



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Outside area development

As you will have noticed, the development of the outside area in front of the school is almost finished. We are really pleased with it and the next stage will be to improve the biodiversity of our site by planting a range of established plants around the path and in the raised beds to create a lovely space for the children to play and reflect. We would like to make a sensory garden within this area including a range of herbs and aromatic plants.

If you are able to donate plants (herbs, plants that you have been able to split from your own garden or a new plant you have bought), please leave them outside the main entrance to the school office.

Thank you for your support with this, we would love to develop a garden that our school community has helped to create.



[Click here for term dates 24–25](#)

May 2024

6th

Bank Holiday

7th

KS1 Orienteering Event

10th

FS2 Trip to Ecclesall Woods

13th / 14th

Road safety workshop

14th

Green Day

20th

Y1 Scooter workshop

June 2024

4th

KS1 Girls Football competition

26th

New starters welcome meeting

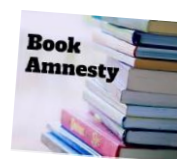
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Ladybirds art exhibition

School Reading Book Amnesty



Please can we ask that you have a look around your house and return all school reading books – we no longer have any Gold or White books left in Y2! We are also running short on many other colour banded books too. These books cost at least £6 each so it's really important that they are returned. Thank you for your support with this, we will be very grateful to those parents who have a search around for us.



Please label clothes

As the weather heats up, we are finding that children are leaving clothes in the playground and in other communal areas. These are scooped up and put in lost property, having their items labelled makes it much easier to return them to the right person.

Class photos – 16th May

Please be aware that class photos will be taken on Thursday 16th May. You will then be sent information so that you can purchase copies should you wish.

SEN review meetings

Dates and times for SEN review meetings will be sent out next week. Please confirm attendance as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent questionnaire feedback

Thank you to those parents who responded to the recent parent questionnaire in March. We have considered carefully all views and comments. We will continue to consider all that has been shared. Please [click here](#) to view our response.

Green Day 14th May

On Tuesday 14th May we are celebrating our Green Flag status. We have organised a morning of celebration and eco learning for the school to take part in. We are also having an assembly at 11.30am where we will be enjoying an 'Eco' Fashion Show.

There are two things to note:

1. Children can choose to wear 'green' clothes on the day, and are asked to please make a donation in school on the day or via ParentPay. This year money raised will go towards funding the outside area developments.
2. We are encouraging children and staff to walk, scooter or cycle to school on this day.
3. One of the activities requires odd socks, if you have any spare socks please could you bring them in to school and hand them into reception.

Whole School Transition – Thursday 27th June and 28th June

More information will follow but we wanted to give you the dates that all children in school will be moving to the class they will be in next year as part of our transition process. For example if your child is in Y1, they will go and spend time with their Y2 teacher in their Y2 classroom. We find that this is a valuable part of transition as the children will get to know their new teacher and classroom which leads to reduced worry about starting a new year group. We will write to you after the May half term holiday with details of the classes and staffing once this has been finalised.

Dash Half Term Booking Forms

Please [click](#) here for the Dash holiday booking form.

FODS Summer Fayre Planning Meeting Online – Wed 8th May

Planning is starting for the Summer Fayre, Saturday 29th June, and we are holding our first meeting on Wednesday 8th May. We would very much welcome all help in planning this large event so if you think you can help in anyway it would be lovely if you could join us online. The Summer Fayre is our biggest fund raising event of the year and it raises money for improvements across both the junior and infant schools. This year, we will be using the money to continue the significant improvements of our outside areas.

Please click [here](#) for more info.

Music in the Round Family concerts

Music in the Round has two family concerts coming up in the Crucible Theatre.

The first is on Saturday 18 May at 10.30am and based on the storybook *Sir Scallywag and the Battle of Stinky Bottom*. It's a really fun story and a great introduction to live music for children aged 3 to 7 and their families.

The second is on Saturday 25 May at 10.30am. *Close Up: Music for Curious Young Minds* is a tour through the wondrous world of classical chamber music. This concert has been specially created for 7 to 11 year olds and their families and includes musicians from our resident group Ensemble 360 and also the star singer Roderick Williams, who was a soloist at King Charles' Coronation.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

Food Tasting Event feedback

Thank you to all the parents for coming to our food tasting event last Friday. You have shared lots of great ideas and we have taken your feedback on board. We are already starting to put improvements in place and will be posting about these in future newsletters. Please [click here](#) for the recipe of our Lemon and Blueberry muffins. We hope you will have fun baking these at home!

FS2 Assemblies and Art Exhibition

Otters 24th (9.15am)

Mice 25th (9.15am)

Badgers 28th (2.45 pm)

29th

Dobcroft Summer
Fayre

Violins – change of date

The whole school will have transition on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June. Therefore, for this week only, violins will be on Wednesday 26th June (not Thursday 27th). **Please ensure you remember to bring your violin in on Wednesday 26th June.**

Y1 Scooter Workshop – 20th May

Modeshift stars will be running a scooter workshop for year 1 children. There will be access to some scooters provided by Modeshift however if your child is able to bring their own scooter and helmet (both to be named please) this would be greatly appreciated.

FS2 Trip to Ecclesall Woods – Friday 10th May

On Friday 10th May, FS2 will be going on a trip to Ecclesall Woods to look at seasonal change. This forms one of our three trips to the woods (Autumn, winter and Spring) and we are hoping to see many beautiful changes in our local environment including bluebells, leaf buds on trees, blossom and increased bird chatter amongst many other signs of Spring. **We will require at least 4 parent/carer helpers in order to run this trip. If you are able to help, please sign up with your class teacher. Thanks for your support with this.**

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 ecoteam@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk 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 £3.50.

Attendance Attendance target 2023–24: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **96.5%** (but **97.2%** during the last week). A reminder that the chief medical officer encourages children to attend if it is just a cold but not if it's a fever, sickness or diarrhoea. Attendance as often as possible is really important.