



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Additional wraparound care

We are writing to parents/carers to assess the need for additional wraparound care, complimentary to and in addition to, that already offered by DASH. This will commence during this school year once the old caretaker's house has been converted and is fit for purpose (we have been awarded a grant for this purpose). We will also consider using the Hub on a temporary basis if there is enough demand. If this is something you would consider using for your child and you would like to make an expression of interest for a place, please complete this [form](#). Please note, charges will be the same as DASH. At the moment there is only enough interest for a Thursday night. If there are other days that are needed we can only plan if we know.

FODS School Disco – Friday 18th October

We are holding a disco on Friday 18th October, This event is ticket only. For more information, please [click here](#).

Harvest festival collection: 14th – 19th October

The week commencing the 14th October, the school council will be holding two Harvest Festival collections. One is for [Baby Basics](#), a charity that provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families in need in Sheffield. Please see the list of suggested donations. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for a local foodbank.

The collection boxes will be in the school office from 14th – 19th October.

Article 27

I have the right to have a proper house, clothing and food.



Nappies sizes 1-7
Baby Top-to-Toe Wash
Nappy Cream
Baby Bath
Baby Shampoo
Cotton Wool
Baby Wipes

Kids Shampoo & Conditioner
Kids Curly Hair Shampoo & Conditioner

Kids Body Wash
Kids Toothpaste 0-5yrs
Kids Toothbrushes 0-5yrs

Adult Shampoo & Conditioner
Adult Curly Hair Shampoo & Conditioner

Adult Shower Gel
Adult Toothpaste
Adult Toothbrushes
Men & Women's Deodorant
Body Lotion

Sanitary Pads (not tampons)
Maternity Pads
Breast Pads

Hooded Baby Towels
Muslins

Weaning Equipment
Brand New Baby Bottles

Parent/Carer Consultations

Parent/carers meetings will be the first week back after half term. Sign up on Schoolspider, appointments will go live on next week, we will send you a text to let you know when you can sign up.

Please note: If your child is on the SEND register, Mrs Holmes will be in touch to book a SEND review meeting, you don't need to book a parent/carers consultation as well.

Makaton Level 1 training

Please [click here](#) for more information about Makaton Level 1 Training for parents and carers



Dangerous Parking and driving

Recently, we have been contacted by a number of parents and local residents to highlight dangerous parking and driving on the roads around the school, including on double yellow lines and white zigzags. Illegal manoeuvres have also been reported. Complaints have been made to Sheffield City Council and patrols may be implemented to enforce compliance of the law. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Click here for term dates 24–25

Oct 2024

16th
Y2 Music in the Round (PM)

17th
Year 1 Music in the Round (AM)

18th
FS2 Walk to the Woods am

21st
Woodpeckers trip to the mosque (AM)

22nd
Kingfishers trip to the mosque (AM)

23rd
Eagles trip to the mosque (AM)

25th
Dress down day

25th
Last day of half term

Nov 2024

WC 4th
Parent Consultation

FODS – Friends of Dobcroft School

We are excited to announce our upcoming Dobcroft Infant Christmas Fayre, we are planning a wonderful event filled with festive fun!



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday 4th December from 3.30pm to 6pm.

The event will be hosted at the infant school but everyone is welcome to come and join us.

To make this event even more special, we are seeking your creative talents. We would love you to contribute by donating homemade crafts that can be sold at the fayre. Your unique creations will not only add a personal touch to the fayre but also help raise funds for the infant school. Whether it's Christmas decorations, handmade gifts, bakes or any festive craft, every contribution will be greatly appreciated.

If you're interested in participating, have any questions or need more information then please email us on fods.info.mail@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your generosity and creativity. We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations!

FS2 Walk to the Woods – Friday 18th October

Children in FS2 will be visiting Ecclesall Woods on Friday 18th October as part of our learning about seasonal change. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and return around 10.30am.

Please ensure that your child has their coat and appropriate footwear on this date. If you would like to help on the walk, please let your child's class teacher know.

FS2 Google Drive

Please continue to check the FS2 Google Drive. The link to this was sent to you via email when your child first started school. Staff update the drive with key information throughout the year. You will also be able to access Knowledge Organisers, word mats, and homework through the drive. If you have not got access to this, or have misplaced the email containing the link, please see Mrs Godwin in the office who will send you the access link.

FS2 Thirst for Knowledge homework

Over the autumn term, FS2 children are invited to bring a representation of their favourite season into the class to share during 'Show and Tell' with their teachers and friends. You can find more information about this on the FS2 Google Drive, and also by following the link [here](#).

Year 1 Music in the Round Trip – Thursday 17th October

All of Year 1 are attending Music in the Round at the Crucible Theatre from 10.45 – 11.45.

We will be leaving school as soon as possible after registration. Please make sure your child is in school before 9.00am. If you are able to help on this trip, please email your class teacher.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Foxes – minorusb@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Hedgehogs – sutherlande@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Squirrels – smithk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Year 1 Christmas Play auditions – Tuesday 15th October

We are holding auditions for our Year 1 Christmas performance of 'Baubles'. All children are welcome to take part in an audition, however there is no pressure if children do not want to audition. All children will be given a part for the play whether they audition or not.

For the audition, your child could tell a joke, perform a dance, read a poem, read a line from a book or anything that they would like to show us. Here is a line from our play that they could practice reading for the audition if they do not know what to do for it: 'Welcome to our tree – mendous Nativity. It is called Baubles'.

Information about dates and tickets will be sent out after half term.

Year 2 Music in the Round Trip – Wednesday 16th October

All of Year 2 are attending Music in the Round at the Crucible Theatre from 1:30pm – 2:30pm.

We will be eating lunch at school and then leaving school to get the bus at 12:15pm and aim

to return to school for hometime. If you are able to help on this trip, please email your class teacher.

Please [click here](#) for more details.

Eagles – fairfullc@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Woodpeckers – kaji@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Kingfishers – tinkerc@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Year 2 Trip to the Mosque

The Y2s are visiting the local mosque in the morning on the dates below, please contact your class teacher if you would like to help out. We are leaving school at 9am and be abck for lunch.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Eagles – fairfullc@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk Wednesday 23.10.24

Woodpeckers – machina@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk Monday 21.10.24

Kingfishers – tinkerc@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk Tuesday 22.10.24

Second hand uniform

As part of our drive to be an environmentally aware school our Eco Team sell good quality, second hand uniform at school events. You can now also contact Gemma Bottery (a parent member of our Eco Team) on ecoteam@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk to request specific items. Gemma will monitor this email on a weekly basis, so if you have suddenly realised that you need more school jumpers, please get in touch with her.

You can also buy school logo badges from the office which can be sewn onto garments of the appropriate school colours at a cost of £3.50.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance target 2024–25: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **97.9%** (98% last week). A reminder that the chief medical officer encourages children to attend school if they have a cold, however if they have sickness, or diarrhoea, they need to remain absent for **48 hours** after the last time this occurs. Attendance as often as possible is important for your child.

Punctuality: It is important that you aim to be in school for the start time. This is 8.55am in Foundation Stage and 9am in Y1 and Y2. This is the time your child needs to be on the carpet, things put away ready for register and to learn, not when you are arriving at the entrance. Arriving late is disruptive both to your own child and the rest of the class. It is also likely your child will have missed some key learning for the day.

This week **0.56%** of children were marked as late.

Ask me about...

Each week your class teacher will update this area with information about what your child has been learning during the week so that you can ask them questions about it.

Ladybirds

This week Ladybirds have continued reading the story "The Leaf Thief" by Alice Hemming. We have been learning about 2d shapes in maths so have been making the squirrel a house using different 2d shapes. We have also been on shape hunt around our classroom.

We have been to forest school where the ladybirds have loved looking for signs of Autumn, we have collected leaves which we have used to make pictures with. We have also started doing 'dough disco' which we have loved!

Next week we will start to read our new focus text "The Wide Awake Hedgehog" by Rosie Wellesley and talk about the different features of a hedgehog.

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

This week we have been reading the story of the Stickman, written by Julia Donaldson. You can watch an animated version of the story [here](#).

We have been making our own stickmen in the making area of the classroom and talking about similarities and differences between our stickmen and those belonging to our friends.

We have learnt about different ways to measure length, weight, and capacity. We have explored this in the classroom and outside, and used mathematical language to compare different objects (heavier, lighter, longer, shorter, full, empty).

In PE, we are learning different ways to move our bodies. We have learnt a variety of different warm up games, and are noticing what happens to our bodies when we exercise (for example: our heart rate getting faster, being out of breath).

Children continue to share their Thirst for Knowledge seasons representations in class. Please see information above about this if your child has not yet brought theirs into school.

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – we have been learning how to write ladder letters, which are letters that have straight lines – l i j u t y. We have also learned about using adjectives to describe nouns, focusing on our text of the Gruffalo.

Maths – We have been learning about using the less than, greater than or equal to signs to compare objects, numbers or representations. We then built on this learning and used these signs to compare numbers.

Geography – We have learned the compass points North, South, East and West.

Science – We have been building or designing dens for the Gruffalo. He even made a special appearance in our assembly – see the pictures on X.

Computing – We have learnt and practiced typing and editing on a keyboard.

RE – We have been learning about the Harvest festival and how Christians would say 'thank you' to God.

Art – We have created continuous line drawings of shells, which is where artists do not take their drawing tool off the paper.

Music – We had a Music in the Round workshop with John from the Crucible. We practiced singing the songs for the performance next week. The songs are One Family of Goats, The Kid's Song and Rock Rounders. You can listen to these songs here: <https://musicintheround.co.uk/giddy-goat-resource-hub/>

Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we are learning about coordinating conjunctions and using “and” and “but” to join two simple sentences together.

Maths – we are using dienes to add and subtract from a ten and crossing tens (e.g. $20 - 7$, $17 - 9$)

RE – each class is going to visit a local mosque. Each class still needs volunteers to accompany us for our safety ratios. Please see the information and letter above.

DT – we have designed a vehicle with wheels and axles and will be making these using junk modelling in the week beginning 14th October. Please bring in a box/bottle for your vehicle and any other crafty materials you need next week.

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