

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023



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## Academy News

Happy New Year and Welcome  
to 2023 – the year of the  
rabbit!

Our last swimming session for  
the community and year groups  
will take place on **Friday 27th**  
**January.**



### Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th January	School Photographs (full school uniform on both days)
Wednesday 25th January	Young Voices Concert (Ticket Only)
Monday 30th January – Friday 3rd February	Wellbeing Week
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



# HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR



to you all from the  
Management Team  
and staff at  
Dorrington  
Academy!



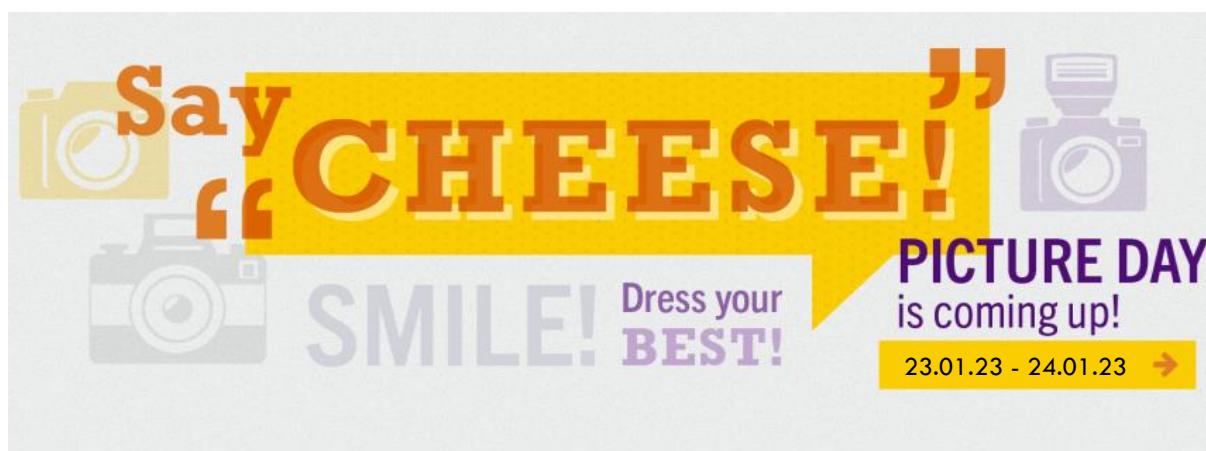
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# School Photographs

Monday 23rd – Tuesday 24th January

This year's individual and sibling school photographs will commence on the 23rd January. If you have not already, **please consent via Arbor.**

Please ensure that children attend school in their **full school uniform on both days.**

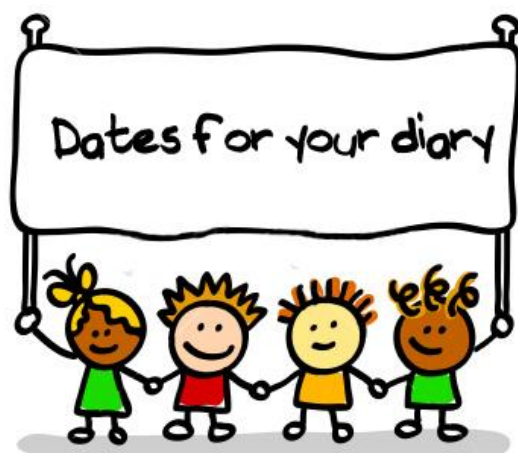




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### Upcoming Term Dates

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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### Our Attendance Target

Our target for all children is to have attendance

*above 96%*

ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS

### Why is attendance important?

Children who attend school regularly have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work.



### The Numbers

Missing school can have a significant impact on a child's access to education as shown in the table below.

Attendance during one school year	Number of days absent over a year	Number of weeks absent over a year	Number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

### Missing School, Family Holidays and The Law

Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and **will not** be authorised.

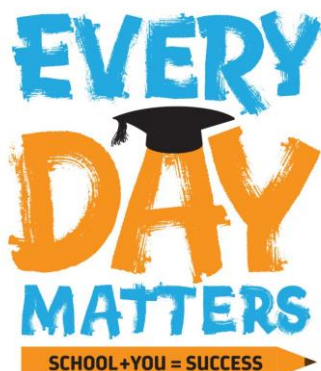
Please note that where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.



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### 9th –20th January 2022

Nursery AM	84.4%	2 Late
Nursery PM	68.8%	1 Late
RB	94.1%	3 Late
RS	95.0%	15 Late
RW	90.5%	16 Late
1B	90.7%	25 Late
1D	94.8%	24 Late
1W	91.5%	6 Late
2A	92.9%	17 Late
2C	93.9%	19 Late
2F	92.4%	20 Late
3E	90.2%	18 Late
3G	91.5%	25 Late
3H	92.5%	11 Late
4B	92.4%	23 Late
4C	91.8%	23 Late
4S	95.9%	23 Late
5B	95.6%	25 Late
5J	97.5%	36 Late
5K	94.6%	22 Late
6R	94.3%	11 Late
6S	91.8%	16 Late
6W	89.6%	12 Late



### Overall

### Attendance

Our attendance this week:

92.5%

Our attendance this year:

89.6%

### Attendance

Congratulations to 5J for being the only class above 96% attendance.

**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



**ATTENDANCE WORKS**



### "TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER"

#### Stars of the Week

Nursery AM	Olivia
Nursery PM	Soner
RB	Safa
RS	Saffiyyah
RW	Yousef
1B	Nuh
1D	Elijah
1W	Maya
2A	Zahraa
2C	Simran
2F	Aadam
3E	Umrah
3G	Zayaan I
3H	Muhammad
4B	Aminah
4C	Crystal
4S	Josiah
5B	Mariam
5J	Saran
5K	Aliyah
6R	Hussain
6S	Mavrick
6W	Arman

#### 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:

*Ali - Reception*

The Outdoor Education Star for KS2 is:

*Yahya - Year 3*



#### 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:

*Musa - Year 1*

The Sports Star for KS2 is:

*Adam - Year 3*

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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
    - 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
23.01.23	RB	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB
30.01.23	RS	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS
06.02.23	RW	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW
13.02.23	2A	2C	2F	1B	1D	1W	RB	RS	RW	2A

### KS2 Timetable

Sessions	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
23.01.23	4B	6R	4S	6W	4C	6S	5B	3G	5K	3E
30.01.23	5J	3H	6R	4B	6W	4S	6S	4C	5B	3G
06.02.23	3E	5K	3H	5J	6R	4B	6W	4S	6S	4C
13.02.23	3G	5B	3E	5K	3H	5J	4B	6R	4S	6W

### Session Times

KS1- Session 1 – 12:25 to 12:45, Session 2 – 12:45 to 1:05

KS2 - 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](http://www.ttrockstars.com) [www.numbots.com](http://www.numbots.com)

## TTRS Tournament Winners

### Year 2

Class: 2A MVP: Kyla

### Year 3

Class: 3H MVP: Rayaan

### Year 4

Class: 4B MVP: Isaac

### Year 5

Class: 5J MVP: Destiny



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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.



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

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Just for Fun

### January

T	F	G	T	O	B	O	G	G	A	N	A	D	F
E	A	S	W	E	T	S	C	O	A	T	N	N	R
N	R	N	O	O	C	K	S	I	E	E	O	E	E
O	W	O	O	S	W	I	O	N	O	L	O	O	E
L	O	W	I	G	I	I	A	H	E	I	M	S	Z
C	I	M	G	O	I	N	L	E	O	T	Z	E	I
R	E	E	T	N	E	G	T	A	T	T	T	O	N
N	E	N	N	W	E	T	R	N	N	O	E	I	G
G	G	T	O	B	E	L	O	W	Z	E	R	O	M
W	T	R	N	S	E	O	H	S	W	O	N	S	I
N	S	G	N	I	D	R	A	O	B	W	O	N	S
O	F	S	G	T	W	O	T	A	H	E	S	N	L
W	S	H	O	T	C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E
O	B	O	O	T	S	L	E	D	D	I	N	G	B

MITTENS  
WINTER  
SNOWMEN  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
HAT  
SLEDDING  
SKIING  
BOOTS  
FREEZING  
BELOW ZERO  
COAT  
SNOWSHOES  
ICE  
TOBOGGAN  
SNOWBOARDING

### 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](http://www.the-waitingroom.org)





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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-respect](#). 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.