

Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II



1926 - 2022

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A Letter for Parents

Dear parents / carers,

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

Her dedication to this nation and her example of duty, integrity and service are an inspiration to us all.

Dorrington Community join the nation holding Her Majesty and the Royal Family in our thoughts.

Dorrington Academy will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 as it has now been declared a bank holiday to honour Her Majesty.

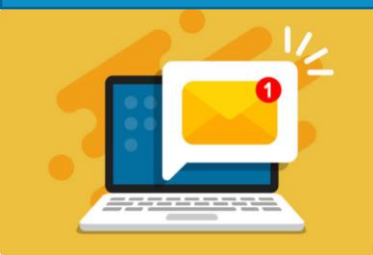
Yours sincerely,
Miss L Barratt

"Grief is the price we pay for love"
-HRH Queen Elizabeth II

Friday 16th September 2022



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Academy News

The Governors have asked Miss Barratt to pay respect to the late Queen on behalf of Dorrington Academy.

Miss Barratt will take down messages from the children and community as well a floral arrangement.

Miss Barratt's welcome to the new Academic year letter will be forwarded to you next week.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th September	School closed for the Queen's Funeral
Friday 23rd September	Jeans for Genes Day £1 donation.
Thursday 29th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am-10:30am
Friday 21st October	Pink Day for Cancer Research £1 donation
Friday 21st October	Last Day of Autumn 1 Term
Monday 31st October	Start of Autumn 2
Monday 7th November	Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th November	School Photographs
Friday 18th November	Children in Need £1 donation
Wednesday 21st December	Last Day of Autumn 2 – 1:30pm finish
Thursday 22nd December	Teacher Training Day
Monday 9th January 2023	Start of Spring 1

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Swimming Kit

We are delighted to inform you that from next week, all children in Years 1 to 6 will have a weekly swimming lesson until the end of the Autumn term.

Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and all the children are expected to participate.

All lessons will take place on site at Dorrington Academy. **Children should wear P.E. kit on their swimming day.**

Children will need to bring the following items with them:

- **Swimming Costume**
 - **Girls – 1-piece costume**
 - **Boys – trunks or shorts (not to cover below the knee)**
- **Swimming hat – for children with long hair**
- **Towel**
- **Suitable swim bag for wet items**
- **Flip-flops**

Please ensure that earrings are removed and that long hair is tied back.

Year groups will swim on the following days:

Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 5
Thursday	Year 4
Friday	Year 3

Year 6 children will be told the day of their lesson by their class teacher.



Thank-you for your continued support.

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Upcoming Term Dates

Friday 21st October	Last Day of Autumn 1 Term
Monday 31st October 2022	Start of Autumn 2
Wednesday 21st December 2022	Last Day of Autumn 2 – 1:30pm finish
Thursday 22nd December 2022	Teacher Training Day
Monday 9th January 2023	Start of Spring 1
Friday 17th February 2023	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 27th February 2023	Start of Spring 2
Friday 31st March 2023	Last Day of Spring 2
Monday 17th April 2023	Start of Summer 1
Friday 26th May 2023	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of Summer 2



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 29th September

9-10:30am

Dorrington Academy



If you would like to donate food items for the coffee morning, please bring them by Tuesday 27th September and ensure the packaging contains the ingredients list with allergens. At this time, we are unable to accept home baked goods although your support is appreciated.

**COME FOR
COFFEE
AND
CAKE**

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



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Nursery Places 2022-2023

We have a small number of Nursery places available for this academic year. We offer morning or afternoon sessions 5 days a week from Monday to Friday.

Morning Sessions: 08:45-11:45

Afternoon Sessions: 12:30-15:25

If your child is born between **1st September 2018-31st August 2019** and you are interested in a place, please contact the school office immediately.

0121 464 5330

enquiry@dorrington.bham.sch.uk

<https://dorringtonacademy.co.uk/contact-us/>

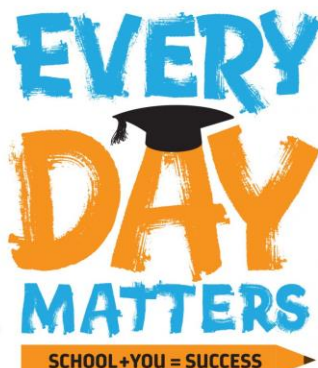


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6th – 16th September 2022

RB	92.41%	2 Late
RS	93.22%	1 Late
RW	93.79%	1 Late
1B	90.52%	0 Late
1D	89.79%	1 Late
1W	94.83%	1 Late
2A	88.96%	5 Late
2C	91.67%	10 Late
2F	97.29%	2 Late
3E	90.40%	4 Late
3G	96.98%	7 Late
3H	92.71%	4 Late
4B	95.50%	1 Late
4C	95.75%	12 Late
4S	88.22%	9 Late
5B	89.89%	3 Late
5J	96.12%	12 Late
5K	91.72%	16 Late
6R	91.67%	7 Late
6S	93.75%	5 Late
6W	92.29%	2 Late

KS1



Attendance

Congratulations to 2F, 3G, 5J for being the only class above 'good' attendance.

Punctuality

Well done to 1B for 0 late days.

Overall Attendance

Our attendance this week:

90.84%

Our attendance this year:

90.84%

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS



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Stars of the Week

RB	Ali
RS	Maha
RW	Sumaiyah
1B	Aisha
1D	Rayaadh
1W	Ali
2A	Inarah
2C	Muiz
2F	Abidah
3E	Amaya-Rae
3G	Desrene
3H	Anaika
4B	Zabreyh
4C	Ajwa
4S	Anvayi
5B	Sonia
5J	Amelia H
5K	Renell
6R	Avneet
6S	Akbar
6W	Alesha

Computing Stars

At Dorrington, our teachers recognise the importance of being digitally literate. We would like to give special mention to the following students for tremendous effort.

The Computing Star for KS1 is:

Alan - Year 2

The Computing Star for KS2 is:

Jessica - Year 3

Outdoor Education Stars

The children have been working extra hard in Outdoor Education. Mrs. Steventon and Mrs. King would like to give their outstanding award to the following pupils.

The Outdoor Education Star for KS1 is:

Simni - Year 1

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

Eeshal - Year 5

Sports Stars

Miss Kenny has enjoyed her P.E. lessons with lots of classes across Dorrington. Her students always try their hardest and she would like to mention the following pupils.

The Sports Star for KS1 is:

Aadam - Year 2

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

Scarlett - Year 3

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Unicef Silver: Rights Aware Award

This award is the second stage of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

It is granted by UNICEF UK to schools that show good progress towards embedding children's rights in the school's policy, practice and ethos.

This award will be valid for the next 3 years.

Achieving Silver: Rights Aware means that:

- We have embedded the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in its policy, practice and culture.
- We promote knowledge and understanding of the Convention throughout school.
- Children and young people are beginning to see themselves as rights respecting global citizens and advocates for fairness and children's rights, both locally and globally.



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School Council

3E	Abdulrahman	Hannah
3G	Omar	Jessica
3H	Yahya	Juwairiyah
4B	Ismail	Zabreyn
4C	Muhammad-Ali	Zainab
4S	Josiah	Avneet
5B	Musa	Sonia
5J	Dan Dan	Hana
5K	Hashir	Inaaya
6R	Mikel	Avneet
6S	Mavrick	Aisha J
6W	Kamil	Anna



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Playground Equipment

- From next week, weather permitting, children will be able to use the new outdoor play equipment.
- Please ensure you have logged into Arbor and completed the consent form. Until consent is given, your child **will not** be allowed to use the play equipment.
- On days when your child's class are timetabled to use the playground, please send your child with trainers in a bag to put on when it is their turn. **Children should still come to school in the correct school uniform.**
- Children **will not** be allowed on the play equipment in school shoes.
- On the next page is a timetable for when your child's class will go onto the play equipment each week. These are split into two sessions.
- Session times are as follows:
 - Key Stage 1 & EYFS
 - Session 1 – 12:25 to 12:45
 - Session 2 – 12:45 to 1:05
 - Key Stage 2
 - Session 1 – 12:30 to 12:55
 - Session 2 – 12:55 to 1:20



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EYFS & KS1 Timetable

Sessions	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
WB 12-9-22	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A
WB 19-9-22	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C
WB 26-9-22	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F
WB 3-10-22	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B
WB 10-10-22	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D
WB 17-10-22	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W
WB 24-10-22										
WB 31-10-22	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB
WB 7-11-22	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS
WB 14-11-22	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW
WB 21-11-22	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A
WB 28-11-22	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C
WB 5-12-22	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F
WB 12-12-22	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B
WB 19-12-22	1D	1W	RB	RS						

EYFS & KS1 Session Times

Session 1 – 12:25 to 12:45

Session 2 – 12:45 to 1:05

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KS2 Timetable

Sessions	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
WB 19-9-22	3H	5J	4B	6R	4S	6W	4C	6S	3G	5B
WB 26-9-22	5K	3E	3H	5J	4B	6R	4S	6W	4C	6S
WB 3-10-22	3G	5B	3E	5K	3H	5J	6R	4B	6W	4S
WB 10-10-22	6S	4C	3G	5B	3E	5K	3H	5J	6R	4B
WB 17-10-22	4S	6W	4C	6S	3G	5B	3E	5K	3H	5J
WB 24-10-22										
WB 31-10-22	4B	6R	4S	6W	4C	6S	5B	3G	5K	3E
WB 7-11-22	5J	3H	6R	4B	6W	4S	6S	4C	5B	3G
WB 14-11-22	3E	5K	3H	5J	6R	4B	6W	4S	6S	4C
WB 21-11-22	3G	5B	3E	5K	3H	5J	4B	6R	4S	6W
WB 28-11-22	4C	6S	5B	3G	5K	3E	5J	3H	4B	6R
WB 5-12-22	6W	4S	6S	4C	5B	3G	5K	3E	5J	3H
WB 12-12-22	6R	4B	6W	4S	6S	4C	3G	5B	3E	5K
WB 19-12-22	3H	5J	4B	6R						

KS2 Session Times

Session 1 – 12:30 to 12:55

Session 2 – 12:55 to 1:20

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Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots

Currently, there are a number of Battle of the Bands Tournaments happening on TT Rockstars. A new tournament begins every Monday.



The battle are as follows:

- 2A vs 2C vs 2F
- 3H vs 3G vs 3E
- 4C vs 4S vs 4B
- 5B vs 5K vs 5J
- 6W vs 6S vs 6R



Recently, Year 1 children have received their Numbots log-ins. Here the children can practise their addition and subtraction skills amongst others.

If you require a log-in, please ask your Class Teacher.

www.ttrockstars.com www.numbots.com

TTRS Tournament Winners

Year 2
Class: 2F
MVP: Khalid 2F

Year 3
Class: 3G
MVP: Fatima 3G

Year 4
Class: 4C
MVP: Umar 4B

Year 5
Class: 5J
MVP: Eisa 5J



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Reminders

Please log into Arbor to access your child's data and consent options.

Here you can update meal choices, change contact details and update various consents such as playground use, school trips and food tasting.

In Autumn, all year groups will begin swimming lessons.

Please make sure you provide your child with the necessary swimming kit to take part. (please see the swimming page)



Uniform

Dorrington Academy expect all children to be in the Academy's uniform as listed below. School ties, jumpers, cardigans and book bags may be ordered from Uniform Plus located on Walsall Road.

	Boys	Girls	P.E.
Winter (from Sept)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey skirt or trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue cardigan or V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes (no heels). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For indoor activities - Navy blue/Black shorts, house coloured t-shirt and black pumps. For outdoor activities - navy blue/black jogging bottoms, house coloured t-shirt, royal blue cardigan or jumper with school logo and trainers. All watches, rings, chains and bracelets must be removed <p>House Colours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerald – Green Ruby – Red Sapphire – Blue Diamond – Yellow
Summer (from April)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey shorts or trousers. White shirt. School tie. Royal blue V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue and white summer dress. Royal blue cardigan or V necked jumper with school logo. Black school shoes (no heels or open toe shoes). 	

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Mrs. Miller's Community Events

My name is Mrs. Miller and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Community Page of the Newsletter. It will be full of fun activities for you to do, prizes for you to win and a section for parents to write their own column. If you have a story that you would like publishing in the newsletter, please feel free to email it to

enquiry@dorrington.bham.sch.uk

(Subject line – Community Parents' Column, FAO Mrs. Miller)

Just for Fun



Across

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| 1 | The palace where the big Platinum party will take place on Saturday 4 th June. |
| 2 | People are encouraged to plant these as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy Project'. |
| 3 | The name given to a live music performance in front of an audience, which is taking place as part of the Platinum party at Buckingham Palace. |
| 4 | The Queen will be attending the Epsom Derby on Saturday 4 th June as part of the celebrations. What animals will she watch racing? |
| 5 | What type of food will be dedicated to The Queen as part of a nationwide competition? |
| 6 | It is hoped that the Big Jubilee Lunch on 5 th June will bring people together and celebrate being part of a c_____. |

Down

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| 1 | These will be lit in the capital city of every country in the Commonwealth. |
| 7 | A festival of creativity involving dancers, musicians, military personnel and key workers will be involved in this to tell the story of The Queen's 70-year reign on Sunday 5 th . |
| 8 | The name of the special service being held at St Paul's Cathedral to give thanks for The Queen's 70 years of service. |
| 9 | The Queen will also be celebrating another special day on the 2 nd June. |
| 10 | The month when the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday celebrations are taking place. |
| 11 | Another name for queen or head of state, beginning with 'm'. |

Useful Information

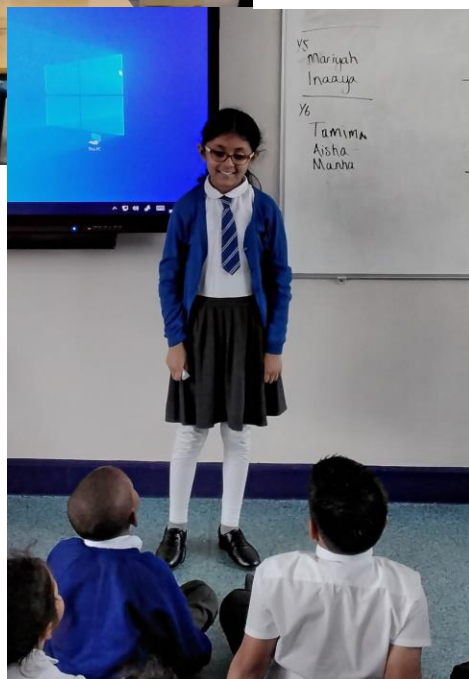
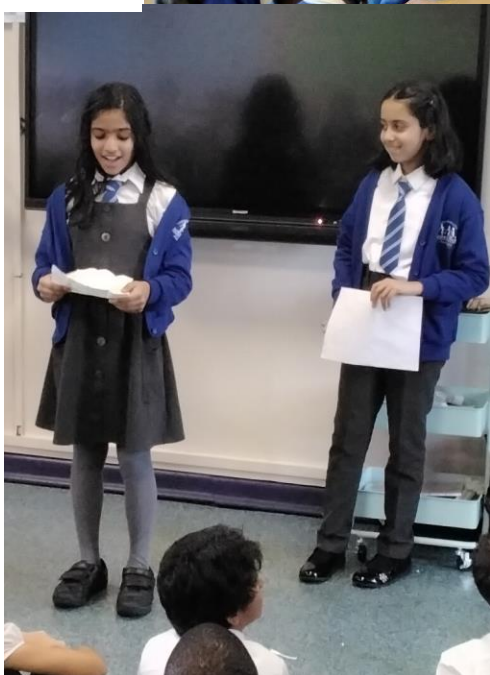
If you ever need any help or advice, please click on the link below and it will take you the correct service you require.

www.the-waitingroom.org

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Photos from Our Week

Here are some photos from the House Captain election speeches this week.



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Photos from Our Week

Our School Council Representatives from Year 3 – Year 6



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Parking & Seat Belt Reminder

As you are aware, traffic enforcement cameras, similar to the one in the picture below, have been in the area of late.

Please remember, you should not park or stop on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere. Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park or stop. It states that drivers **must not** park or stop near a school entrance or anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services. The rule will often — but not always — be made obvious with yellow zig-zags on the road.

Children must also always wear a seat belt when in a moving vehicle.

Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous.

Please be considerate of our local community and do not park across the driveway of local residents.

You can remind yourself of the highway code [here](#).



From Birmingham With Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it has just been getting harder, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...



1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "[COMMUNITY](#)" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops and get tips to manage their behaviour.



2. **Emergency food & fuel assistance** up to £100. Birmingham has announced an emergency food package —please contact one of our [local team](#) who will be able to help directly with a grant, often within 48 hours. There are also [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



3. **Mental health support.** For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available completely free at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with [Pause](#) or by calling 0207 841 4470. Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099. And remember to stay [active](#).



4. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job or are struggling for food or rent, there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.



5. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Re-spect](#). Also [Ask for ANI](#) and the [Safe Spaces](#) scheme where victims can access help through pharmacies.



6. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "[birmingham11](#)" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#) or contact [Aquarius](#) for young people.



7. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#) or [Edward's Trust](#)

8. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police. For any other help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local team](#). There are ten area hubs across the city which can connect you to support.