



Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

# Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

It has been a busy week in school and nursery. The ducklings are growing quickly and keeping everyone entertained. Now they are older they are making visits to different classrooms so that the children can see them close-up.

On Thursday a group of 10 Year 1 children took part in a Football Festival at AFC Telford. Our children were so brilliant they were allowed to go onto the pitch which was a very exciting treat.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising today for Red Nose Day. Also today our School Council will be working with staff from Veolia to plant 5 fruit trees. They are being planted in an area near the Reception end of school so they have space to grow.

Next Wednesday we will be saying farewell to Mrs Varley as she is leaving to take up a new teaching post in Shropshire. Mrs Varley has been at our school for 15 1/2 years and she will be missed by everyone. We wish her all the best in her new school. During the Summer term Mrs Marshall will teach Class 4 all week.



## Attendance

Whole School— 92.80%

Class 1— 89.95%

Class 2— 96.63%

Class 3— 94.71%

Class 4— 92.93%

Class 5— 84.25%

Class 6— 97.22%



**Lates = 26**

**Lost Learning = 3 hours**

8 minutes

**Early Bird = Class 3**

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★ **In the Golden** ★  
★ **Book this week** ★  
★ Class 1 ★  
★ Alex & Mollie ★  
★ Class 2 ★  
★ Ava & Leo ★  
★ Class 3 ★  
★ Fatema & Orion ★  
★ Class 4 ★  
★ Aadvik & Sasha ★  
★ Class 5 ★  
★ Bobby & Noah ★  
★ Class 6 ★  
★ Holly & Jensen ★  
★ Nursery ★  
★ Jacob G & Reggie ★  
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Friday 22nd March Easter Celebration Day

Egg-cellent Creations Competition  
Colouring Competition (during the day)  
Easter Activities

Easter Egg Raffle

(every child will receive one free ticket, more tickets on sale next week. 20P Per ticket)

Non-uniform day

(no charge - any donations will go towards Miss Lucas' memory fund)

**Thursday  
21st  
March  
school &  
nursery  
closed all  
day**

## Nursery safety

Please can nursery parents make sure you hold your child's hand when walking up or down the school drive entrance. **Older siblings must remain with parents at the end of the day when collecting from nursery.**



## Bikes & scooters

We have had a number of children riding bikes and scooters on the school site. Please can you make sure children push their bikes and scooters at all times on site. This is to keep everyone safe.



Next week's word....

**similar**

## Jigsaw

Next week we are looking for people who know how to keep calm and deal with a difficult situation

We've been asked by the Health Protection Hub at Telford & Wrekin Council to send out some information regarding whooping cough. There has been a continued increase in whooping cough (pertussis) cases at the start of this year, with 553 confirmed in England in January, compared with 858 cases for the whole of last year (2023). The current increase is coming at a time when there has been a steady decline in uptake of the vaccine in pregnant women and in children.

Whooping cough is a bacterial infection which affects the lungs. The first signs of infection are similar to a cold, such as a runny nose and sore throat, but after about a week, the infection can develop into coughing bouts that last for a few minutes and are typically worse at night. Young babies may also make a distinctive "whoop" or have difficulty breathing after a bout of coughing. More detailed information is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough/>

Whooping cough can affect people of all ages but for very young infants, it can be particularly serious. However, **you can help protect your children by ensuring they receive their vaccines at the right time or catching up as soon as possible if they have missed any.** If you're unsure, please check your child's red book or get in touch with your GP surgery. **In addition, vaccinating pregnant women is highly effective in protecting babies from birth until they can receive their own vaccines.**

The whooping cough vaccine is routinely given as part of the:

[6-in-1 vaccine](#) – for babies at 8, 12 and 16 weeks

[4-in-1 pre-school booster](#) – for children aged 3 years 4 months

If you're pregnant you should also have the whooping cough vaccine – ideally between 16 and 32 weeks. [Find out more about the whooping cough vaccination in pregnancy](#)

If anyone in your family is diagnosed with whooping cough, it's important they stay at home and do not go into work, school or nursery until 48 hours after starting antibiotics, or 3 weeks after symptoms start if they have not had antibiotics. This helps to prevent the spread of infection, especially to vulnerable groups. However, vaccination remains the best protection for babies and children.

**We have received complaints this week about some of the language and swearing being used while parents are on site. Some of this has been directed at other parents. Please can we ask all parents to be aware of how they are speaking to others. More information about what happens if this continues can be found in our [Parental Licence policy](#) on our website.**



**8:30—11:30 Friday**  
in the Children's Centre

### Save the date!

Class 5&6 visit to  
West Midlands Safari Park  
Thursday 18th April

Classes 3&4 visit to  
Ironbridge  
Thursday 25th April

**Keep a look out for more details soon**

### Parking



To help keep pupils and parents safe on the school site we request that you **do not drive onto the school site at the start or end of the day or nursery sessions.** Please do not park in the Children's Centre car park.

Disabled parking spaces are available in the car park by the Nursery entrance and the Children's Centre car park. If you need to use one of these spaces please talk to the school office to request a permit and make sure you also display a valid blue badge. Permits should only be used if the blue badge holder is getting out of the car to collect or drop off.

**If you have concerns about someone parking on the car park please speak to a member of staff.**



### Breakfast Club

7:45—8:40

£2 per day

More information from the office. Please come to the main front door for Breakfast Club.

### Could you help our school and nursery?

There is currently a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor. Governors play a key role in making sure our school and nursery are the best they can be. If

you would like to know more about being a governor then please talk to Mrs Boddy or Mrs Bentley (in the office).



### Need help with housing, fuel costs, landlords or the cost of living?

Telford & Wrekin Council offer lots of support for residents. You can find links to helpful information on our website on the 'Early Help' page in the 'Parents' section.