



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



Happy New Year

We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed building memories with your children and families over the festive period. Can we take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and generosity for all the gifts and cards, they are very much appreciated and enjoyed.

I would personally like to say how lovely it has been to be back in school and see the children and hear the general buzz of children going about their school day.

The new year will hopefully be a more settled year for us all and we look forward to taking your children on the next steps in their journey of learning and bringing back more of those experiences which the children will remember and cherish for years to come.

Our motto is Every Day a Learning Journey and new learning was shared by the children,

Year 4 have been learning about Roman Numerals: you could feel an exciting buzz of learning as they spoke about why it is still important we understand Roman Numerals today. 'They help us to learn more about History...they help us to understand numbers...they are interesting and make us want to know more about the Romans'. Wonderful to see such great connections in their learning!

Welcome!

It is always a delight to welcome a new family into the Dodford First Community. We would like to welcome Eddie and his family to Dodford and look forward to taking him on his learning journey.

Staffing Update

Miss Stacey Harrison will be continuing to work alongside Mrs Eggleton in Owls class this half term whilst we recruit a new teaching assistant.

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CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM AFTER SCHOOL

THURSDAY 3.15—4.15

SCANDANAVIAN SPORTS

FRIDAY 3.15—4.15

FOOTBALL CLUB

MORE COMING SOON!

ATTENDANCE

WRENS— 100%

ROBINS 1— 100%

ROBINS 2— 100%

OWLS 3— 100%

OWLS 4— 96%

STAR AWARDS:

**WELL DONE TO ALL
OF THE CHILDREN
AND HOW THEY HAVE
RETURNED TO
SCHOOL THIS WEEK.**

**YOU ARE ALL STARS
IN OUR EYES !**





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Cold days ahead

We have had some very cold days this week after a very mild spell—a bit of a shock to the system for us all! Can we ask that you send your child into school with layers on underneath their school polo-shirt/shirt, such as a vest, base layer or white tshirt and ensure they have a jumper or cardigan to wear, as we are having to continue to ventilate our classrooms to help reduce the risks surrounding COVID 19.

The cold weather, however, does not stop the children from enjoying the outdoors and therefore it is essential that they come to school in a warm winter coat and have gloves and a hat to keep the chills out. On outdoor days, keep them layered in joggers/fleece trousers as jeans and leggings do not hold the heat. On Fridays, for PE, please send your child into school wearing their winter PE kit, consisting of a fleece and joggers and trainers, not pumps.

Staying Covid safe

Staff will continue to lateral flow test twice a week as we work relentlessly to limit the risk of Covid transmission. We will also continue implementing current procedures such as staff wearing masks in corridors and communal areas. We ask that you continue to notify school if your child tests positive or needs to isolate via office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk. The more we work together, the more our community is protected. Thank you.

Spring Charity

A team of Year 3 and Year 4 children will be working with Mrs. Parkes to develop and launch a 'Love & Gratitude Day' on Monday 14th February. The ethos of the day is for children to re-connect with their local community following Covid impact, expressing their gratitude and appreciation for the help they give at the time it is needed. This may include:

- * writing letters of thanks to the local doctor's and dentists
- * thanking staff who help to run our local village hall
- * visiting local services to let them know we are deeply grateful for their support.

If you know local community groups who have gone the extra mile to help others, please speak to Mrs. Parkes early January.

Communication

Communication with our parents is invaluable to support our pupils and their families. Please direct all communications via the school office, either by phone or by email.

Please use office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk and put who the email is intended for. This will ensure that no emails are missed and are passed onto the appropriate member of staff.

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After School Sports Clubs Start

Thursday 6th January

Monday 17 January

Kids Inventors Day

(Dress up as a famous inventor)

Friday 28th January

Big Garden Birdwatch

Friday 4th February

National Number Day (NSPCC)

(Dress up for digits NSPCC theme)

Tuesday 9th February

Safer Internet Day

Monday 14th February

Love & Gratitude Day

(Dress in a colour that represents love to you)

COMING SOON!

14th—18 March

STEM Week