

## DORRINGTON NEWS: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	– The Academy closes for the Half Term at the usual times
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	– The Academy opens for all pupils
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	– Teacher Training Day The Academy is closed to all pupils
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	– Teacher Training Day The Academy is closed to all pupils
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	– Teacher Training Day The Academy is closed to all pupils
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	- The Academy closes for the Summer holiday

### KIDS CLUB

The Kids Club is hoping to accommodate parents by opening on the Teacher Training days and the first four weeks of the summer holidays.

Opening hours are 8am – 6.00pm

If you require our services, please contact Clare or Marcia on 07940 555 263 for further information.

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### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 21/05/2021

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

#### Attendance

KS1	1CJ	95.00%	KS2	3S/4D/4K	96.47%
REC	RB	93.66%	Year 3	3S	95.86%
Year 1	1CJ	95.00%	Year 4	4D/4K	95.86%
Year 2	2M	94.29%	Year 5	5B	94.33%
			Year 6	6A	95.67%

#### Punctuality

KS1 Winners	RC	0 LATES	KS2 Winners	6S	1 LATE
KS1 Most Lates	1D/2M	9 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	5C	8 LATES

### Nursery

This week we have continued learning about the world around us and have been talking about animals and their young. We have been learning some interesting facts about animals such as where they live, the names of their babies, what they eat and how we should look after them. We have also enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow; they have grown so big! Hopefully by the time we return after our break they will be safe in their cocoons ready to turn into butterflies. We have been working hard in Phonics, listening to sounds and thinking about how we talk and sing. After the holiday we are going to look at introducing our first letter sound so please look around for any objects starting with the letter 's'. Enjoy your half term.

### Reception

Reception children have had a busy end to the half-term continuing our learning on Jack and the Beanstalk and planting. Last week the children wrote instructions for planting a seed and this week we have been focusing on learning about adjectives. The children have thought of interesting describing words to write sentences about characters or events from our story. We have also learnt about the different parts of a flower and talked about their important functions in keeping flowers healthy. Thank you for your continued support this half-term and we hope you all have a happy and restful holiday.

### Year 1

It has been very exciting for the children this week watching how tall their bean seeds have grown. This week children have been understanding key grammar skills to enhance their writing in Literacy. Children have started to understand the use of conjunctions to extend sentences and use different suffixes correctly. This week in Numeracy, children have been measuring different classroom objects and the playground using standard units, such as cm. In Science, children continue to learn all about plants and trees. Children continue to practice and apply their phonic sounds on a daily basis. Well done Year 1, you are working really hard so keep up the good work!

### Year 2

In Literacy, the children have been learning about persuasive letters. They have written their own letters to Eliot the Midnight Superhero to try and persuade him to allow them to be a superhero. In Numeracy, we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In IPC, we have been continuing to learn about Space and the different astronauts who have visited Space, including Tim Peake. In Science, we have continued with our topic about Plants and have planted their own Cress seeds to grow. Your Year 2 teachers hope you have a lovely half term!

## YEAR GROUP NEWS

### Year 3

In Year 3 we have been very busy. In Literacy, we have been learning how to write a diary entry in the first person. We have been learning to use the correct tense as well as a variety of personal pronouns. In Numeracy we have been learning how to measure the weight of items using grams and kilograms. We had lots of fun passing the weights around the class! In the afternoon we have been thinking about how to keep our bodies healthy by eating the right amount of each food. Well done Year 3!

### Year 4

These last two weeks have been a busy one. In maths, we have been completing some informal assessments to ascertain what skills and knowledge have been remembered since our online learning after the Winter Holidays. We have looked at place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, statistics, fractions and geometry. In Literacy, we have been recapping some skills that we have not recapped in a while: word classes and inverted commas. We have also looked at word families and knowing that, if we look at the root word, we can make many other words by appending a prefix and/or suffix. In IPC, we have recapped all of our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and put that information onto our knowledge harvest that we completed at the start of the topic! It's quite exciting to see how much we have learned over this topic. Remember, the times table check is fast approaching so practise lots! Well done, Year 4!

### Year 5

This week in Year 5 in literacy, the children have been identifying features of an informal letter, writing cause and effect sentences and using dashes to indicate parenthesis in relation to our new poem – The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. In maths, the children have been reading and writing time, converting between different units of time (digital, analogue and written form) and solving time related word problems. In science, the children have been learning about the life cycle of a plant. In IPC the children have been painting their clay Greek vases.

### Year 6

This week, the Year 6 children have enjoyed beginning a new topic in Literacy. They have been asked to create a persuasive leaflet for the communities in WW2 to inform them of the importance of building an Anderson Shelter. In Numeracy, we have been continuing to recap skills such as finding the areas of triangles and parallelograms. In the afternoons, the children have been creating their own 3D biomes based on their learning from last week. Well done Year 6, keep up the good work.

### 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.

### UNICEF AWARD

We are pleased to announce that we have received the Bronze Award for the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). As duty bearers we are fully committed to delivering the UNICEF Rights of the Child. Look out for the logo on all of our correspondence.



### PARKING

Please park responsibly and think of others.

*“Together we are stronger”*