

Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter

'Forward Together'

What's gone... 21st - 25th September Star of the Week

Year 1	Sophie Leechman
Year 2	Ekam Sidhu
Year 3	Arua Brown
Year 4	James Emerson
Year 5	Amiee Lundy
Year 6	Thomas Taylor


Head Teacher's Award
Charlotte Cole


Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Red	Y5 & Y6 99%	 96.1%

Dame Dorothy V Grange Park Dame Dorothy V St Patricks

Last night DDPS began their football league campaign with a brace of victories! Two confident displays by our 7 saw us defeat local rivals Grange Park and league new boys St. Patricks. Our first game was our local derby with Grange Park and the traffic was definitely one way! Whilst Thomas, our keeper, had the game off without a save to make, our strikers were very busy peppering the opposition goal with several shots. However, we got our just rewards with an excellent victory.

The second game we took on St. Patricks who are new to the league after many seasons not taking part. They showed some promise by taking an early lead when a defensive lapse led to a one on one with our keeper, and although the initial shot was blocked the follow up was slotted home.

Not to be outdone, DDPS stepped it up a gear and were soon on level terms with an excellent strike by Thexton.

We then took control with another two quick fire goals and saw out the game without our keeper being forced into another save. All in all, a great start to the league— we are top! Well done to all the squad!

Mr T

We are delighted to unveil the new Dame Dorothy football kit for the new season which we think looks extremely smart indeed.

A big thank you goes to our shirt sponsors 'Intelex' for kindly providing funding for our strips and kit bags.

A very generous gesture and one that is greatly appreciated by all of us at Dame Dorothy.



Remember:
Inset day on 28th

September
School closed—

E-Safety for parents. Keeping children safe in the virtual world is one of the biggest challenges school and parents face today. In many cases our children know far more than we do about the very latest form of social media. In order to help you understand better about ways in which we can keep our children safe we have published a guide on our school website with some useful tips and advice. Please take a moment or two to have a look and consider just how safe your own children are.



REMINDERS TO PARENTS:

Term time holidays cannot be authorised by school and should be avoided. In certain cases fines may and can be issued.

Dinner money needs to be paid each Monday for the coming week.
It can also be paid online, see link on school website.

INSET Days: New Inset days for the 2015/16 academic year as follows:
Monday 28th September 2015 ;
Monday 25th January; Monday 20th June 2016.

Year 2 and Year 5 enjoyed a visit from the fire service yesterday to learn about fire safety. Olivia in year 2 said she had learnt that smoke alarms were very important in case there was a fire in her home. The whole class recited the phrase Get Out! Stay Out! to remind us never to go back



into a building which is on fire.

We always teach our children about how to keep themselves safe in different situations and in this session the children learnt a great deal.

We even had a chance to try on the fire safety uniform!



Tuesday morning this week saw the first coaching visit from the Durham Cathedral Outreach programme. Mrs. Ireland was very proud of Year 5 and the choir members, as they listened carefully and tried their very best. Some of the music was challenging, but everyone gave it their best go! They've got two short months until the final concert and lots of words to learn - including one song in Latin! Family members can help the children to learn words - why not start with the Lambton Worm? Watch a video from this rehearsal on our Facebook page.

Our newly formed school council will be playing host next Friday to their counterparts from St John Boste. The purpose of the exchange is to give the school council an opportunity to showcase to other children what they are really proud of at Dame Dorothy and organise a tour of our building as well as sitting down to have lunch together. Our councillors will have a similar opportunity at our other partner school Springwell during November.

What's on... 28th September - 2nd October

Year 5 and Y6 have been offered the chance to learn to play ukulele. The lessons cost £10. Please return your forms by Tuesday 29th September. It might be possible to set up two separate groups to accommodate more children.

Year 5 and 6 will be swimming this half term, Year 3 and 4 will begin after half term. Please note swimming can only continue with the support of parents/carers walking with the children to and from the Aquatic centre. Please contact the office if you can help.

The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burdon.

The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Maughan. Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.

Diary Dates

- 28.09 INSET Day—School closed, Day care open
- 9.10 Y6 @ Monkwearmouth School
- 26.10 Half Term holiday
- 02.11 Children return to school
- 09.11 Parents Evening by appointment

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