



Newsletter 19th December



**School
re-opens on
Monday 5th
January from
8am for
Breakfast Club
and 8:45 for
registration.**

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Incredibly another year has gone by, and we can look back on an action packed twelve months at Dame Dorothy. A year of amazing highs such as our choir performing at Fire Station, becoming a nationally accredited Beacon school for activity; launching our free Breakfast Club as well as residential in a boat on the Tyne, visiting Wimbledon, Derwent Hill, sporting competitions and so much more.

On behalf of the staff and governors of Dame Dorothy Primary I would like to wish all our families and brilliant children a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

SWIMMING – YEAR 4

On our return after the break, it is the turn of year 4 to go swimming at the Aquatic Centre. They will need to bring a bag with a towel and swimming costume/shorts. A contribution of £10 is payable via the Arbor app and school subsidises the remaining cost.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs next term will be;

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Choir (Y3-6)	Football	Baking Club	Nerf
Enrichment Club	Lego & Tech Enrichment Club	Enrichment Club	Enrichment Club	Enrichment Club

Remember although clubs have a named activity each day, children can also make a choice if they would like to opt out and have free time during the sessions. Again, clubs will have two finishing times of 4:20pm and 5:30pm, costing £2/£4 per session paid in advance for block booking with exception of Choir which is £1 per session. If clubs have space, there will be an option to pay on the day if booking single sessions. All payments are payable on the Arbor app at time of booking to secure your place.

All Clubs are now available to book on the Arbor App.

McAULIFFE CUP CHAMPIONS!

On Wednesday night, our 5-a-side team won the McAuliffe Cup on a freezing cold night at Ford Hub!

After winning their group in the previous round, the team played five other teams from Sunderland in the final round. 7-0 wins against Northern Saints and Broadway, a 1-0 win against St. Cuthbert's, a 1-1 draw with Hill View and a 3-1 defeat to St. Mary's meant the team finished the night with 10 points from their group games. A nervous watch of the final match followed, and with Hill View drawing their final game, it meant the team had won the trophy.

All five boys performed brilliantly. Jake made some brilliant saves, including a key save during our 1-0 win against St. Cuthbert's to seal the three points. Izsak ended the night with a ridiculous amount of goals, finishing off a number of different passing moves. Both Isaac and Levi also contributed a number of goals, with Isaac delivering five captain's performances from midfield, contributing assists, interceptions and some lovely passes. Noah excelled in defence, contributing to three clean sheets and starting many of our attacks with calm passing.

We are so proud of this team; they were competing against much larger primary schools last night and winning the trophy is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations boys!



Our Year So Far...







YEAR 5 ATTENDANCE REWARD AT ROKER HOTEL

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning the attendance reward! As a special treat, the children were invited to enjoy a magical afternoon tea at the beautiful Roker Hotel. From the moment we arrived, we were warmly welcomed and shown into the most festive of rooms, complete with stunning views of the lighthouse. Waiting for us were elegantly set tables adorned with Christmas crackers, ready to bring plenty of laughter with their famously terrible jokes!

Then came the highlight – the food! We were treated to a delicious selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones with jam and cream, and an array of mouth-watering cakes. Sitting together with friends, sharing this wonderful experience, many children said it was the highlight of their time in Year 5 so far.

A huge thank you to Andrea and all the staff at Roker Hotel for making this day so special. The children were impeccably behaved and even rounded off the afternoon by singing some cheerful Christmas carols before heading home.

What a memorable way to celebrate fantastic attendance – well done, Year 5!



98% CLUB ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the **83** children in the **98% Club!**

Attendance	
Reception	95%
Year 1	90.3%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	93.8%



Congratulations to Year 5 on having the best attendance this half term.



Congratulations to Year 3 on having the best Punctuality this half term.

Punctuality	
Reception	98.66%
Year 1	98.51%
Year 2	99.08%
Year 3	99.66%
Year 4	98.25%
Year 5	99.51%
Year 6	98.92%

All parents and guardians will receive an email summary of their child's attendance. This aims to keep families informed and engaged in monitoring their child's attendance in School.

Children with **5** late arrivals will miss out on prizes and awards even if they are at **98%**.

E-SCOOTERS

We would like to remind everyone about the safe and responsible use of e-scooters. While e-scooters can be a fun and convenient way to travel, they can also be dangerous if not used correctly.

Please remember:

- Children should only use e-scooters if they are legally permitted to do so and under appropriate adult supervision.
- Helmets and protective gear should always be worn.
- Riders must follow road and pathway rules and be aware of pedestrians at all times.
- E-scooters should not be used at high speeds, in traffic, or in crowded areas.
- Riding at night or without proper visibility increases the risk of accidents.

We encourage parents to discuss e-scooter safety with their children and to ensure scooters are used responsibly and in line with local regulations.