



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Every Day, a Learning Journey

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Message from Mrs Parkes

The Government's announcements at the weekend have been received with mixed feelings from the nation and one of the most significant announcements was the one regarding the phased re-opening of schools for younger children and those in Year 6. The education sector has many questions that need answering in regards to opening schools to more pupils as the health and welfare of our children and staff takes priority over any other decision we make. Please be assured that once we have more information and we know what our provision at Dodford could possibly be, we will be in touch.

Year R, Year 1 and keyworker families—please respond to our surveys and letters as a matter of urgency please. Thank you if you have already done so.

Class newsletters

The teachers continue to produce their class newsletters which contain a wealth of ideas and activities specific to their classes and across all subjects to ensure variety and encourage engagement. Please access the online platforms as the teachers can see how the children are getting on with the tasks they set on these, can see the books that they are reading and the online materials are fun! We still have a number of children that have yet to engage with some of our materials. Home schooling, in whatever format you can do is really important and having a structure to 'school days' will help ease their transition back in to school. Children like routine and at this age need adults to guide them through their learning.

DfE materials—teaching and learning resources

The DfE have released this document which is a list of online education resources for home education. So if you require further inspiration, the link is below. Remember that our previous newsletters also provide lots of sites for you to use when planning home learning activities for your child.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

NSPCC website—mental health and wellbeing

NSPCC has an online tools section with some really nice activities for the children to do depending on how they are feeling, anything from amazing to sad and lonely.

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/april/supporting-children-young-people-mental-health?utm_source=Corona-newsletter&utm_medium=Mental-Health&utm_campaign=202004_Corona

Upcoming dates for your diary

School closed for bank holiday —
Friday 8th May

Half term break—Monday 25th May—
Friday 29th May

School reopens to specific children
only —Monday 1st June

End of school term for all pupils —
Friday 17th July

CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Monday—

Tuesday—

Wednesday—

Wednesday—

Friday—

ATTENDANCE

Wrens %

Robins (1) %

Robins (2) %

Owls (3) %

Owls (4) %



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Competitions

Don't forget that there is still time to enter our poetry and art competitions. We have had some lovely entries so far but would love to have lots more as I know we have lots of creative children at Dodford, both in their writing and their art!

Enjoy the Outdoors!

With all the nice weather, why not try a scavenger hunt with a difference!

Gratitude
Scavenger Hunt for Kids

1. Find something outside you enjoy looking at
2. Find something that is useful for you
3. Find something that is your favorite color
4. Find something you know someone else will enjoy
5. Find something that makes you happy
6. Find something that tastes good
7. Find something that smells amazing
8. Discover something new
9. Find something that makes you feel safe
10. Find something that makes a beautiful sound
11. Find someone you are grateful for
12. Find something that is unique to you
13. Find something that makes you laugh
14. Find something in the night that you enjoy
15. Find something in the morning that you enjoy
16. Find a friend/pet that you love spending time with
17. Find your favorite place to spend alone time
18. Find something that reminds you of the people you love
19. Find something that you enjoy doing outside with friends
20. Find a place that you love

Natural
BEACH LIVING