

# Barley Bulletin

Friday 12th January 2018

## Improving Parent-Teacher communication at DBJA

We are introducing a new system for requesting meetings with the teachers and leaders at school. While you will still have the chance to have informal, brief chats with teachers and leaders at the beginning and ends of school days we are seeking to find more robust ways of arranging longer and more formal meetings. This will ensure that we can see the details of any issues before deciding who on the staff is the person best placed to deal with the issue raised. The initial request for a formal meeting should now be made by a request slip to the office, completing the details of the incident, the member of staff you are requesting to see and your contact details. This will allow us to monitor and track on-going issues and provide you with a clear and detailed response to any issues you raise.

Parent meeting request slips are now available at the Main School Office. They will be reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team on a daily basis and we aim to provide an initial response within 24 hours.

## Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club Event

On January 27th Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club will again be hosting their 8th award winning 'Daggers Against Racism Day'. This season's fixture will see the Daggers take on Solihull Moors. On behalf of the Directors of Dagenham & Redbridge Football Club DBJA have been given some free tickets for this football match. If you are interested we will offer them out on a first come first served basis. Please contact the office if you are interested.



## ARP/Learning Centre Trip to Mayesbrook Park - Thursday 18th January



The children will be visiting the park as part of their world explorers' topic. They will be exploring how the area has changed and sketching pictures of the local area. They are planning on leaving at 1:30pm and walking to Mayesbrook Park. They will be returning to school by 2:45pm. The children are required to wear their full school uniform for this trip, including a waterproof coat due to changeable weather. Please ensure your child's consent form has been returned to Mrs Green by Friday 12th January.

**Please be mindful and considerate when parking around the school. We are asking everyone to respect our neighbours and other motorists on local roads when parking.**  
Thank you in advance for our cooperation.

## Weekly Attendance: Monday 8th January 2018

Acacia - 95%	Beech - 93%
Apple - 94%	Bayberry - 97%
Ash - 89%	Black Oak - 98%
Aspen - 87%	Banyan - 96%
Holly - 97%	Sugar Maple - 94%
Hawthorn - 96%	Spruce - 94%
Hazel - 97%	Sweet Gum - 98%
Hemlock - 94%	Sycamore - 100%

**Whole School Attendance is 95% - Our School Target is 97% Let's try harder next week!**

## Attendance at Dorothy Barley Junior Academy



Last academic year the school made significant improvements to our overall attendance and we were pleased with the efforts made by parents to get their children to school and on time daily. Ofsted noted the improvements and were pleased with the strategies the school had been using 'Leaders have worked closely with parents and external agencies this year to raise attendance rates of all groups of pupils. Their efforts have been highly successful.'

Ofsted May 2017. However, for the first part of this academic year attendance has dropped and lateness has increased. This is very disappointing and is impacting on the learning and progress of children. We ask that parents support our drive to ensure children have the best opportunities in their academic life by attending daily and being on time every day. If your child is 10 minutes late each day this equates to one day of learning time missed per term. Our whole school target for this year is 97.1% yet for the first term of this academic year our overall attendance stood at only 95.7%, significantly below our target. We understand that some absences are unavoidable, for example, medical appointments but these should be rare and where possible they should be booked for the afternoons so that core learning in Maths and English is never missed.

If you are having issues with attendance and punctuality please speak to one of the Attendance Team for advice, Mrs Nickless, Miss Lewis or Miss Kemp.

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**Young Carers Awareness Day - Thursday 25th January**



This day is to help identify hidden young people who help care for someone in their family with a disability, long term illness, additional needs, mental health issues and / or drug & alcohol misuse.

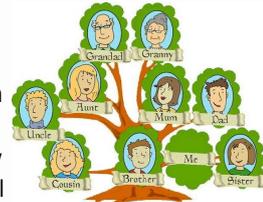
*Did you know that there are approximately 900 Young Carers who we have identified in Barking & Dagenham.*

**DBJA will be supporting Young Carer's Awareness Day by wearing yellow clothing for a small donation of £1.**

All proceeds go towards Young Carers providing them with time out from their caring role!

**Spiritual & Cultural Week - Monday 15th January**

To celebrate the end of our 'Spiritual and Cultural Week' we would like the children to bring in an artefact that represents their culture, heritage or family history on Friday 19th January. They will be shared and discussed in class throughout the day and photos taken for a display.



**Bike Club January 2018**  
**Monday 15th January & Tuesday 16th January - AM & PM**



**Forthcoming Events for 2018**

**Other Events**

- . Spiritual & Cultural Week - Monday 15th January
- . Young Voices Concert - Monday 5th February
- . Tuesday 6th February 1pm-3pm - Parent Workshop 'Keeping your children safe online'
- . Book Week - Monday 26th February

**ARP**

- . Mayesbrook Park - Thursday 18th January

**Year 3**

- . Carnival Day (In School) - Wednesday 7th February
- . Acacia Class Assembly 10:30am - Thursday 8th February

**Year 4**

- . Recycling Talk (In School) AM - x2 classes on Monday 15th & x2 classes on Wednesday 17th January
- . Black Oak Class Assembly - Thursday 1st February
- . Crime & Punishment Day (In School) - Friday 2nd February

**Year 5**

- . Holly Class Assembly 10:30am - Thursday 25th January
- . Toy Museum x2 classes on Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February

**Year 6**

- . Yr 6 Guitar Lessons (selected children) every Thursday
- . Violin Lessons begin (selected children) every Tuesday
- . Sugar Maple Class Assembly 10:30am - Thursday 18th January
- . Viking Morning - Friday 26th January

**More dates and details can be found on our website:**  
[www.dorothybarleyjunioracademy.co.uk](http://www.dorothybarleyjunioracademy.co.uk)  
 The school calendar can be found in the 'News and Events' section.

**DBJA School Holidays**

**February Half Term:**  
 Break up on Friday 9th February 2017 at 3:20pm  
 Return on Monday 19th February 2017 at 8:40am

**Easter Half Term:**  
 Break up on Thursday 29th March at 1:30pm  
 Return on Tuesday 17th April at 8:40am




**Yr 4 Crime & Punishment Day - Friday 2nd February**

The children will be taking part in various fun classroom based activities focusing on crime and punishment.

A police officer will also be coming in to talk about modern day policing.

For the day we would like children to dress up (optional) for example, a police officer or a lawyer. If your child does not want to dress up, they must wear their full school uniform.

Please speak to you child's class teacher if you have any further questions.



**Yr 5 Trip to The Victoria & Albert (V&A) Museum**

**Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February - x2 classes per day (classes to be confirmed)**

Year 5 will be visiting the V&A Museum as part of their new topic 'Britain at Play.'

More details regarding the cost of the trip will be released in due course. Please note that transport for the trip will be free, but there will be a small charge due to the planned workshop.

**Itinerary**

Walking to Becontree station - travelling to Mile End - and onto Bethnal Green.

Children are required to wear their full school uniform on this day, and a packed lunch in a disposable bag is needed.

**Parents/carers please remember to complete and return consent forms before the trip. Your child will be unable to attend if we do not receive their signed consent.**

