



January 2024

## The Sir Donald Bailey Academy Spring Term Newsletter

### Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

Welcome back to the start of a new term at The Sir Donald Bailey Academy. We are very happy to see everyone returning to school after the Christmas break. The staff have been hard at work making sure the children have been able to hit the ground running and new topics are already well underway.

This term is a relatively short one in comparison to the Autumn term but that means there is a lot to pack into a short space of time! I would ask for your continued support to ensure your children are in school on time and as regularly as possible so they maximise the learning opportunities we provide for them. This also extends to supporting and encouraging them to engage with any home learning they are set including practicing their number facts and times tables.

#### Attendance Award

A great start to the new term for some of our classes.

**Congratulations to 5D 100% Attendance this week!!**

With the current cold snap please ensure that children are well dressed and able to stay warm when they are out to play. Remember, that sniffles, minor colds, coughs or sore throats should not prevent a child being in school if they are fever free and otherwise well. This is traditionally the time of year when there is lots of this going around and we want to support the children to be resilient.

We have noticed that Friday is our highest day of absence in the week! From this week, the class with highest attendance on a Friday will receive star cookies as treat.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

#### Important Dates:

##### February 2024

**Thursday 1st February** - Year 4 Rainforest Visit

**Thursday 8th February** - Year 3 Egyptian Day

**Friday 9th February** - End of Term

**Monday 19th February** - Back to School

**Tuesday 20th February** - Year 5 visit to Jorvik

##### March 2024

**Monday 11th March & Tuesday 12th March** - Parent/Carer Evening

**Wednesday 13th March -Friday 15th March** - Year 4 Residential

**Wednesday 27th March** - Year 2 White Post Farm visit

**Thursday 28th March** - End of Term

##### April 2024

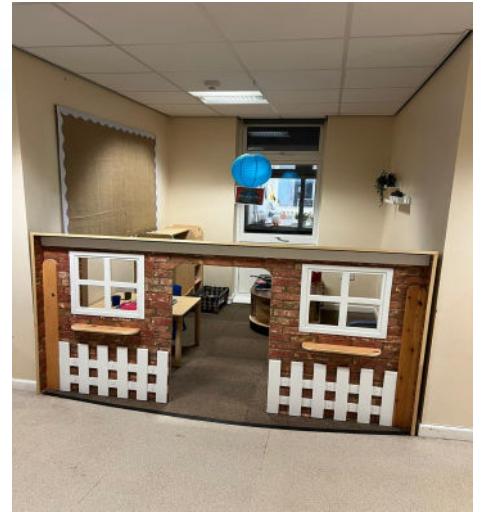
**Monday 15th April** - Back to School





### Pre-School News

I am delighted to announce that our Pre-School Unit has had a significant make over. Many thanks to Mr Starr , Mr Baker and the whole EYFS Team, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the unit was ready to open on the first day back. A special big thank you goes to Doug and Connor, our Site Team, who have made furniture, painted walls and worked behind the scenes to support the teaching staff!



### Trips and Visits

The Start of term has been very busy for Years One and Two. Year One had a Victorian Toy Day to engage the children in their new topic about Toys new and old, whilst Year Two went on a visit to Newark Air Museum to look at the history of flight.

