

Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter

What's gone... 23rd - 27th November

Remember, our whole school target is above 95%.

Star of the Week

Year 1	Jessica Zheng
Year 2	Aimee-Leigh Johnson
Year 3	Lana Chapman
Year 4	Daniel Harrison
Year 5	Mary Ellis
Year 6	Bethan Parkin



Head Teacher's Award
Thomas Taylor & Jonathon Crooks



House Group Winners!	Best Class Attendance	Whole School Attendance
Red	Y3 100%	91.1% 



Open Homework:

The quality of the Open Homework being returned in year 5 & 6 is simply staggering. Well Done to Jonathan for his Eden Camp inspired effort and to Thomas (and his grandad) for their model. Simply brilliant! Looking forward to showing off more examples over the coming weeks.



London Trip

To see a photograph of our very own children standing outside the door of the Prime Minister in Downing Street was a 'wow' moment. I'm sure most of year 6 children would probably pinpoint their Harry Potter World visit as being the stand out memory but to get to walk along to Number 10 is very special indeed. This week's newsletter is a 'London Special' and I'm looking forward to seeing that. The children deserve enormous credit for their behaviour over both days and I hope the memories of their visit will be special ones that stay with them forever. Enormous thanks to the staff who accompanied the children, an enormous undertaking, Mrs Maughan and Mr Byers. Kev Foster who organised everything with military precision and lastly but most certainly not least Mrs Champion whose boundless drive and energy made this become a reality.

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.
- Please ensure you child has PE or swimming kit at school on the day of their lesson. PE is a statutory subject which requires every child to participate every week. Please support us in achieving this.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE CHOIR IN THE CATHEDRAL

Let's give Year 5 and the other choir members, who took part in the concert on Wednesday, a huge pat on the back. The cathedral is huge and an intimidating place to perform, but the children took all this (and a stone pillar) in their stride. The morning rehearsal was long and intense, but their concentration levels did not drop. After a lunch break and a quick tour of the building, it was time for the concert. The sound made by the children together with the choristers was spine tingling - Starlight was a highlight and Tantum Ergo (sung in Latin) was amazing! The children and staff were delighted to see family and friends in the audience to support them. It was wonderful for the children to have an opportunity to sing in this Inspiring building- an experience that should stay in their memories for many years. "Magnum opus quisque" - great work everyone!



Shoe Box Appeal: Thank you so much for your kindness. The boxes are ready to go and hopefully make some young people less fortunate than ourselves very happy.

What's on... 30th November - 4th December

Lego: The Year 6 Lego Team are off on Thursday to do robot battle with other schools from the north east. Good luck to them all

Christmas: It's hard to believe but we are fast approaching Christmas again. Christmas party days are being finalised now but there are already some dates set down for Panto, choir and concerts (see the bottom of our newsletter for more dates).

Pantomime: This year's panto is Alice in Wonderland on 16th December. The cost for the panto is £8.00, can this please be paid by Friday the 4th. The full price of the tickets would be £11.00 each but it is being subsidised by £3.00 per child from PTA fundraising activities. The children are likely to be late back to school, a text will be sent out to all parents once they are on their way.

As in previous years the children cannot be collected from the bus, they need to come into school and be collected from the school hall. Thank you.

Can we request that parents/carers DO NOT park in the Springtide Cove car park. These spaces are allocated to their residents. Thank you.

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.

- 30.11 Y1-6 Flu & Nasal Spray
- 03.12 Y6 Lego Tournament
- 05.12 Choir Event @ St Peter's 6pm
- 08.12 Swimming Gala Event
- 10.12 Christmas Lunch
- 11.12 Christmas Fayre (2:30pm)
- 14.12 Christmas Concert (4pm)
- 16.12 Panto @ Customs House
- 17.12 Christingle @ St Peter's 10am
- **18.12 Finish 2pm**