

DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher Association



- Amazing group
- All parents are automatically members
- Organises events for vital fundraising
- Vacancies for roles or general help
- Can you offer additional help for events?
- They need you. We need you!
- Infrequent meetings and meetings are mainly virtual
- Get in touch:
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- Would be amazing to get parents from underrepresented groups

The PTA needs you! There are currently four members who organise mainly three fundraising events across the year, and a few supplementary events such as bake sales. Without additional helpers, this group is finding it harder to achieve their goals. Do come for an initial meeting on Thursday 3rd October, 6-7pm, in the school hall. You may park your car in any available spaces in the staff car park, and refreshments will be available.

The PTA has also organised a Bags2School on the same day. Do bring black bin bags full of unwanted clothes that will be sold for cash to fund projects at school. Details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

One of the projects the PTA has funded recently are the new bright and colourful playground markings. It is a joy to observe all children having fun at playtimes and lunchtimes!

Attendance

All schools in England have been asked to monitor and alert the DfE and the local authority of children with poor attendance or persistent absence. Schools are no longer permitted to authorise any leave of absence unless due to illness, an unavoidable medical appointment or exceptional circumstances such as bereavement. We ask that parents help us by making appointments outside of school hours if possible, and



to send us an appointment card or screenshot of any medical appointments that happen during the school day. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

School Ambassadors



Mahi, Romilly, Fatima, Abbey, Aaryan, Phoebe

Next week, we will post our new School Council Team.

School Travel Plan

It is nice to be noticed for the things we do well at school! The local authority sent the message below to all schools in Buckinghamshire. Do look out for the notice board at the back of the school. You can also take a look at what we do on the school website <https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/school-travel-plan/>

Dorney school has shared their noticeboard

They have already updated this a couple of times already this term - Sophie Bannister has done amazing and has said 'it's definitely a "work in progress" project.

The first change was to update the noticeboard with their new term's initiatives - including the walk to school map, TravelWise Week and Cycle September posters.

The second change has updated the posters to Cycle to School week and included a small selection of TWW pledges and completed trails for families to see. They have also adjusted the 5-minute walk to school map so that it shows a good place for Park and Stride to start and some car parks for families wishing to walk from further afield.



Open Event



The next open event is on Thursday 10th October 2024 at 1.30pm. Do spread the word to family and friends, or come and join us for a tour around the school.

Data Collection Sheets

An urgent reminder to send back the data collection sheets including the Parking promise and Home School agreement.

Harvest Festival Donations

As part of the school's harvest celebrations, we will be welcoming Farmer William Emmet for a special assembly on Monday. He will be talking about the importance of local farming and sustainability.

We would like to start collecting food donations for Slough foodbank. If you are able to donate any spare cans/packets of dried food, baby diapers and regular household toiletries for the collection, please bring them in to school by **Monday 7th October 2024**.

This is always the time of year when we reflect on how lucky we are with the bounty we have. It is also a time where we consider how we can share our bounty with families who may not be as lucky.

Dates For Your Diary

Y1-Y6 English Curriculum Workshop for Parents – Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 9.15am – please come through the side gate next to the nature garden, a member of a staff will open the gate at 9am

EYFS English Curriculum Workshop for Parents – Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 10am - please come through the side gate next to the nature garden, a member of a staff will open the gate at 9.50am

Y5 Harvest Assembly for Y5 Parents – Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 9am - please come through the side gate next to the nature garden, a member of a staff will open the gate at 8.50am

EYFS – Maidenhead Advertiser Whole Class 1st Day Photograph – Friday 11th October 2024

The Kids Lunch Company Taster Session for Parents – Friday 11th October 2024 – back gate will open at 3pm to welcome the parents to taste a variety of the amazing sandwiches that The Kids Lunch Company has to offer. Please come along and help yourselves.

SEN Coffee Morning for Parents with Mrs Headington – Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 10am. Please come via the school office if you wish to attend.

Y1-Y6 Maths Curriculum Workshop for Parents – Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 9.15am – please come through the side gate next to the nature garden, a member of a staff will open the gate at 9am

EYFS Maths Curriculum Workshop for Parents – Thursday 17th October 2024 at 10am - please come through the side gate next to the nature garden, a member of a staff will open the gate at 9.50am



Flu Vaccination for all year groups – **Friday 25th October 2024** – please refer to a parentmail
Half Term – 28th October to 1st November 2024
Teacher/Parent Consultation Day – Monday 4th November 2024 – more information how to book will be sent to parents next week
School opens to children **Tuesday 5th November 2024**



Safeguarding

This is a great resource for all parents as the internet and cyberspace are minefields <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/digital-parenting-order-form/>



Today, your child will take home a really useful guide for parents of children of all ages with super suggestions on cyber safety. Do make sure to take a look.

Can You Help Us?

We need donations of children's wellies (wellington boots) of all sizes so that many more children can participate in outdoor learning and Forest School. Do send these either with your child or through the school office.

Best Wishes for the week ahead

Mrs Sharifah Lee
Headteacher



Reception

Cleo who has impressed all the staff with her amazing Maths skills, Well Done!
Shiloh for his impressive concentration and handwriting in phonics. Well Done!

Year 1

Santino for his kindness to others and encouraging others to join in your games.

Year 2

Alma for always applying her phonics knowledge to spell correctly during writing activities.
Karam for putting an outstanding effort to improve his handwriting.

Year 3



Simran for writing amazing sentences in English using expanded noun phrases and continuing to have beautiful presentation in her book.

Leo for being a maths superstar this week partitioning numbers to 1000.

Year 4

Rex for volunteering answers in Maths and working hard on partitioning numbers, and being polite.

Florence for your sunny disposition cheering all those around you and your contributions in class when classifying animals.

Year 5

Matthew for amazing writing in English using expanded noun phrases.

Arvin for great thinking and answers during Guided Reading and English.

Year 6

Percy for his excellent contribution to class, especially in Geography.

Abbey for supporting her peers and her excellent English work this week.

PTA FUNDRAISING COLLECTION

Thursday 3rd October
Village Hall car park
Drop off anytime 8-9am

Hi all, time for a clear out!

We will be doing a Bag2School collection on **Thursday 3rd October 2024** (next Thursday). Please drop off as many bags as you can fill! Full information on this poster. Just leave by village hall doors if you use breakfast club but from about 8am some PTA members will be around to leave it with. The more we collect the more £ we raise for school equipment for the children.

See poster for full information on what items you can donate.

Thank you in advance for all your support

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