



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Parent/Carer Consultations

Parent/carers meetings will be the first week back after half term. Sign up on Schoolspider if you have not already done so. Face to face in the morning and virtual in the afternoons, teachers will email the link for the virtual appointments nearer the time.
Please note: If your child is on the SEND register, Mrs Holmes will be in touch to book a SEND review meeting, you do not need to book a parent/carers consultation as well.

Making Apple Crumble – 25th October

FS2 are making apple crumble on Friday next week, linked to our learning about seasonal change and food technology. If you have any cooking apples to donate, please hand them to your child's class teacher before Wednesday 23rd October. Thanks in advance!

Autumn Art Work

FS2 will be busy making autumn pictures and collages after our walk to the woods this week. We would love to have some more autumn items to add to our classroom environment for the children to explore. If you are able collect to any conkers or pine cones over the weekend to bring into class on Monday, this would help to enhance our learning environments next week. Thanks in advance!

Year 1 Homework

Year 1 Autumn 1 homework is due in on Wednesday 23rd October. You will then receive your new homework for Autumn 2 to complete to be handed in at the end of next half term.

Year 1 Play parts

We will be deciding the parts for our school play, after holding our auditions. We would like to say well done and thank you to the children for performing these amazing acts! We will send home your child's part along with some lines for them to learn at home if they have the role of a speaking part.

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

Year 2 Trip to the Mosque

The Y2s are visiting the local mosque in the morning on the dates shown, 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

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Oct 2024

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

FS2 4.11.24

Y15.11.24

Y2 6.11.24

12th

“Odd Sock” Day

20th

Victorian day

Y2 assemblies,

9.15am

25th Woodpeckers

26th Eagles

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 97.8% (97.9% 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 **0.54%** 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 we have started to read our new focus text "The Wide Awake Hedgehog" by Rosie Wellesley and talk about the different features of a hedgehog and have even made our own hedgehog bread.

We have been learning about repeating patterns in maths and have used natural objects to make repeating patterns.

We have also started doing 'squiggle while you wiggle' which builds up gross and fine motor skills.

Next week we will be going to forest school where the ladybirds will be building a house for a hedgehog.

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

This week we have been enjoying 'Maths Moments', and have learnt songs to help us to recall key maths facts. We are getting really good at copying and extending repeating patterns, and will be making some of our own patterns independently next week.

We have enjoyed drawing and labelling a picture of our families, sharing scrap books, and talking about the similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

Thank you so much for all of the lovely seasonal representations that the children have been bringing in as their 'Thirst for Knowledge' homework. We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children talking about their favourite seasons and how they created their representations. If your child is yet to bring theirs in, don't worry. We have plenty of time to share them over the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to our learning next week. We will be making apple crumble, and using autumn treasures collected from our walk to the woods to make wax rubbings and collages.

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – we have been learning how to form capital letters and writing simple sentences – including a capital letter, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths – we have ordered numbers and objects and then used a number line to order numbers

Geography – we have learned about aerial maps and created aerial maps of objects in our classroom.

RHE – Stranger Danger – who can we trust?

RE – we have designed a stained glass window, based on the seven days of the Creation story.

Art – we have used mixed media to create large scale spiral drawings using a continuous line.

Music – we attended the Music in the Round performance and sang along with the songs based on the story Giddy Goat

Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we are learning about regular and irregular past tense verbs (climbed/ran)

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

DT – This week we have made our moving vehicles using wheels and axles.

Art – We have used mixed media (brush and watercolour) to sketch a natural object and paint over it for effect.

PHSE – we have learnt about being a global citizen and how we can help others around the world.