



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Wraparound care – complete the form to express an interest

Please [Click here](#) and complete the form to express your interest in accessing wraparound care (before and after school provision) for your child. This provision will be run by the school and is provided in addition to DASH. We aim to begin this provision after the Easter holidays and it will be based in the converted caretakers house (and the hub, dependant on demand). The timings will be **7.45am to 9am** and **3.30pm to 6pm**. The estimated costs will be: After school club - £15 Breakfast club - £7 (including breakfast).

Parents evening vs report – PLEASE CLICK AND VOTE BELOW

We're seeking your input on how you would prefer to receive your child's end of year progress update. This is as a result of feedback we have received from some parents. We are considering two options for this year's reporting:

1. A short report which will detail your child's attainment, with an additional parent's evening to discuss progress in the summer term in more detail.
2. A longer report, which will include all the information in the short report plus information on your child's achievements, progress, and areas for growth but not have an official parents evening.

Please share your preference with us, as we want to ensure we provide the most helpful and informative experience for you and your child. Thank you for your continued support! Please [click here](#) to complete the form.

ProStrike Challenge – Have you started sponsorship

We're holding a ProStrike Fundraising Event!



On Monday 3rd February all children will be taking part in the ProStrike

Challenge. This is a fundraising event for the school. Every child will take 3 shots striking the ball as hard as they can into a giant inflatable football goal.

All sponsorship money is collected on line using the QR code shown or by [clicking here](#). You will enter your child's name and year group. Each child will get a prize based on how much they raise.

For more information please [click here](#).



Gardening session – Monday 10th March 2025, 3.30pm

Please join us if you can, after school on Monday 10th March. Meet us in the reception area at the front of the school. Everyone is welcome, so if a green-fingered relative would like to join, their help would be greatly appreciated.



[Click here for term dates 24-25](#)

Jan 2025

31st
FODS quiz night

Feb 2025

3rd
ProStrike Challenge

4th
Chinese dance workshop

5th
Y2 trip to The Deep

7th
Whole school Number Day

11th
Y1 Art Exhibition
9.15-9.45 - Hedgehogs
2:00 – 2:30 - Foxes
2.45-3.15 – Squirrels

14th
Last day of half term

25th
(Morning)

We have many jobs on our list including making a bug hotel from pallets, creating a willow tunnel in the forest school and getting raised beds ready for vegetable planting by the children. **Please bring your own equipment if possible. All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Number Day – 7th February

On Friday 7th February, all children are invited to come to school 'Dressed up for Digits' to celebrate Number Day. This could be wearing a football shirt with a number on the back, wearing a birthday badge, or wearing a number or shape related costume. Throughout the day, children will be taking part in different maths related activities. They will also learning about the NSPCC, the charity behind Number Day, and how 'Dressing for Digits' can help raise funds to support children around the UK. A voluntary £1 donation will be added to ParentPay should you wish to show your support in the form of a donation.

You can find more information from the NSPCC about Number day by clicking [here](#).

Utensils for the mud kitchen

Please can you donate any unwanted kitchen utensils (large spoons, spaghetti spoons, tongs etc) to the school office. Our mud kitchen is looking a bit depleted and we would like to get it ready for the nicer weather around the corner!

TCS Mini London Marathon – April 26th 2025

We are lucky enough to have been allocated 25 places on the Mini London Marathan. The event is free to enter. Participants cross the iconic TCS London Marathon Finish Line and receive a TCS Mini London Marathon medal.

Please note: this year the event is only allocating 6 adults to run with the 25 children. Therefore if you are interested, you will need to liaise with other parents to ensure all children are supported during the run. Mrs Woodger (parent) has kindly offered to co-ordinate this process.

If you would like to enter, please complete this [google doc](#) with the required information by noon on Monday 24th February. If you are not comfortable doing this, please contact deputy@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk directly.



2 litre bottle request

You may have noticed that the frame for our new eco-greenhouse has been made over the Christmas holidays (thanks to FODS parent – Michael Pearson).



Our next steps are to make it into an eco-greenhouse. We will do this by using recycled, 2 litre bottles similar to the one shown.

Please bring in clean, empty, 2 litre bottles. Please also remove the label. They can be left in the fenced off area on the grass bank at the back of the school (near Mice class).

SEND news

If your child has support for their speech and language, you may be aware of some changes to how they are offering support to children. This helpful [article](#) from the Parent Carer Forum explains some of the changes.

There has also been an update from the Community Paediatrics and Neurodisability Department on Ryegate referrals and wait times. Please follow this [link](#) to read the article. Please follow this [link](#) to find out about upcoming events being run by the Sheffield Carer Forum. The Parent Carer forum are there to support parents and carers of children with SEND. Take a look at their [website](#) to find out more.

Y2 trip to English Institute of Sport (EIS)

March 2025

13th
SEND coffee morning – Well-being focus
9-10am

SEND coffee morning - wellbeing

On Thursday 13th March we will be holding our next coffee afternoon for parents of children with SEND. Harry Jenkins and Dr Claire Ogielda will join us. They work with our school as part of the Healthy Minds and Mental Health Support Team. They will be able to talk about how to support children's general well-being. **All members of the school community are welcome.** Although this event is aimed at parents of children with SEND, you might feel that discussions on the topic of well-being would be useful for you in relation to your child, and you would be very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available (and if anyone would like to bring cake this will be gratefully received!) This will be an informal event and younger siblings etc. are welcome.

SoccerEds Football Camp

⚽ Join SoccerEds Football Camp on February 18th, 19th, and 20th from 9am to 4pm at High Storrs School. Develop your skills, enjoy exciting games, and make lasting memories. Spaces are limited, so [sign up](#) now!

Rugby club – ages 6-15

[Click here](#) for information if you are interested in your child attending a rugby club.

Please use our recycling bins in the school carpark appropriately.

The recycling scheme raises money for the school, but only if the right items are put in them. They're not for general recycling or rubbish.

Bin 1: recyclable crisp, pretzel and nut packets

Bin 2: toothpaste packaging

Bin 3: marigold branded rubber gloves (please no other brands)

Bin 4: cheese packaging

If general rubbish or incorrect packaging (such as bread packets, sweet packets, dog food pouches) are put in the bins, it could mean we earn no money for the whole box of recycling. It also makes lots of extra work for the volunteers in having to sort through it all. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

Welfare Supervisors – Job Vacancy

We have a lunchtime supervisor vacancy (either full or part time). Working hours are **11.55am to 1.25pm**. If you are interested, or know anyone who is, and would like to find out more information, please contact the school office on 0114 2368099. Training will be given.

Year 1 Art Exhibitions

On Tuesday the 11th February Year 1 will be hosting an art exhibition to show off our amazing art work to you. Each class will have a time slot where parents will be invited in to look at our artwork and to find out more about what we have been learning. We look forward to seeing you there. The exhibition will be in the school hall, entry via the back of the school.

Hedgehogs 9:15 – 9:45am

Foxes 2:00 – 2:30pm

Squirrels 2 :45 – 3:15pm

Year 2 Trip to The Deep – Wednesday 5th Feb

Next week, we are off to The Deep, **We will be registering children at 7.45am and leaving promptly after.** Unfortunately we are unable to wait for any children who are late. [Click here](#) for more details on the trip

Year 2 Art – bring an old t-shirt

Next week, we will be using Acrylic paint that does not wash out. Please bring in a named, old T-Shirt or apron to wear.

Year 2 Trip to EIS – Tuesday 25th Feb

All of Year 2 are going to a Points Network Games PE event on Tuesday 25th February. Pupils are asked to come into school in PE kits with trainers and bring a water bottle.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details about the trip.

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%** (**96.3%** last week).

Remember reduced % means ‘**Learning time lost!**’

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. If your child has a temperature, they need to remain off school. 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 to both 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 the children enjoyed learning all about the Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated. We have made dragon puppets and masks in the making area and enjoyed dancing and moving like different animals in PE to traditional music. The children loved exploring some decorations and traditional clothing in the curiosity tray.

Fairytale dress up day was so much fun! We loved showing the FS2 children our costumes and dancing all together and sharing our favourite stories and characters. We have continued to explore comparison of size and length in maths, comparing our own footprints to the giants and in phonics we have been practicing our oral blending skills while playing “Fred Says”.

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

This week we have enjoyed lots of learning about the Lunar New Year celebrations, writing snake in Chinese, using our cutting skills to create a ‘red word’ snake and making lanterns. We have continued making colour books using a variety of different media and materials, exploring the colour yellow in our fabric books.

The children had a fun packed day for the Fairytale Dress up Day and loved parading their costumes in the fashion show. They then wrote about their character. The children enjoyed lots of traditional fairy tale stories, discussing the different characters and their roles. The children loved seeing their teachers dressed up too!

In maths, we have been looking at length and height and making comparisons using full sentences to describe our findings. The children have been working on addition too, counting Robin Hood characters in their independent learning time.

Continuing with the story of Robin Hood, children have been ordering the story and using vocabulary to describe past and present creating a story map of key events.

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have recapped our learning of –ed and –ing endings and also written letters to Tom from our story The Great Explorer to find out more about the Arctic.

Maths – This week we have thought about subtraction. We have recapped what subtraction is and used known number facts, counting back and finding the difference to solve subtraction number sentences.

History – We used difference sources to find out about the past to see what life was like for 1st and 3rd class passengers on board the Titanic.

Computing – We have been planning programs to move a robot.

RE – We have learned about the story of David and Goliath.

RHE – We have thought about how families should treat each other and our responsibilities within our families.

Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – We have been planning our own own version of the Three Little Pigs.

Maths – Division using the sharing method, doubling and halving.

Science – We have been recapping the parts of a food chain and researching different under water food chains.

First Aid PE – We have been practising how to communicate to a conscious person and establish what is wrong. Children have been given the task to learn their home address and postcode.

RHE – How to be safe online ready for Safer Internet Day.