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DORNEY SCHOOL



RESPECT * COLLABORATE * GROW
Headteacher: Mrs Lee

Newsletter 10th January 2025



Dear parents,

In case I missed you on the gate this week, I hope you had a good winter break and a great start to 2025. The children and staff have had a good first week back, and everyone looks refreshed and seem very positive about school.

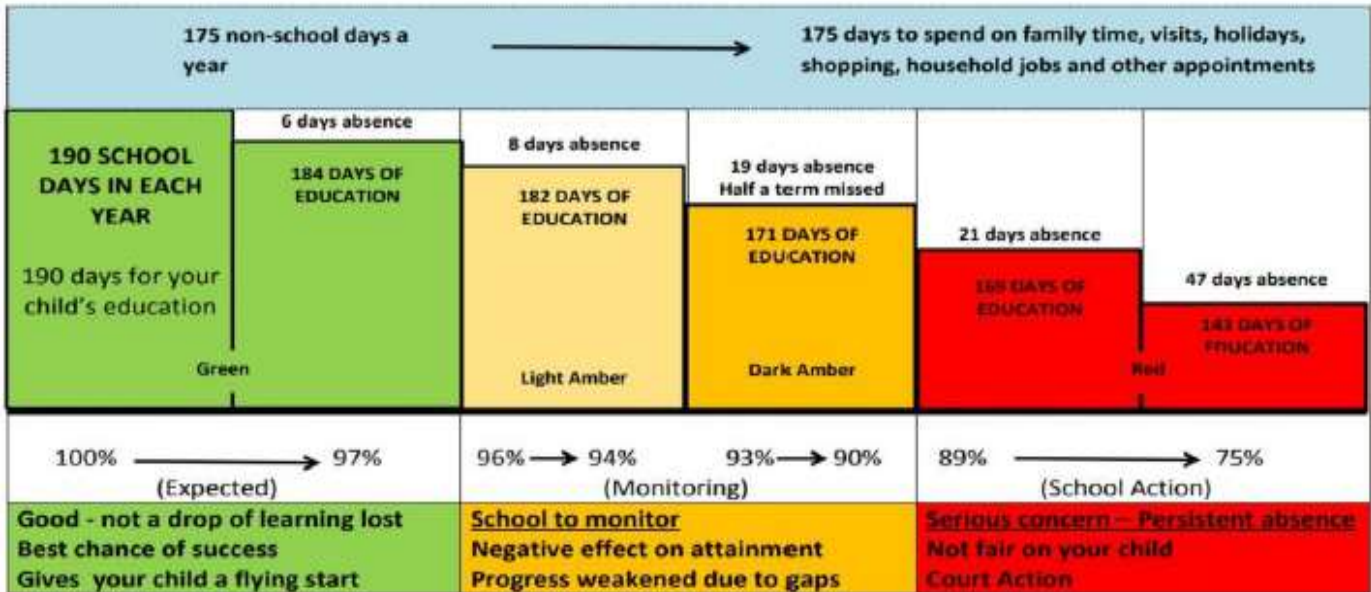
Thank you for being prompt when dropping or collecting your children. Being late does impact on children and staff. A reminder to park safely and off the school site unless it has been agreed with the school. Do use the village hall car park at the back of the school, and do remember to reduce your speed and be aware of children, and their families.

Attendance

The government is really focussed on attendance. Children whose attendance is less than 94% are flagged up as a concern by the local authority, especially if the absences are unauthorised or unexplained. Please do ensure you notify the school if your child is ill or if there is a family emergency. The school is obliged to contact you if we are concerned regarding your child's absence or period of absence. It is only in exceptional circumstances can absences be approved and parents are reminded not to book holidays in term time.



What percentage attendance means to your child in terms of lost learning



80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negative effects throughout their educational journey – resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education.

Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : The right to learn and go to school

Uniform

The children looked very smart this week. Thank you for ensuring your child is in the correct, agreed uniform. Any adjustments due to additional needs must be agreed with the school; do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. To check on the appropriate school uniform, do check this list:

Grey knee-length skirt or tunic

Grey tailored trousers (straight leg design)

White shirt and school tie or optional monogrammed white polo shirt (a tie is not required with the polo shirt).

Green cardigan/sweatshirt/jumper

White/grey socks or green/grey tights

Black school shoes. The wearing of platform, wedge, other elevated heels or trainers is not permitted

Monogrammed school fleece

Summer Term only

As above or

Green/white check dress.

P.E.

Green shorts/skirt.

Yellow t-shirt.

Trainers.

Plain dark coloured Tracksuit trousers and top.

Supporting Your Child at Home

You can find information, subject overviews and knowledge organisers on the school website. This is a good way to check on what your child learns at school, and as a way to support and discuss some of the topics they will be taught. Some parents have used this information to organise family activities and trips to museums, art galleries and even school holiday trips abroad. Information can be found in the curriculum tab <https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/curriculum/> and/or in each year group tab <https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/year-group-information/>

Do ask class teachers to signpost you on how to help your child at home. Most children benefit from a little pre-teaching or going over some key vocabulary. This usually makes learning in the classroom easier.

Defibrillator

The local Dorney community including the school has access to a defibrillator. This is located on the back wall of the Dorney Village Hall. This is for use in the case of an emergencies only, and only upon the instructions from the emergency services. Please take note of the code to access this piece of equipment – X123C. This code is not visible on the box to prevent vandalism and misuse. However, do be reassured that if you call the emergency services, they will provide the access code should this life saving machine be required.

Parents Coffee Sessions

We will be holding regular sessions for all parents to drop in and meet with the SENCO and/or senior leaders. Each meeting will focus on a topic or a theme where leaders will share information and answer general questions regarding the topic.

The next session is on **dyslexia and dyscalculia** in the school hall on **Tuesday 28th January 2025 10am – 11am**. There is no need to book. Please ensure you sign in at the school office.

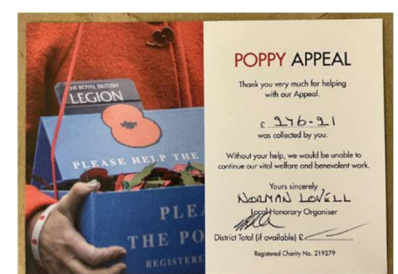
Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Sarah West from her maternity leave. To help Mrs West adjust back to school life, she will be more class based, but will also work alongside Mrs Headington as part of the SEN team. How lucky is Dorney school to have two fully qualified SENCOs this academic year?

Thank You

Well done to the **PTA** (and Mrs Whitrod) for a successful Christmas disco. This event (and the raffle) raised £1,073.85. Some of the amount raised by the PTA will be funding new musical instruments for in class music lessons, and new reading books to encourage all our children to read for pleasure.

We also received this lovely card from the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion.



Safeguarding

Screens in the Earliest Years - LGfL

We know that the early years is a time of phenomenal growth. Children are like sponges, soaking up stimuli around them and developing knowledge and new skills at an incredible rate. It is also a period that has a significant impact on the rest of an individual's life, with the foundations being laid for lifelong habits. Therefore, as parents and professionals we must think carefully about the input children receive in the early years, and more so than ever before, consider the role that online activity plays. The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has an article over on their site, examining the issue. If interested, please click the link below:

<https://safelog.lgfl.net/screensinearliestyears>

DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

All children have the right to grow up safe from harm. No child should suffer harm, either at home or at school. Everyone who works at Dorney School has a responsibility to make sure that all our young people are safe.

Any safeguarding concerns regarding a child at this school should be brought to the notice of the above named people.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher

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Who: Children aged 5 -11
When: Every Saturday Starting from 11th Jan 2025
Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Cost: Absolutely FREE!!!

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