



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Every Day, a Learning Journey

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Welcome!

We would like to welcome Jaiden and his family to Dodford.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We will continue to thread mental health and wellbeing throughout our curriculum. If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health or wellbeing please discuss these with your child's class teacher. We are here to support them and you in these challenging times.

COVID—19 Update

The latest DfE guidance and national lockdown were both announced earlier on this week. Schools are to stay open as they have been, following the risk assessments which have been agreed by Public Health and continuing to adhere to the guidance issued around protective measures and what to do if there is a case or suspected case within school. It is imperative that if you believe you have been in contact with someone who has positively tested for COVID—19 that you inform the school as quickly as possible.

Thank you to all the adults for wearing face masks this week. This is another measure to try and keep everyone safe and the whole school open so that the children can continue with their education.

Congratulations!

Well done to Miss Stanley and The Green Team for being awarded their third Green Flag Award in a row. This is a huge achievement for a school our size and demonstrates the dedication we have as a school towards sustainability.

Bug Club

It was disappointing to see so few children (less than a quarter of the school) access the online reading resource over the half term, especially when we are having to limit the books we can physically send home to the children each week. This is an excellent way to widen the choice of books your child has to read and for them to practise their reading comprehension skills. Your child's log on details are in their reading diaries.

Tutor Groups

Tutor groups began this week and will continue for the next five weeks of this half term. Can we remind you that we have changed the collection point at 4pm. Parents/carers are now to collect their children from the school playground as they would at the end of the school day, entering at the top gate and exiting from the playground gate. Mrs Jackson and Miss Evans will dismiss the children at the end of the session.

Upcoming dates for your diary

11.11.20—Armistice Day
13.11.20—Children In Need Day
16.11.20—Odd Socks Day
Wb 16.11.20—Anti-Bullying Week
Wb 16.11.20—Road Safety Week
11/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/20—Break up for Christmas

More will follow!

CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ATTENDANCE

WRENS—100%

ROBINS 1—100%

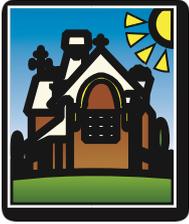
ROBINS 2—100%

OWLS 1—98%

OWLS 2—99%

Great attendance!

Last half term 52/73 children were at school every day!



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Parent Pay

We still have some families who haven't activated their account, please do so ASAP.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are not taking due care when parking outside of school. Please do not park on double yellow lines, especially at the junction with Priory Road as it is very busy at the start and end of the school day and we do not want any accidents happening.

Children In Need Fundraiser

Our next annual fundraiser is next Friday, 13th November. The theme this year is 'Together we can...' which the children will be discussing in class. To raise funds we would like you to make a cashless donation via Parent Pay, in return your child can come to school in their PJ's or onesies for the day. They need to wear underwear and clothes underneath their onesies (they often get too hot!) and a jumper possibly with their PJ's if they are not thick, woolly ones. Children are to wear their trainers as PE will be taking place as usual but in nightwear rather than their PE kit!



Odd Socks Day—Monday 16th November

The children are asked to come in odd socks on Monday 16th to launch our Anti-Bullying Week in school. Socks should be worn along with normal uniform or their outdoor clothes if in Wrens class. There is no payment required as this is an awareness event, promoting individuality.

Curriculum Newsletters and Chilli Challenge

Curriculum class newsletters have been sent out today. Please take a moment to read these so that you are aware of any specific activities or events that are happening in the different classes. Chilli challenge homework has also been set.

Football Club

To those parents who have children who should have been attending the football club. It was disappointing to have to cancel the club for this half term but we hope that the club will be up and running in the new year.



Star Pupils for this week are—

Wrens— Florence

Robins 1— Beatrice

Robins 2— Alice

Owls 3— Isla

Owls 4— Honey

House Points this week—

Avon— 85

Teme— 89

Severn— 97

Running totals—

A—343

T—360

S—388



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