

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,



A little reminder that next week is "Be Bright Be Seen" week. It comes just before half term, the clocks changing and the return to the wintry dark evenings. Children will be encouraged to think road safety during the winter months.

Year 4 Trip to Eton College



On Wednesday, Year 4 had an exciting visit to Eton College to see the Egyptian Collection at the Museum of Antiquities. Saskia, our Egyptian expert, taught us about mummification and let us hold replica artefacts. We took part in a code breaking exercise, a Gods' pairs game and drew three things we would take to the afterlife if we were an Egyptian. The class behaved beautifully and tried hard to answer some very tricky questions. I was very proud to take them on this trip!



PTA

Dear Parents,

On Friday 25th October the children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donation to the Rainbow Raffle Hampers. Tickets for these hampers will be sold prior to and at the PTA fireworks events. **Please see separately attached poster** for your child's class and colour suggestions - please do be inventive with the colour prizes as it makes the hampers much more exciting.

Thank you
Dorney School PTA



Year 6 Buddies Programme

Our Year 6 pupils buddy up with our youngest children at school. They offer support, nurture care during shared playtimes but also visit them in their classrooms to support them in play and activities such as reading. Buddies are the best role models and older siblings to our Reception and Year 1. You can also just about notice the brand-new playground markings that PTA funded through events that parents continue to support. The cost of the markings was £8000.



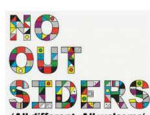
Parents Workshops



We have had a range of parents' workshops and meetings at school. This has included English, Maths, SEND, EYFS, and Open events. Thank you for attending these workshops and we look forward to your feedback.

Gardening Club

Thank you, Miss Semplis, for leading Gardening Club and encouraging all pupils at school to engage with gardening and love for the outdoors. Do take a look around the school and see the different things that grow each season.





We would like all children to engage in our outdoor programme of Gardening and Forest School no matter the weather. Please supply your child with a pair of named wellington boots in a plastic bag which will be kept at school. They will be returned at the end of the school year, or we would be thrilled if they could be donated to the school so that we will always have a supply.

'Thank You' Tesco




Multiple grants meant that we have established the Cosy Cabin (used every day and organised by Miss Farnborough)– our outdoor reading space and calm area. We were also able to develop our fantastic nature garden, and wildlife pond for all children to enjoy, and access led by Miss Semplis.




Behaviour in the Park


It is unfortunate that we have received multiple concerns by members of the public and some parents regarding the behaviour of some pupils in the park next to our school. PCSO Angela has been in touch with the school too due to concerns regarding children who are not supervised by adults. This is a safeguarding risk. Please ensure that your children are fully supervised and are reminded to be kind and to refrain from inappropriate language. The children are identifiable by their school uniform. Thank you for your support in this.


Safeguarding




DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM




Mrs. Smith


Mrs. Farnborough


Mrs. Semplis


Mrs. Moore

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.



Dates For Your Diary

Book Look for parents – **Wednesday 23rd October 2024** at 3.15pm

Flu Vaccination for all year groups – **Friday 25th October 2024** – please refer to a parentmail

PTA Rainbow Raffle Mufti – **Friday 25th October 2024** – please refer to poster attached in the parentmail

Half Term – **28th October to 1st November 2024**

Teacher/Parent Consultation Day – **Monday 4th November 2024** – the SchoolCloud system is now opened and will close **today, Friday 18th October 2024 at 3pm**. Please refer to parentmail sent.

School opens to children **Tuesday 5th November 2024**

One more week before the half-term. Do encourage your child to participate in the sponsored read so that we can purchase quality reading text books for every child. I hope the weather remains mild, and that the whole family get to enjoy the beautiful autumn landscape that surrounds us.

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



Reception

Wilbur for amazing work blending in Phonics

Ravneet for working hard on her handwriting – neat letters on the line

Year 1

Scarlett for amazing effort in home learning

Year 2

Zeb for retrieving the information accurately to answer the question in Guided Reading

Avaani for always trying her best at everything, she does and takes all advices on board to complete the task to high standards

Year 3

Imogen for continued effort and focus in the classroom, keep it up!

Nikhil for writing two fantastic adverts based on our book, Nen and The Lonely Fisherman

Year 4

Haider for working hard in all lessons and especially Science – Well Done!

Arlo for working hard to understand addition and being a polite classmate



Year 5

All of Y5 for an excellent Harvest Assembly! Well Done!

Year 6

Fatima for her fantastic English work and using a range of punctuation
Joshua for super English work and for using vocabulary for effect

Alexander Devine's Santa Dash is back for 2024!



This year we are bringing our Santa Dash back to the iconic Windsor route to celebrate the most won-
DEER-ful time of the year and we'd love your help in making this our biggest and best Santa Dash yet!

To support your local children's hospice, and be part of this incredible event, you can find lots of quick and easy resources to download and share with your school community here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RP3v-Riz_QqTmf9M-Qj3CSKqKOIOraHh?usp=drive_link

Thank you so much for all your support and we hope to see you on Sunday 1st December!

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We are trying to raise awareness about our ncfefcache | cache School Support courses, to parents and carers in your area. There is a huge push from the government to get people back into work and **we have full funding for from the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency) in your area!**

Our ncfefcache certificated courses are aimed to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work, or change career, that fits in with their families. Our online webinars are run with full tutor support, within term times only and within school hours, making this more accessible to learners with children.

Any parent or carer who wishes to take this opportunity has a deadline to complete their enrolment application. After they have enrolled, we will send them two initial assessments in English and Maths, which determines the level they start on (available levels 1,2 & 3). We want to ensure they have enough time to complete this, as **the deadline to enrol is by 5th November**. We start on 11th November and will be running this course for 6 weeks.

