



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Parent Helpers requested – church visit, Friday 19th at 9am

If you are able to walk with us to the church on Friday 19th December, please email your class teacher to let them know as soon as possible. We will leave straight after registration and we are usually back by 11am. Thanks in advance.

Time to order your child's milk for the Spring Term

Please [click here](#) to order milk for the Spring Term. Please note you do not have to order if your child is under five as their milk is free.

Christmas Present Stall

FODS are hosting a Christmas Present Stall on Tuesday 16th December during school time. The children love this experience and have great fun choosing a gift for a family member of their choice. Please [click here](#) for more information. Please note the closing date for this event is Friday 12th December.

Recycle your Christmas Sweet Tubs

This year Dobcroft Schools' are supporting Greene King's national Tub2Pub recycling scheme, which offers a simple way to recycle these tubs responsibly whilst raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We will be accepting:

- Confectionary tubs
- Biscuit tubs
- Cracker tubs



The most sustainable option for your empty Christmas tubs is to reuse them - for storage, organisation or crafting - rather than recycling straight away but if you've already got more tubs than you can use, recycling them through the Tub2Pub scheme is the next best step.

You can drop your clean, empty tubs at either Dobcroft Infant or Dobcroft Junior School reception from 11th December to 30th January.

After the collection period ends, FODS will organise to collect all the tubs and drop them off at a local Greene King pub. The tubs are taken to a plastic reprocessing centre by Greene King, where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics.

Last year, the Tub2Pub scheme collected over 240,000 tubs across the UK - approximately 28 tonnes of plastic - and raised more than £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you'd like to learn more about this scheme then you can visit Tub2Pub.co.uk

Switch Off Fortnight, 8th-19th December

As part of our drive to be eco, DNIS will be holding a switch off fortnight between 8th and 19th December. All devices and lights will be switched off at the wall when not in use during this period. Let's see how much energy (and money) we can save!

[Click here for term dates 25-26](#)

Dec 2024

Y1 Performance

15th – 2.30pm

16th – 9.30am

17th – 2.30pm

16th
Christmas
Present Stall

16th pm
Y2 sewing
afternoon
(volunteers required)

17th am
Y2 Christmas
party

18th
FS2 Christmas
Party

19th
Whole School to
Holy Trinity
Church 9am
(parent volunteers
required)

You can join us at home if you like - take a meter reading at the start and end of a week to get your baseline usage. Then repeat during your switch off fortnight. Let us know how much energy you have saved so we can celebrate it!

Right of the half term

We are proud to be a Gold accredited Rights Respecting School. At DNIS we are



Article 23

If I have a disability, I have the right to special care and education.



ambassadors for the rights of others and are passionate about developing rights respecting citizens. With this in mind we would like to share a 'Right of the half term' with you as part of our valuable school community.

PINs parent meeting

Please see below for details of the next PINs meeting for parents. You can also follow this [link](#) to a letter from the group leader.

DOBCROFT SEND PARENT/CARER MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 17th December
Time: 9am

- Let's talk about:
 - Top tips for preparing for Christmas
 - Masking
- Ask questions and discuss concerns
- Meet other parents
- Drinks and snacks available

Come along to the meeting with a project worker from the Sheffield Parent Carer Forum- if your child has any special educational need and/or disability (SEND) - no diagnosis needed.

This is part of the PINs Autism in schools project, but if you have a child who has any additional requirements they are invited to attend. If you are planning on coming along or want to know more, please let Sue know at: s.ellis@dobcroftprimary.co.uk

Y2 Sewing workshop -16th December

For our DT focus this half-term, we are designing and making stockings using sewing techniques and following a design brief.

On Tuesday 16th December (from 1:15pm), Year 2 will be sewing our Christmas themed stockings in class. We would LOVE some additional support with this. If any parents, carers or family members are able to come and help, please let your class teacher know. The more the merrier!

Y2 Christmas Party – 17th December

Year 2 will be having a Christmas party on 17 December. The children will make winter crafts and enjoy some party music. **They will need to come to school in their party outfit and bring their school uniform to change into afterward.**

Zoo lab – 7th January

To enhance our science learning on animals, we are having a visit from Zoo lab. We will be learning about the different types of animals as well as having a wonderful opportunity to hold some of the animals. Please [click here](#) for more information.

FS2 Christmas Party – 18th December

FS2 will be having an end of term Christmas party on 18th December. The children will make winter crafts, enjoy some party music, and will be able to bring in party snacks from home to eat afterwards. Please send your child with no more than three small party snacks in a named box. The party will be after lunch, so your child will already have eaten. These snacks must not contain nuts as we are a nut free school. Children are also welcome to come to school wearing their party clothes on this date.

Second hand uniform

As part of our drive to be an environmentally aware school our Eco Team sell good quality, second hand uniform at school events. You can now also contact Gemma Bottery (a parent member of our Eco Team) on to request specific items. Gemma will monitor this email on a weekly basis, so if you have suddenly realised that you need more school jumpers, please get in touch with her.

You can also buy school logo badges from the office which can be sewn onto garments of the appropriate school colours at a cost of £4.00.

Attendance

Attendance target 2024-25: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **95.5%**. Remember reduced % means 'Learning time lost'! A reminder that the chief medical officer encourages children to attend school if they have a cold, however if they have sickness, or diarrhoea, they need to remain absent for 48 hours after the last time this occurs. If your child has a temperature, they need to remain off school. Attendance as often as possible is important for your child.

Punctuality: It is important that you aim to be in school for the start time. This is 8.55am in Foundation Stage and 9am in Y1 and Y2. This is the time your child needs to be on the carpet, things put away ready for register and to learn, not when you are arriving at the entrance. Arriving late is disruptive to both your own child and the rest of the class. It is also likely your child will have missed some key learning for the day. This week **0.56%** of children were marked as late.

Ask me about...

Each week your class teacher will update this area with information about what your child has been learning during the week so that you can ask them questions about it.

Ladybirds

This week the Ladybirds have had a great time in Forest School. The weather wasn't exactly on our side but a little bit of rain didn't put us off. The children loved exploring patterns and made our own repeating patterns by wrapping sticks with wool. We used our problem solving skills to figure out how to collect the rain water effectively and used it to make mud paint and potions. Some of the children used sticks and stones to set an elf trap so we hope Father Christmas doesn't swing this way on his travels.

Back in the classroom we have been very crafty, preparing for Christmas celebrations. We have been using our fine motor skills to make cards and Christmas surprises.

Laura Hardwick – hardwickl@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

Literacy – joining in with oral retelling of a story. A highlight of our week has been visiting the Rotherham pantomime 'Snow White'. The children were all brilliant, and showed great listening and participation skills in the audience. They boo-ed, clapped, and even danced along with the characters in the show.

Maths - practising numeral formation 0-9.

Understanding of the World – talking about how some people celebrate at Christmas. Sharing the nativity story, and watching the Y1 children performing their winter concert.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – We have been recapping fact families

English – We have been identifying plural and singular words.

Science – We have been using our scientific knowledge to investigate which material would be best suited for a purpose.

Geography – We have been identifying human and physical features in Sheffield.

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English - we are learning how to use subordinating conjunctions (because, when, as, if, that) to create complex sentences about the Winter Wonderland.

Maths - in maths we are learning about symmetry in 2D and 3D shapes.

Science - we have continued to explore materials. This week we have looked at the properties of glass and plastic.

History - we have continued to look at significant people. We talked about Thomas Barnardo, a Victorian man who opened children's homes to help poor children.

Thank you to the Eagle parents who have volunteered to help for our church trip next week (19 December). Kingfishers and Woodpeckers are still in need of parent helpers. Please let the class teacher know if you are available to support. Thank you.

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