



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Every Day, a Learning Journey

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Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our second 'Feel Good Friday' has taken place today. The children enjoyed the activities they had planned together. The theme this time was 'happiness' and there were lots of happy faces around school!

Please remember that if you have concerns regarding your child's mental health or wellbeing, do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance. As part of our recovery curriculum this term, we have planned our curriculum to ensure the children have many opportunities to discuss their feelings with their friends or adults in school and will support our families in any way we can to ensure that every child at Dodford is happy and engaged in their learning.

Christmas Lunch—Tuesday 15th December

Please do not forget to book your child's Christmas lunch. The deadline for orders will be Thursday 10th December. Any child who does not have a meal booked on this day will need to provide their own packed lunch as there will be no cold or jacket potato option available.

Car Park Safety

It has been brought to our attention that a parent drove up into the staff car park to pick up their child from school. The car park is for staff only and is not to be used as a means of collection or turning around, especially as the car went past parents who were lined up along the fence. Please park on the road and be mindful of those who are on foot, as it can be very busy outside of school at drop off and collection times.

Christmas Jumper Day—Save the Children Fundraiser, Friday 11th December

The children can come to school in Christmas jumpers on this day, along with their PE jogging bottoms and trainers for a charity donation of £1. We are asking for £1 coins to come into school on this day as there were a number of parents who didn't/couldn't make their Children In Need donation via Parent Pay. If you do not wish to donate to this charity then your child should come to school in normal PE kit on this day. Thank you.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Wb 7/12/20—Christmas Card Postbox open

11/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day/Virtual Panto Day

15/12/20—Christmas Lunch

16/12/20—Singing in the playground

17/12/20—Christmas Party Day

18/12/20—Values and other awards/Break up for Christmas

4/01/21—TE Day—school closed

5/01/21—Children return to school

CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ATTENDANCE

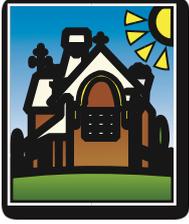
WRENS—100%

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ROBINS 2—98.5%

OWLS 1—91.9%

OWLS 2—97.0%



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Christmas Jumper Day, part 2

We usually take group photographs by the Christmas tree of the children in their nativity costumes and sell these to parents as a keepsake of this special time of year. As we are unable to do a nativity this year, we are planning to take individual photographs of the children in their Christmas jumpers by the tree. We hope by doing this for you, you can have a keepsake of their first/last Christmas at Dodford, or just a nice photo to look back on in years to come. We will sell them at £1.00 each for a 6 by 4 image and you may order multiple copies for family if you wish to do so. We will let you know payment method nearer the time.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to have a photo, please let the office know, otherwise we will take photos and unfortunately we will not be able to share proofs, it will be a fingers crossed that they are smiling—we will try our best to get them to do so!!

Consent forms

We are still missing some forms, please return ASAP to the school office.

Christmas Letter

An important letter was sent out in book bags last week. If yours did not make it home, then the letter can also be found on the school website.

COVID-19 Information

Please remember that the main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you or someone in your household is experiencing any of these symptoms, please seek medical advice, do not leave home and inform the school as a matter of urgency.

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Star Pupils for this week are—

Wrens— Katie

Robins 1— Bethany

Robins 2— Lois

Owls 3— Lexie

Owls 4— Jonathan

House Points this week—

Avon— 79

Teme— 95

Severn— 103

Running totals—

A—540

T—553

S—597



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