

Dame Dorothy Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

4th - 7th September

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Welcome Back: A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families for the new academic year at Dame Dorothy Primary. For once the summer weather has been kind to us and I hope you have all managed to make the most of the conditions to get out and about over the past six weeks.

Our return marks the 50th anniversary of the school opening way back in September 1968 and the children have spent the first week researching the history of each decade since the school opened up until present day. In fact when the school was first opened it was called Dame Dorothy Street School although I'm not sure when the 'Street' was dropped to be replaced with 'Primary'.

It has been a very busy summer in school as I'm sure many of you would have noted the scaffolding around the building and the workmen on the roof. Unfortunately, the process of replacing our old roof did not go smoothly and Mr Byers returned to school from holiday to find the year 1 and 5 classrooms underwater and all furniture and equipment ruined. Since that point Mr Byers, governors and the housekeeping team have worked tirelessly to ensure that school could re-open as normal this week with as little disruption as possible to the children. Many thanks to them all for doing such an amazing job.

There will be more information and updates about our 50th celebrations to follow but in the meanwhile if you do have old school photos of life here at Dame Dot we would love to see them.

Welcome back properly to Mrs Tweedy following her maternity leave and two new face to welcome is Mr McDougall who is our new Sports Apprentice and Miss Ramsey who is our Day Care apprentice.

Remember to check our website and Facebook page for all the latest information about life in school and please ensure that your contact details are up to date so that we can communicate with families personally.

Key Timetables:

Year Groups	PE	Swimming £1.50 per ses- sion	Library	Homework Out	Homework returned
Nursery	Friday			Friday	Wednesday
Reception	Monday			Friday	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday		Friday	Friday	Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday	Monday: After half term	Thursday	Friday	Monday
Year 4	Monday	Friday: After half term	Tuesday	Various days	Various days
Year 5	Thursday	Monday: Until half term	Wednesday	Friday (spellings or Literacy) (Mon-Thurs daily mental maths)	Monday
Year 6	Wednesday	Friday: Until half term	To be decided	Every Day	

Attendance: Good attendance in school is vital for your child's academic progress. School strongly urges parents to avoid taking term time holidays and for parents to ensure that children arrive in school on time at 8:45 each morning.

Upcoming Events:

20.09 Year 3 Visit to Broom House Farm
02.10 Year 6 Athletics @ Monkwearmouth
08.10 Big Tidy Up Event

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.

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Today Dame Dorothy Street Primary School opened as a replacement school for Thomas Street Junior Mixed School. The opening itself went off very smoothly and all 269 children consisting of 148 boys and 121 girls were able to settle down to work immediately.

The children are very naturally excited with all the new surroundings, fortunately the teachers are fairly acquainted with the new building having come into school during the last week of the summer holidays to prepare their rooms. Despite the fact we still have old chairs and desks the rooms look very attractive and I must pay tribute to the caretaker Mr J Cutter and the two cleaners Mrs Questa and Mrs Anderson for their yeoman service they have given in cleaning the school and furniture to get it ready for the children.

The Public Works department, Borough Architects and all outside contractors are to be congratulated on their efforts in building such a fine school. The 269 children looked very smart in their royal blue uniforms.

Headmaster Mr H. Milne

Class	Teacher	Boys	Girls	Total
Class 1	Miss S Robertson	22	16	38
Class 2	Mr A Turpin	17	13	30
Class 3	Miss E Houghton	15	17	32
Class 4	Mr G Robinson	14	11	25
Class 5	Mr A Hutchinson	18	22	40
Class 6	Mr D Dodds	22	8	30
Class 7	Mrs J Morrison	22	16	38
Class 8	Mrs I Matthews	18	18	36
Head teacher	Mr H Milne	148	121	269



**Letter from the Headmaster. Invitation to see the
new school.**

The programme for the official opening of the school
held on March 4th 1969.