

Newsletter 22nd July



Stars of the Year



Reception	Daisy
Year 1	Ronia
Year 2	Reece
Year 3	Nathan
Year 4	Frankie
Year 5	Oscar



Head of School Update

As we come to the end of the summer term, I have been reflecting on my first term as Head of School at Dame Dorothy. It has been a privilege to join such a special community and I am incredibly grateful for the warm welcome, support and encouragement I have received from pupils, staff and families.

The last few weeks have been especially busy, filled with performances, trips, celebrations and opportunities for our children. These are the moments that remind us what makes Dame Dorothy such a strong community – people coming together to support, encourage and celebrate one another.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our staff.

The experiences our children have enjoyed over the past few weeks, and throughout the year, are only possible because of their hard work, commitment and care. Behind every event, visit, performance and achievement are staff who give so much of themselves to ensure our children have the very best opportunities. We are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team.

This week, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and to several valued members of staff. They leave Dame Dorothy having made a lasting contribution to our school and they will always hold a special place in our community.

I am excited to continue building on all that makes Dame Dorothy so special and to work in even closer partnership with you next year. For now, thank you for your support, and I wish you and your families a wonderful, safe, restful summer break.

Laura Tullock

Head of School

Farewell to Mrs Horn

This term, we say farewell to Mrs Horn, who, after 17 years at Dame Dorothy, is moving on to her next adventure.

During her time with us, Mrs Horn has made an enormous contribution to school life. Her dedication to our children has extended far beyond the classroom, from supporting pupils on residential visits to Derwent Hill to giving her time and energy to our school football teams. Whatever the occasion, Mrs Horn has always been there to encourage, support and champion our children.

Over the years, she has built strong relationships with pupils, families and colleagues, leaving a lasting legacy of care, compassion and unwavering commitment to our school community. She has touched the lives of so many children and has played an important role in helping them grow in confidence and flourish.

Mrs Horn is a much-loved member of the Dame Dorothy family and she will be greatly missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with her. We thank her for everything she has given to our school and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Farewell to Mrs O'Hare

This term, we also say goodbye to Mrs O'Hare, who has been a valued member of the Dame Dorothy community over the past few years.

Mrs O'Hare has played an important role in supporting our youngest learners as they take their first steps in education, helping to build the strong foundations that enable children to grow in confidence and succeed. More recently, she has shared her passion for languages through teaching French across the school, enriching the experiences of children in every year group.

Throughout her time at Dame Dorothy, Mrs O'Hare has contributed greatly to school life and has supported many children to flourish, both academically and personally. Her care, enthusiasm and commitment have left a positive mark on our community.

We thank Mrs O'Hare for all she has given to Dame Dorothy. While we will miss her, we know that her new school is gaining a fantastic colleague, and we wish her every happiness and success in this exciting new chapter.

Farewell Mrs White

This term, we say goodbye to Mrs White, who has been such an important part of the Dame Dorothy family.

For many of our children, families and visitors, Mrs White has been one of the first people they see when they arrive at school and one of the first voices they hear when they pick up the phone. Her kindness, warmth and willingness to help have made a difference to countless members of our community, often in ways that will never be fully seen.

Whether offering reassurance, solving a problem, sharing good news or simply greeting everyone with a smile, Mrs White has been at the heart of school life. She has supported many children and families with genuine care and dedication, and I don't think there will be many people in our community who haven't been touched by her kindness.

Mrs White leaves with the gratitude and best wishes of us all. While she will be greatly missed, we are excited for the new adventure ahead for her and her family. We thank her for everything she has given to Dame Dorothy and wish them happiness, success and many wonderful memories as they begin this next chapter together.

Farewell Miss Maughan

Our final farewell goes to Miss Maughan, who joined the Dame Dorothy family just over a year ago.

Although her time with us has been relatively short, Miss Maughan has quickly become a valued member of our community. Working across the school, she has supported children of all ages with kindness, compassion and endless patience, always bringing warmth and positivity wherever she has been needed.

Whether in the classroom, around school or supporting children through the challenges and successes of the day, Miss Maughan has built wonderful relationships with pupils and colleagues alike. Her caring nature and genuine commitment to helping children thrive have made a lasting impression on those she has worked with.

We are incredibly grateful for everything Miss Maughan has given to Dame Dorothy during her time here. She leaves with our thanks and very best wishes for the future and will be missed by many members of our school community.

School Meals Update

Please note that from September, the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.40 to £2.50 per day.

We remain committed to providing healthy, nutritious meals for our children, and this small increase will help us continue to maintain the quality of our school food provision.
Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Diary Dates

2nd SEPTEMBER – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL