



## DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Every Day, a Learning Journey*

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### Final newsletter of the year!

We are again nearly at the end of another school year and what a year it has been! Can I say a big thank you to all of our families and children for their resilience over the past year and to my staff for their determination to deliver lessons (remotely or not) and share experiences for the children to help them progress both academically and emotionally.

Thank you to all of those parents who have already sent in their report reply slips and the kind words, they mean a lot to the staff. If you have yet to return yours, please can you ensure you do before the end of term, either the slip or electronically via email.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

The school environment at present is ideal at promoting wellbeing and a sense of being close to nature, from the cows and sheep in the surrounding fields to the baby birds in the many nests around school to the minibeasts and butterflies. The children have been really engaged with the nature on our doorstep!

More children have been trying out our new trim trail and lots of smiles and determined faces have been witnessed whilst they have been tackling the different obstacles!

### The Dog House

I am an avid viewer of this programme as I'm sure some of you are, but could you be on the programme? Two dogs are plenty for me, but if you are interested, please see the flyer below which was sent in to us this week!

The Dog House is back!

If you could offer a loving home to a rescue dog, Channel 4 needs you!

[www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house](http://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house)

### Upcoming dates for your diary

20.07.21—Achievement assembly (virtual)—children only

20.07.21—Farewell to Year 4—details to be confirmed

End of summer term—Tuesday 20th July—usual times

Wednesday 21st July—TE Day for staff

02.09.21/03.09.21—TE days

02.09.21—New Reception Starters taster sessions

06.09.21—All children back for the start of the Autumn Term/Reception part-time

13.09.21—Reception children in full-time

### CLUBS THIS HALF TERM AFTER SCHOOL

Finished last week

### ATTENDANCE

**Wrens 98.52%**

**Robins (1) 84.73%**

**Robins (2) 89.93%**

**Owls (3) 100%**

**Owls (4) 100%**



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### **Gifts for staff**

We have had a few parents enquire about bringing in of gifts for staff. If gifts could come in Monday this would better, as they can be left in school until the staff finish on Wednesday afternoon.

### **Reading Books**

If you haven't done so already, can all reading scheme and reading for pleasure books be returned to school on Monday at the latest so we can get them back on to the shelves for September. Thank you.

### **September Update**

A letter, via email will be coming out on Tuesday with information regarding our return in September and the protective measures that will be in place. As you can imagine, we will be making decisions that may have to change, depending on what happens over the summer holidays, so please keep checking your emails and text messages for any alerts that come through.

### **COVID Update**

We have several schools locally, including ourselves, with bubbles closed, so once again can we remind you to continue to be COVID safe on the school site and when you are out and about.

If your child or a family member displays any of the symptoms listed on the NHS site or is unwell, especially with a cough or a temperature, please keep your child off school until you are sure that they are COVID free. This may mean having a LFD test or PCR test to be sure.

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Star Pupils this week are:

We are holding out for our achievement assembly winners instead!  
These will be announced on Monday.

House Points

Avon—79—well done!

Teme—54

Severn—58



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