

DORNEY SCHOOL



RESPECT * COLLABORATE * GROW
Headteacher: Mrs Lee

Harcourt Close, Dorney Reach
Maidenhead, SL6 0DY
Tel: 01628 620871
E-mail: office@dorneyschool.co.uk
Website: www.dorneyschool.co.uk

Newsletter 16th December 2024

Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe that this is the last newsletter of this calendar year. The next issue will be January 2025! Where has the time gone?

This is the busiest time in the school calendar as many events are held before Christmas. Thank you for all your support, help and suggestions – we cannot do what we do without partnership with parents.

Do take a look at the flyer attached with information regarding free virtual curriculum workshops for parents. You simply scan to book short sessions on helping your child with handwriting, reading, phonics, maths and other areas too. Sessions are relevant for parents of school aged children.

News Around the School



No words need to be said apart from amazing, warm, wonderful and just beautiful. Again, the hall was packed with parents, grandparents and family. Thank you to Mrs Whitrod, Mrs Paladugu, Mrs Van der Walt, Miss Farnborough, Mrs Dougherty, Mrs Kumar, Mrs Khakh, Mrs Minhas, staff and parents for your help and support. What a lovely way to end the calendar year.

Santa Fun Run

Oh, we had so much fun at the Santa Fun Run! Thank you to Bill Richards from the Florence Nightingale hospice in Aylesbury who talked about the work the nurses do at the hospice and how vital our support is. The charity requires £4 million pounds a year to ensure they are able to offer palliative care to very ill patients. We raised £325. Thank you so much for your support and to all parent and grandparent marshals, and everyone who ran along with the children. The little things that we can do to help others are the most beautiful gifts at Christmas.





SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended the SEND coffee morning with Mrs Headington. There were some super suggestions and a useful discussion. All parents are invited for this monthly short session. We promise coffee (or other beverages) and biscuits, and also the chance to learn more about topics such as Special Educational Needs at school, Autism (ASD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), children's emotional health, and other related topics. Each session will focus on sharing information on a specific topic. Dates will be shared in January.



Christmas Unwrapped at St James The Less Church, Year 4



The children walked to church and back, and came back so positive about what they learned and did at the church. This yearly event explains the Christmas story, and the importance of Christmas to Christians. I am not surprised that the highlight for many children was decorating and eating some delicious cookies at church. Thank you to staff and the team at the church for organising this trip.



Pets at Christmas

The children attended a fantastic webinar on Pets at Christmas organised by Blue Cross animal refuge and charity. They learnt about how to keep your pets happy, safe and comfortable over an exciting, and merry season. They learnt about how to reduce the levels of music and noise which may scare pets, and the kinds of treats that can have over the Christmas, and the safety of Christmas lights and decorations.



Football Match between Dorney and Lent Rise Friday 6th December 2024



Christmas Disco

Friday evening was the PTA organised disco for pupils in Reception and KS1 and a separate one for KS2. Thank you to all staff who helped out and to the PTA who have organised and helped during these events. I am sure the children had so much fun.



Treats for All Children and Staff – Mufti Day Tomorrow – Tuesday 17th December 2024

All pupils may come in non-school uniform tomorrow, **Tuesday 17th December 2024** for collecting enough Dojo points as a school. Dojo points are earned by all pupils for demonstrating the school values. Instead of being a personal or class competition, all pupils are encouraged to reflect and think about school values, their behaviour and being kind. The treats were decided by the school council and I know that the children are all looking forward to this.

This term the school council has decided that all pupils are treated to s'mores on an open fire organised by Mrs Hughes as part of Forest School. A s'more is a confection consisting of toasted marshmallow and chocolate sandwiched between two pieces of cracker. Vegetarian s'mores will be provided for pupils with dietary requirements. Do let class teachers know if you do not wish your child to participate.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18th December 2024

Pupils may come in party clothes and Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 18th December 2024 for our annual Christmas lunch at school. Do provide your child with a Christmas cracker to add to the fun of the event.

You Are Invited to Carol Singing Thursday 19th December 2024

We hope that you can join us on Thursday 19th December 2024 for the carol singing in the school playground at **2.15pm** Do wait by the playground gate to the car park. Parents who attend may take their children home after the event at usual classroom doors.

Safeguarding

As we head towards an exciting time of year, let us all spend some time thinking and saying a prayer for Sara Sharif, the little girl whose life was cruelly ended by the people who should have loved, cared and nurtured her. Let us hold our children closer, and reflect on how blessed we are to have warm, loving and safe relationships. Do raise any concerns promptly to class teachers who will be able to help and/or reassure you as necessary.



May each family be blessed with love and joy this season, and may peace spread from each one of us and to every family here and across the world. May our children be beacons of hope today, tomorrow and for the future. Wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher

Celebrating Significant Achievements

Awesome writing Sophia (Year 2)! We have our fingers crossed for you!

“Congratulations! We’re pleased to say that the following made it through to the next stage of BBC 500 Words:



- Moving to Mexico
by Sophia Mahomed on 07/11/2024

We received tens of thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. You should be very proud!"

Amazing writing Maia (Year 3)! Best of luck!

"Congratulations! We're pleased to say that the following made it through to the next stage of 500 Words:

- The Competition
by Maia Duncan on 08/11/2024

We received tens of thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. You should be very proud!"



Week Commencing 9th December 2024

Reception

Libby for her kindness to everyone in the classroom
Noah for working hard on his sounds and reading

Year 1

Amelia for her great writing about the nativity!

Year 2

Brettly for saying his lines clearly and confidently in rehearsals for Christmas Production
Tate for showing an amazing effort in Maths when subtracting one-digit number from two-digit number

Year 3

Rose for writing some fantastic sentences about our big question in RE this week
Gianna for some fab work in PSHE this week talking about different families

Year 4

Humza for creating a wonderful model of the water cycle
Freya for fantastic effort across all subjects and showing great kindness

Year 5

Jack-Arthur for super Maths learning about fractions this week



Alfie for excellent writing of a setting description during English – Well Done!

Year 6

Zach D for his efforts in writing and thinking deeply about the characters

Oscar for his excellent efforts in Maths! I am really impressed with you, keep it up!

Week Commencing 16th December 2024

Reception

Harry for amazing singing in our nativity – all words and actions!

Millie for fantastic writing using her phonics to spell words

Year 1

Scarlett for her kindness to others and being helpful in the classroom

Year 2

Whole of Year 2 for making a fantastic effort in our Christmas Production to make it truly special

Year 3

Annabel for always making good choices inside and outside of the classroom

Freddie for writing a fantastic brochure in English this week

Year 4

Millan for working hard to learn your timetables and great effort in Maths

Monroe for polite and kind manners and working hard to learn your timetables

Year 5

Tonya for super effort and focus in Maths

Lucy-Jane for super progress with your reading skills

Year 6

Casey for excellent writing in English and use of impressive vocabulary. Well Done!

Maryam for contributions to class discussions and focus in class. Well Done!

