

# DORNEY SCHOOL



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Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what is often known as the Christmas term. All systems go at school, so do look out for notices of events and make sure you save the diary dates further down in this newsletter.

**We start off with key reminders:**

## School Attendance

The government is very much focused on school absence. The target is 96% for every child unless there are unavoidable circumstances. No school can authorise absence unless these are emergencies, and no absence can be approved for holidays or family events. Do take a look at our attendance policy on the school website.

## Uniform

Thank you for making sure your child adheres to the uniform policy. At assembly this week, I thanked all pupils for looking neat and smart. Pupils must not wear any jewellery unless it is specified/required in their religion. Any religious jewellery must be discrete and adhere to safety standards. Pupils may wear small, discrete stud earrings only – no hoop earrings are permitted. Hair must be tied back if longer than shoulder length.

Please supply your child with a pair of named wellington boots as all pupils enjoy Forest School or outdoor experiences each week. It would be a shame to damage their smart school shoes.

## Parking

Please DO NOT park in the staff car park unless authorised. If you are dropping off your child for breakfast club **before** 8am, please park safely in one of the bays. Thank you for using the car park at the back of the school and parking considerately in the local area.

## SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of those who attended the SEN Coffee Morning on 15<sup>th</sup> October. Some really good ideas were suggested by parents. One of them being a drop in or workshop for parents on how to support your child with IT, especially for home learning. We will be running some IT drop ins after school (date to be confirmed) so you can try out the programmes yourselves and get some support if needed.



Another idea was to ensure that there is raised awareness of neurodiversity and SEN. Parents felt that more could be done in whole school assemblies and children, staff and parents may be encouraged to share their personal experiences, if they wish. Within school we already do work around this area in PSHE and some assemblies. We have had speakers and visitors in to highlight the barriers and successes they have experienced. We know we can do better, and will aim to have at least one assembly each half-term with a focus on neurodiversity, additional needs of disability.

We will confirm more dates for SEND coffee mornings – do look out for these.

We would also like to signpost all parents to <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/parents-resources> There are a lot of free resources and advice on topics such as smart phones, eating issues, anxiety, ASD, ADHD. So much really useful and relevant information.

### Congratulations

The council’s transport team wishes to congratulate our pupils and the school on their effort to promote active travel to school. The quote and table below are truly things we must celebrate. Thank you, parents, for your support and let us keep up this momentum.

“The top 5 schools in this section are separated by only 9% participation! Well done to Dorney School engaging their pupils in WOW with 94% participation.”

Kat Gardner  
Schools’ Sustainable Transport Officer

Communities Directorate

School	Engagement
Dorney School	94%
Elangeni School	90%
Marlow Church of England Infant School	87%
Little Chalfont Primary School	85%
Holmer Green First School and Pre-School	85%

Our school would also like to congratulate Alfie (Year 5) in achieving Silver and Bronze at a regional gymnastics’ competition. Amazing!

### Road Safety Campaign

The school promotes sustainable travel and road safety at every opportunity. In the last half term during our campaign of Be Bright, Be Seen, many pupils created posters and stories. Below are Sian’s in Year 4



## Parents Visit 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Thank you for dropping for the termly open afternoon where all parents are welcomed and encouraged to look at their child's work, and walk around the school site.



## Year 4 Treat Day

Year 4 had an exciting treat this week! They have worked hard to fill their star jar in class and to celebrate this achievement they baked cookies with Mrs Maguire and Lynn (Mrs Wilson's Mum!) After collecting eggs from our school chickens, they washed their hands, measured ingredients, read instructions and baked enough for one cookie each and some for the staff too. Us teachers certainly appreciated the smell of cookies baking in the staff room! In the afternoon the children enjoyed their cookies and they are looking forward to their next treat. Well done year 4! Keep collecting those compliments.



Next week we have some exciting events such as Multi-faith Day, an audience with an author and a Remembrance Assembly too. I cannot wait to share these with you.

## Safeguarding

**DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM**

Mrs. [Name]	Mrs. [Name]	Mrs. [Name]	Mrs. [Name]

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 or this report should be brought to the notice of the above named people.



## Dates For Your Diary

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 5pm – 7pm PTA Fireworks Night**

13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 10am – 11am Open Event

**19<sup>th</sup> November till 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Book Fair (more information to follow)**

20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 1.30pm – 2.30pm Open Event

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 10am – 11am SEN Coffee Morning for Parents**

13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 9.15am R/Y1/Y2 Nativity Play for R/Y1/Y2 Parents

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 3.45pm – 5.15pm KS1/ 5.15pm – 6.30pm PTA School Disco**

18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – School Christmas Lunch (more information to follow)

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Jumper Day/Class Christmas Parties/2.15pm Christmas Carol Concert for all Parents (more information to follow)**

In the meantime, enjoy the weekend and I hope to see many of you at Fireworks Night on Saturday. Do ensure you have a ticket or you will not be permitted to attend.

Mrs Sharifah Lee  
Headteacher



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Hi my name is Laura

I Run Pop Up Play Maidenhead and Marlow

I have just been asked to host role play sessions on Friday mornings at Dorney village Hall for families

This month is dinovember so all the fun of the role play village with the extra experience of dinosaurs

To bring the local community together and give the children the opportunity to develop their social and emotional development through these sessions

