



**DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*Every Day, a Learning Journey*

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## Welcome!

Welcome to our two new teaching assistants. Mrs Shaw works full time and is the classroom TA for Years 3 and 4 and Mrs Hawksbee works part time and she is currently working with children in Years 1 and 2.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our Feel Good Friday theme was 'challenge' this month and the children have been rising to challenges inside and outside the classroom. The first one being the weather, but thankfully this changed as the day progressed! As always this is an opportunity to focus on the children's mental health and wellbeing. They have been learning some new dances amongst other activities.

## Parent's Association Smarties Challenge Fundraiser

Please don't forget to bring in your filled up Smartie tubes—every 20p counts and will go towards those little extras that we do in school!

## Reading awards

Well done to all of those children who have been awarded a new book for reaching the next milestone in their reading journey! A separate attachment has been added to this letter, listing all the names—there are so many, well done.

## Year 4 Bellboating—Tuesday 4th May

Please remember that Year 4 are having their bellboating experience on Tuesday and therefore need to arrive fully equipped for the session. A separate letter and email has gone out to parents listing what they need to bring to school. Any queries, please drop the office an email.

## Timings

Can we again, politely remind parents to drop your child off at the correct allocated time. It is important that we get all of the Year 3 and 4 children through the bathrooms before Year 1 and 2.

## Upcoming dates for your diary

03/05/21—Bank holiday/school closed

Wb 3/05/21—Children's Book Week

Sat 8/05/21—World Fairtrade Day

Wb 24/05/21—National Children's Gardening Week

**May half term—Friday 28th May —  
return on Monday 7th June**

End of summer term—Tuesday 20th  
July

## CLUBS THIS HALF TERM AFTER SCHOOL

Thursday –Wrens Football  
Friday - Robins and Owls Football

## ATTENDANCE

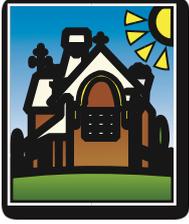
**Wrens 98.3%**

**Robins (1) 99.3%**

**Robins (2) 100%**

**Owls (3) 100%**

**Owls (4) 95.2%**



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Star Pupils this week are:

Wrens— Alex  
Robins 1— Chester  
Robins 2— Boe  
Owls 3— Autumn  
Owls 4— Adele

House Points over past week—

Avon— 54

Teme— 57

Severn— 62—well done!

## Rainbow Project—whole school

We still URGENTLY need your sweet wrappers, bottle tops and shiny foil in lots of different colours sent into school ASAP. They will be used in a whole school art project, which is part of a Bromsgrove wide project based on the theme of 'Rainbow'. **Please keep the shiny foil that Easter eggs are wrapped up in!**

## Bank Holiday

Don't forget that we are not open on Monday as it is a bank holiday. We will see you back in school on Tuesday.

## Competition from Dodford Parish Council

We asked you all for help before the Easter holiday! The Dodford Parish Council have asked the children at the school for help. They would like to display some posters around the village, asking kindly that families do not feed the animals, especially the horses whilst out walking. Feeding livestock and other animals can be harmful to them. Please return posters ASAP, it would be nice to send a few posters to them.



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