

Dame Dorothy Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

What's gone 11th - 15th September

Star of the Week

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| Year 1 | Charlotte |
| Year 2 | Carter |
| Year 3 | Logan |
| Year 4 | Jai |
| Year 5 | Tia |
| Year 6 | James E |

Weekly Attendance League Table

😊 = 100% class attendance
:green smiley face: = best class attendance (not 100%)

| Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
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| :green smiley face: | | | | | |



| Best Class Attendance | Whole School Attendance |
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| Year 1 99.1% | 96.4%  |

St Peter's Youth & Community Group Launch: The launch event on Monday night for the St Peter's Youth & Community Group was met with torrential rain which dampened proceedings as well as the brave people who turned up. Nevertheless, it was still very pleasing to see so many of the groups from our community turnout to show what they can offer both young people and adults. At the heart of this launch is the ambition to redevelop the caretaker's house which has stood empty for many years now. The outcome we are working towards is that the building can be used by the school to support pupils, parents, cookery clubs, training and learning partnerships to name but a few. In the evening when the children are all off site it can be utilised by the local youth groups for training, educational or social purposes. This initiative will be funded externally through securing funding out there and will benefit the children at Dame Dorothy now and in the years after they leave. We will keep you posted with developments over the coming months.



Swimming: Swimming has started again this week. It's the turn of Year 5 & 6 to walk across to the Aquatic Centre for their lessons and as always any family members who can come along to help with walking responsibilities will be welcomed. We very strongly believe that we should offer swimming lessons to our younger children and year 3 and 4 will have their turn after half term. We ask for a donation of £1.50 per lesson to cover some of the cost and in times of restricted budgets that is appreciated very much indeed. You may have also read in the paper that the Aquatic Centre is closing for urgent repair work—at present we are still awaiting confirmation about when that will happen.



Great North Run: Well done to our very own Mr Byers who completed the GNR in a very decent time of 1 hour 51 minutes. Congratulations also to Mr Lavender and Mr Bramley who completed the race. At the moment we are yet to hear of a parent who completed the run quicker than Mr Byers. Surely, there must be one parent at Dame Dorothy who posted a faster time?



Standing Messages: 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 on Monday for the week coming.

Please ensure your 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 in every week. Please support us in achieving this.

Y3 Broom House Farm: On Wednesday, Y3 went on their first visit to Broom House Farm. It was a bit chilly but it stayed dry. It's a good job we had our wellies on - it was so muddy! It was brilliant when we got to hold the hens and collect the eggs. They really loved being cuddled! And Dave the giant pig gave us a huge shock when he jumped up on the railings - he was getting excited as he thought we had food for him!



We had so much fun and can't wait to return in the Spring season - I wonder whether we'll be lucky enough to see any animals being born like we did last year!



Running Club is Back!: The ever popular running club resumed this week for children in year 2 upwards. The format is very simple we encourage the children to run at a steady comfortable pace for ten minutes and record how many laps they run. We then have a one minute rest before finishing with a sprint lap and encourage each child to better their previous time. For those who attend regularly and show great attitude and commitment there is the chance to be awarded with one of our much sought after running club T-shirts.



What's on

Meet the New Teacher Evening: We will be hosting an opportunity for parents to come along together to each class to find out what they will be teaching the children in their year groups. This will include learning about the objectives for reading, writing, grammar, spelling, punctuation and maths and how you can best support your child at home. We will put on two sessions on Monday 25th September. The first session will start at 3:30 and run to 4pm and the second session from 4:05 to 4:35pm to allow parents with siblings to attend both year groups. Reception class will hold their session with parents from 2:45pm.

Diary Dates:

19.09 Year 3 @ Sea Front on the Culture Trail
19.09 Year 6 @ The Word
21.09 Year 4 @ Beamish
25.09 Parent Meet the Teacher Session
29.09 Year 1 @ Dinosaur Kingdom
02.10 & 03.10 Year 6 @ Lambton Estate (half class each trip)

The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Burdon. The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Pearson. Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.