



# DORRINGTON ACADEMY

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## DORRINGTON NEWS: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for the half term holiday  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - The Academy re-opens

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Break up for the Easter Holiday  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – The Academy re-opens

#### Advanced Notice

### Academy Clubs

There will be NO Academy Clubs during the week 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
This includes Glenn's Wednesday Football Club.

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### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 07/02/2020**

This week the top classes for Attendance and Punctuality were as follows:

<u>Attendance</u>			<u>Punctuality</u>		
KS1	1BC	95.22%	KS2	5S	98.97%
REC	RB	92.86%	Year 3	3D	98.67%
Year 1	1BC	95.22%	Year 4	4B	98.33%
Year 2	2A	94.67%	Year 5	5S	98.97%
			Year 6	6J	98.67%
KS1 Winners	1C	1 LATE	KS2 Winners	3D	0 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	1BC	7 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	4B	8 LATES

## Nursery

In Nursery this week we are practising our numbers. There are lots of activities to help us count to ten and even twenty. We are learning to recognise numbers to ten and match the correct number to a group of objects. We did this by catching fish in a net, counting them and then finding the right number. You may like to practise this at home over the half-term holiday. Have a good break!

## Reception

It was a fantastic week during fun and fitness week in Reception last week. All of the children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities including basketball, dance and yoga. Alongside this we learned all about what foods and activities can be important in keeping us healthy and those that aren't so healthy. Ask your children about this at home. This week we have continued with our theme of keeping healthy and discussed the importance of brushing our teeth and going to visit the dentist regularly. Thank you to the children for all of their hard work this term. We hope you all have a lovely break!

## Year 1

Year One took part in Fun and Fitness last week. The children participated in a variety of new activities and they particularly enjoyed Boogie Bounce. As part of our work we found out about a scientist Jane Goodall. All the children showed a great interest in learning about her life. In literacy this week we have finished our work on Harry and the Dinosaurs. The children have written their own version by changing the middle and ending of the story. We have had lots of super ideas. In numeracy, we have been learning about quarters. The children have learnt to work out one quarter of different quantities and shapes. We are very pleased with how well the children have worked this half term and we hope you all have a relaxing break.

## Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been finishing our letter to the Queen telling her about our design for her new knickers. We have learned to use many different skills including different sentence types, subordinating conjunctions and using expanded noun phrases. In maths, we have started to learn about multiplication and what that means. We used new vocabulary such as "groups of" to explain how many groups of blocks we need. We organised these groups more formally into an array which has helped with drawing out the array in our books. For science, we have been looking at the Eatwell plate which looks at the quantity of food that should be on our plate from the different food groups and we discussed the importance of eating things from each of those groups in order to have a balanced diet.

## Year 3

We've had another fantastic few weeks to end the half term. Last week was Fun and Fit week where we got to participate in loads of activities including basketball, hockey, boogie bounce, dancing and Zumba. Ask us which was our favourite activity. During this week, we also got to research Rosalind Franklin who is a female scientist that discovered the structure of DNA. With all the information we presented it in the form of a chat show which was extremely fun! I'm sure you can agree that it has been super fun and we are all in need of well deserved break. Have a wonderful half-term Year 3 and keep up the good work.

## Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have worked hard writing their informal letters ensuring that they have included all the key language features. In maths, we have explored collecting data and presented them in bar charts along with interpreting discrete data from graphs. In science, the children explored melting and freezing points and recently conducted an experiment using chocolate. In IPC, we have explored the various jobs the Anglo Saxon had.

## Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been focusing on using and applying time tables to everyday situations within maths. In Literacy we have been writing our emotive diary based on the 'Battle of Marathon', which focuses on the Ancient Greeks (our IPC topic). In Science we have been researching the movement of the moon and our solar system.

## Year 6

This week, in numeracy, Year 6 has been focusing on all things angles! We have been measuring within one degree of accuracy using protractors, calculating missing angles using given information and shape knowledge and constructing 2D shapes difficult parameters! In literacy, we have started our letter unit for our WW2 novels by analysing the features and structure of letters and deciding which of our pivotal characters would have the most reason to send a letter within the context of our stories.

### **REMINDER LATE CHARGES**

**For each child entering the late area, the parent will be charged an initial £5. For every subsequent 5 minutes thereafter, there will be a further £5 charge. For example, if a child in Key Stage 1 is in the late area at 3.30pm and is not collected until 4.00pm, this will incur a charge of £35. An invoice for the total amount will be sent to the child/children's home address within 7 days.**

### **DINNER MONEY**

**Dinner money should be paid into school on Monday morning for the week to come.**

**It is important to notify the office if you wish to change your dinner choice, giving one week's notice, as dinners are ordered in advance into school and have to be paid for.**

**Once a choice of dinners or sandwiches from home has been decided upon, then your child should keep daily to this decision. Failure to do so may result in some children not having the hot meal they have paid for.  
Thank you for your cooperation.**

### **PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE**

**It is important that you notify the office of any change to your child's personal details or your own eg telephone number, address or medical needs.  
Thank you.**

### **DRIVE AND PARK RESPONSIBLY**

**Please respect our neighbours by parking responsibly and avoid blocking drives. Always drive carefully, but particularly as the weather worsens and roads may be icy. Thank you for cooperating.**