



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

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## Reading and reading diaries

Reading books and diaries will be sent home week beginning 21st September. This has allowed us to listen to the children read, talk about their reading experiences over lockdown and baseline their reading ability to ensure they receive a book band book matched to their current ability. Some children may need longer on the band they were on before and others we may feel are ready to move on to the next band. As always we will continue to monitor their reading regularly to ensure they have a book matched to their ability. **A separate email has been sent with a detailed explanation on how reading will be delivered at this time to meet COVID guidelines on cleaning and prevention of infection. This will also be on the school website in the News section.**

## COVID—19 safety

The children have impressed me so much over the past week. They have adapted so well to the new daily routines and are finding new ways to play with each other and keep each other safe.

The drop off is going very smoothly in the morning but we would like to draw your attention to the following which is already in the COVID contract issued before the start of term.

- Some parents are still not using the correct entrance and exit points. The carpark gate is the entrance and the front gate is the exit only. **Please do not enter the playground by the front playground gate.**
- On entering the playground, please do not congregate by the gate but move onto the playground so others can enter the playground safely and adhere to the 1 metre socially distancing rule.
- Children must wait with their parents whilst on the playground. **Do not** let your child run around on the playground.
- Please drop off at the allocated slot as the children start their class assembly each day at the end of their allocated drop off time.

Finally can we refrain from smoking outside the school, please do not stand at the end of the neighbours property, we want a good working relationship with the local residents. Thank you.

## Year 3 and 4 (Owls) snack

Children need to bring a HEALTHY snack for morning break—this can be a piece of fruit, a cereal or granola bar (with no chocolate coating) or items such as carrot sticks or cucumber. No sugary snacks.

## Upcoming dates for your diary

W.B.14.9.20—Reception in part time

W.B.21.9.20—Reception in full time

25.09.20—MacMillan Fundraiser

25.09.20—'Meet the Teacher' presentations sent home

28.09.20—School Council Elections

10.20—Black History Month

08.10.20—School photographer in—individual and sibling photos

13.10.20 and 14.10.20—Parents Evening—details to follow

14.10.20—Healthy Eating Focus Week

Wb 12/19.10 and 2.11—Reception 2021 Show Aroun—details to follow

October half term—Friday 23rd October—return on Monday 2nd November

## CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

NO CLUBS RUNNING

## ATTENDANCE

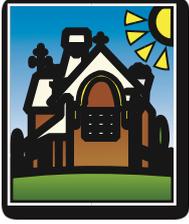
### Wrens

**Robins (1) 97.04%**

**Robins (2) 97.04%%**

**Owls (3) 88.15%**

**Owls (4) 99.26%**



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## Outdoor Days

As part of our recovery curriculum this term, we have decided to introduce designated outdoor days for each class. They will not spend the whole of the school day outside but will be dressed for all weathers, ensuring they can go outside and learn in the school grounds. Getting fresh air and being active—all good for mental health and well being. **Reception** (Wrens) already have their 'Muddy Day' on a **Monday**. From the week beginning 21st September, **Years 1 and 2** (Robins) will have outdoor day on a **Wednesday** and **Years 3 and 4** (Owls) will have their day on a **Thursday**.

On these days the children need to come in OLD warm clothes, with long sleeves and their legs covered up in leggings or jogging bottoms (not jeans). The children need to come in trainers or wellies (and put their trainers in their bag). They must bring a coat and a hat if sunny. If the weather is forecast to be wet and the children do have waterproofs, these would be ideal. We do not expect you to buy any items for this day.

## MacMillan Fundraiser—Friday 25th September

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we cannot hold our annual coffee 'afternoon'. We do, however, want to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity. This year we will be holding 'bubble' tea parties for the children only (sorry parents, can't give you a good excuse to eat cake!). We are asking that each child brings a minimum donation of £1 to enjoy a drink and cake or two together with their class, hopefully outside if the weather is permitting, if not in the hall.

Can we ask that you send in cakes from Monday 21st September, but can they be shop bought ones only and not contain nuts. Any cakes that are left over can then be sold at the end of the day at collection time.

## School photographs

Our school photographer will be in school on Thursday 8th October. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions we cannot have family photos with pre-school children this year. However, if there are siblings within school we can take their photograph together as well as an individual one. Therefore children will be dropped off as normal and the photos will be taken during the school morning.

## Term dates

Please find on this newsletter dates we have in the diary currently. We have yet to decide on how to ensure other Autumn events still take place under current COVID-19 guidance.

## Mental Health

Please remember that your child's mental health is important to us so if they inform you that they are struggling for whatever reason, then please contact the school so that we can support your child.