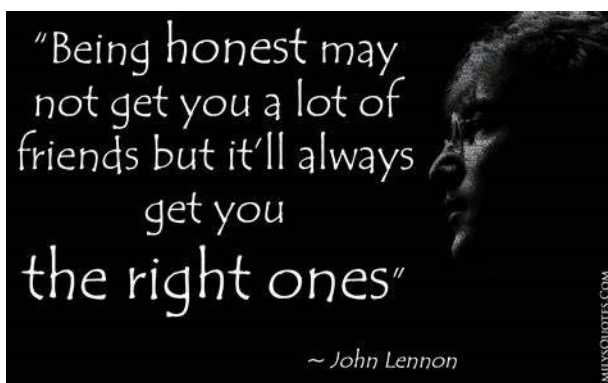




DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Every Day, a Learning Journey

'We are thinking about the value 'HONESTY this half term...



Mental Health Awareness Week

The theme for this week was 'loneliness' and during Friday's assembly we discussed what lonely meant and how this can affect people's mental health. We also spoke about looking out for children who are on their own during breaktimes and just checking to see if they are okay.

One in five children struggle with their mental health, a poster at the end of this newsletter, one which is displayed around school, is a good reference point for children to look out for one another.

One in five adults feel lonely at work, a leaflet at the end of this newsletter, looks at ways to connect.

If you, or your child are having mental health struggles, we as a school are here to help and support you, or discuss with you agencies and others that can help.

Year 4 Bell boating

Year 4 had a fun (although rather wet) morning on the canal, practising their bell boating skills, ready for the Regatta later on in the Summer term.

Jubilee Week

Don't forget to create hats with your children to wear during our Jubilee celebrations—not long to go now!

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CLUBS

THURSDAY 3.15—4.15

**SPORTS FROM AROUND
THE WORLD**

FRIDAY 3.15—4.15

FOOTBALL CLUB

COMING SOON!

17th May—Malvern Information Briefing at 6pm

18th May—Reception New Starters Welcome Evening at 6pm

18th May—Wrens Stay and Play 1.30pm—3pm

18th May—National Numeracy Day

18th May—Photograph day—Reception and Year 4

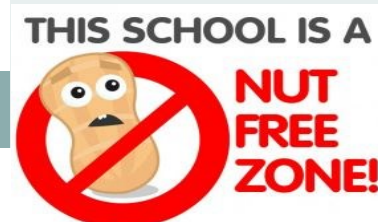
Monday 23rd May—Jubilee Week

Thursday 26th May (pm)—Owls Parents Event—details tbc

Friday 27th May—Feel Good Friday/Street party and Hat Parade

Friday 27th May—End of term

Monday 6th June—Return to school





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Our welcome party starts at 4:30pm with entertainment including a DJ, stilt walkers, acrobats, juggling and an LED light show. Street food will be available from tasty tacos, ice-cream and a gin-bar for the grownups! There will also be a special enchanted memory area for those who have lost a loved one to leave a heartfelt message of remembrance.

Tina from HeadLight Fitness will be getting walkers ready with a warm-up before setting off on a 4k or 7k circular scenic route along the picturesque River Severn and Diglis Waterside at 6pm. A shorter route is available for those who would prefer a smaller stroll.

We are also encouraging guests to wear fancy dress from woodland fairies, wonderful witches and wacky wizards - all mystical creatures very welcome - to make the walk even more spectacular and add to the magic of the evening. Both a face painter and glitter artists will also be on hand to add extra colour and twinkle.

Nivea Suncream concerns

It was brought to our attention that some products in their range contain almond oil and parents were unaware. We have looked at responses and while Allergy UK initially warned parents of the potential allergen, it later added in a statement from the brand.

The charity tweeted:

'Nivea has provided an update on the use of Almond Oil in products for children.

'Due to the specific production and purification process, refined almond oil is free of proteins which are the allergenic substances in almonds.'

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STAR PUPIL AWARD

WRENS— HENRY

ROBINS 1— MEADOW

ROBINS 2— KEZIAH

OWLS 3— ALICE &

ANNABEL

OWLS 4— AUTUMN

ATTENDANCE

WRENS— 91%

ROBINS 1— 100%

ROBINS 2— 95%

OWLS 3— 94%

OWLS 4— 99%

HOUSE POINTS:

AVON: 13

TEME : 30

SEVERN: 31



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Let's Connect!

9 - 15 May 2022

#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

We're encouraging you to build meaningful connections with your friends, family, colleagues and communities!

The theme for Mental Health Awareness Week is 'loneliness'. Loneliness affects many of us at one time or another and we know that it can be both the driver for and a product of poor mental health.

Let's connect during Mental Health Awareness Week, and together, we can:

- Raise awareness of the links between mental health and loneliness
- Provide safe and welcoming spaces to talk and support each other
- Upskill people to use technology and keep in touch with loved ones
- Create an army of volunteers to support lonely people

We're asking people and organisations alike to consider their 'unique contribution' in tackling loneliness, isolation and the barriers to connection.

We need you to...

- 1. Raise awareness**
Help people to understand links between loneliness and poor mental health, and actively check in on those around you at work and in your communities
- 2. Invite conversations**
Use our advice, information, and conversation starters, and join our community on Clic to foster conversations about mental health
- 3. Volunteer your time**
Give back some of your time – either by helping our service users to get online or by helping us to moderate Clic, keeping users safe
- 4. Ask others to act**
Raise these issues within your community and encourage more people to act

Visit mentalhealth-uk.org/mhaw for more info and to get involved

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