

Barley Bulletin

Friday 26th January 2018

Weekly Attendance: Monday 22nd January 2018

Acacia - 94%	Beech - 95%
Apple - 97%	Bayberry - 92%
Ash - 97%	Black Oak - 94%
Aspen - 91%	Banyan - 95%
Holly - 97%	Sugar Maple - %
Hawthorn - 99%	Spruce - 96%
Hazel - 97%	Sweet Gum - 92%
Hemlock - 88%	Sycamore - 99%

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

DBJA School Holidays

February Half Term:

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

Easter Half Term:

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

Summer Half Term: Return date to be confirmed
Break up on Friday 20th July at 1:30pm

Yr 3 Class Assemblies



Parents/Carers of Acacia & Aspen class, please note that due to unforeseen circumstances dates have been rearranged for class assemblies.

- Acacia's Class Assembly will take place on Thursday 21st June at 10:30am
- Aspen's Class Assembly will take place on Thursday 8th February at 10:30am

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

ParentPay - After School Clubs



Parents/carers, the payments for your child's after school club are now active via ParentPay.co.uk. If you are unsure in regards to how much your child's club costs, or how to pay, then please visit the main school office. ParentPay letters are also available on request. If you have any concerns regarding outstanding balances, please visit the Office.

Parental Issues

We have been alerted to some disturbing information about parental issues which are beginning to impact on the school. If you have a concern about issues arising in school between children we ask that you speak initially visit the main office to complete a meeting request slip. A member of staff will contact you within 24 hours and resolve the issue. If you do not feel the issue has been resolved please request a meeting via a meeting slip with your child's Year Group Leader. Under NO circumstances should you approach the parents or children involved. We consider this threatening behaviour towards a child and this could lead to us involving the police and barring you from the school premises.

Similarly we do not expect issues which are happening outside the school to be having an impact on matters in school. We can offer help and advice but if we feel that the behaviour of parents is impacting on school life we may again seek help from the police. Like the adults in school, parents are the role models for their children's behaviour. It is distressing for children to witness such exchanges. We want our school to be a happy and safe community and will take all steps available to us to ensure this happens.

Miss Leicester, Headteacher



Thank you to all of our pupils and staff members who wore yellow on Thursday to support and raise awareness for London Borough of Barking & Dagenham Young Carers.

In total we raised an amazing £251.00!
Well done to everyone who wore yellow and donated!





Yr 3 Carnival Day - Wednesday 7th February



Year 3 will be participating in a Carnival Day to finish their unit of work studying the Amazon Rainforest. This will be a whole day event where children learn about the culture, dance and music of South America, ending with a Carnival style performance at the end of the day.

We would like to invite parents and carers to come into school to share this performance with us to showcase what we have learnt during the day. If you are available, please arrive at the School Office at 2:45pm for a 2:50pm start.

For the performance, the children will be able to dress up in Carnival clothes. Therefore, please send your child into school with an outfit for them to change into. This could be a brightly coloured T-shirt, glittery or floral tops, feathers etc.

If you have any concerns regarding the day, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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.'

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 required.



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).

There are procedures in place for late collections, and these are highlighting the issues we are currently experiencing. 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.

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 - Thursday 1st March - children may dress up as any character from any children's book! E.g. Willy Wonka or a minion!

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

. 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

More dates and details can be found on our website:
www.dorothybarleyjunioracademy.co.uk



Bike Safety

Health & 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 out 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.

