

Barley Bulletin

Friday 19th January 2018

Weekly Attendance: Monday 15th January 2018

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

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.

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



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.

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!

Forthcoming Events for 2018

Other Events

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

Year 3

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

Year 4

- . 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
- . Viking Morning - Friday 26th January

More dates and details can be found on our website:

www.dorothybarleyjunioracademy.co.uk

The school calendar can be found in the 'News and Events' section.

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.

Health & Safety



Bike Safety

There have been incidents of unsafe

cycling where children have had near collisions with cars and pedestrians. Many children are also not wearing high-visibility jackets or helmets. This is both the Year 6 children who cycle independently to school and those children who cycle but are accompanied by their parents. We need to work together to ensure that your children are safe and so ask that parents ensure their children are properly equipped for cycling to school and that you speak to them about safety. Please also abide by DBJA's rules that any bikes, scooters, roller blades or skate boards are dismantled before entering our premises.

This is to ensure all children and adults are safe whilst on premises.

It has also come to our attention that there have been some issues with parents blocking driveways of local residents when dropping off and collecting their children. We understand that parking is an issue around the school but unfortunately there is not much we can do to resolve this issue. We do however ask that people are considerate and well mannered, that they do not block driveways and that they do not respond aggressively when challenged by local residents. Manners cost nothing.



After School Clubs - Punctuality

We would like to emphasise to our parents/carers the importance of being on time to collect your child after school and after their club. There have been more frequent incidents of parents/carers collecting their child later than 3:20pm (school finish time) and later than 4:45pm (club finish time). It is extremely important that you collect your child promptly because extra curriculum activities may be effected in the future if this issue does not improve.

There are procedures in place for late collections, and these are highlighting the issues we are currently experiencing. Your child could lose their place at school clubs if you do not collect them on time.

We do understand that there are rare occasions that are unavoidable due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please ensure you contact the school office via telephone or email.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Yr 6 Viking Day



Yr 6 will be making a stop motion movie in their classes as part of their topic 'Vikings.'

They will be taking part in many activities throughout the morning which will help advance their knowledge of the topic.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you require any further information.

