



# Dobcroft Newsletter

## 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



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### Red Nose Day

We had a fabulous day raising money for Red Nose Day. The children loved the dance-a-thon in the hall and showed us some great dance moves! Thank you to everyone for your support.

There's still time to make a donation if you would like by [clicking here](#)..

### Parent Questionnaire feedback

Thank you to everyone who filled in the parent questionnaire. We identified 3 common themes and our responses have been documented [here](#). Should you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Ladybirds Easter Bonnet Parade – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Ladybirds children will be participating in the Easter Bonnet Parade with FS2 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Children will make an easter bonnet in school, and then parade around the playground for parents to see their creations at 9.15am and 2.45pm. Full time children will participate in both parades. Children who attend beginning of the week will do the 9.15am parade only, and children who attend at the end of the week will do the 2.45pm parade only. More information about this event to follow.

### Ladybirds' End of Term Treat

Ladybird's end of term treat will be a hero dress up day on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March. You can dress up however you like...from an action superhero to a hairdresser or firefighter, we look forward to seeing the children dressed up as a hero of their choice.

### EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Foundation Stage will be participating in an Easter Bonnet Parade on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Children will make an easter bonnet in school, and then parade around the playground for parents to see their creations at 9.15am and 2.45pm. Please meet on the bottom yard near the main gate, standing around the edge of the plaground, as the children will parade through the middle.

### Y1 Dress like an Animal Day

Year 1 are going to have an 'Animal Day' on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April to launch our new Science topic 'Animals' and our English text *One Day on Our Blue Planet: Savannah* by Ella Bailey. Please send your child into school in an animal outfit. They can wear any animal outfit including a costume, onesie or pyjamas. Please do not bring in additional animal toys, as we do not want them to be lost or damaged in school.

### Year 2 art exhibitions

As part of our art curriculum, Y2 pupils will be exhibiting their art work.

[Click here](#) for term dates 24-25 and 25-26

### March 2025

26<sup>th</sup>

Foundation Stage 1 and 2 Easter Bonnet Parade

27<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 art exhibition  
9.15 - 9.45 Kingfishers  
2.45 - 3.15 Eagles

28<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 art exhibition  
9.15 - 9.45 Woodpeckers

25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Dress up a hero of your choice

### April 2025

16<sup>th</sup>

Y1 Dress up as an animal day

25<sup>th</sup>

Yorkshire Sculpture Park trip

**Kingfishers – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.15 – 9.45**

**Eagles – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2.45 – 3.15**

**Woodpeckers – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Marh 9.15 – 9.45**

You will have the opportunity to see the children's art work, talk to them about how they created their pieces and have an insight into the skills and knowledge they are developing. Please join us if you are able to celebrate in the children's excellent work in the school hall, entry via the back of the school hall.

### **Second hand school 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](mailto: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 **967.7%** (**97.1%** 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 **0.74%** 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

The children have enjoyed making their Easter Bonnets for the parade in the making area. Many of the children have been keen to practice writing their name or initial sound this week to label their creations and drawings. We have also enjoyed mark making in flour and glitter this week, practicing some pre-writing shapes. We know many knew performance poems and have enjoyed practicing 'Pancakes', 'Popcorn' and 'Spring Wind'.

### Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

In Drawing Club this week, children have been immersed in the world of animation with Mr Benn as a Zookeeper. Many children have been writing sentences or captions for their word codes to bring their drawings alive.

All the classes have taken part in planting in the top yard and our tyre planters are looking lovely in the Spring sunshine. Children will be tending to them and there are lots of conversations around caring for them and growth. Children have enjoyed making Easter bonnets for the parade and are excited about showing them off.

Read Write Inc. assessments have taken place this week and children continue to make progress with their phonic knowledge.

### Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

**English** – We have designed our own dragon to plan for writing a fact file. We also used exclamation sentences to make our writing more exciting – remembering to use exclamation marks.

**Maths** – We have found half of quantities, a quarter of shapes and a quarter of quantities.

**Computing** – We have been using 'Scratch junior'

**RE** – We have learnt about parables which are stories that Jesus told to Christians. This week we have been thinking about how Jonah would have felt in the parable 'Jonah and the Big Fish'.

**PE** – Dance and net games.

**History** – We have discussed how people would be felt during the Great Fire of London in 1666.

**Geography** – We learned about how people celebrate St Patrick's Day.

**RHE** – we have discussed what makes us angry and how this feels

### Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

**English** – We have started writing up our under water fact file. This week, we have been writing about the appearance and applying conjunctions to our writing to make the sentences exciting.

**Maths** – measuring temperature in degrees celcius and volume in ml and l.

**RHE** – recognising when we feel angry and how we manage this emotion.

**DT** – We have designed our under water box with levers and sliders. We will be making these boxes on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Geography** - Using map symbols to design an ariel map.