school on Monday morning for the week to come.

It is important to notify the office if you wish to change your dinner choice, giving one week's notice, as dinners are ordered in advance into school and have to be paid for.

Once a choice of dinners or sandwiches from home has been decided upon, then your child should keep daily to this decision. Failure to do so may result in some children not having the hot meal they have paid for.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE

It is important that you notify the office of any change to your child's personal details or your own eg telephone number, address or medical needs.

Thank you.