



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Every Day, a Learning Journey

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Message from Mrs Parkes

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and the Easter bunny brought you lots of yummy chocolate to eat! We can see that many of you have been very busy over the past week, accessing different learning resources and keeping your minds and bodies active during the national lockdown. As we know now, the lockdown has been extended for at least the next three weeks and therefore schools will remain shut for the foreseeable future to all children apart from those of critical workers. We have contacted those families separately to let you know the arrangements in place at the school.

We are still running with a limited number of staff and they are setting home learning activities for those of you at home whilst also organising activities to do with the children who are attending the school—a big thank you to them for their dedication and hard work.

Please remember that the staff are setting tasks and activities for the children to do on three key online platforms, Bug Club, Education City and Purple/Mini Mash. We can see that many of the children are accessing Purple Mash but uptake on Education City and Bug Club has been more limited. Initially Education City was crashing due to demand but has recently been easier to access and Bug Club is a great way to engage with reading, especially the comprehension activities which ensure a higher level of engagement with text.

School Places

You should, by now, have received the relevant information offering your school places for First and Middle School, for the September 2020 intake. We are unsure, at this time, about how any transition events will look but we will try to keep in touch as best we can and continue to do all we can to make this process as smooth as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your offer please get in touch, via the school office – office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk

Recording Lockdown

Rania Javid, the daughter of Sajid Javid, MP for Bromsgrove, has created a website to help us all share our Lockdown experiences, as a unique moment in history. 'Think of this website as a diary. One that hopefully provides a sense of unity, a place where you are able to creatively express and share your feelings and emotions about this pandemic.' Go to the following if you would like to share some of your experiences, <https://covidbritain.wordpress.com/>

Coronavirus Update

We are living in exceptional times which are beyond what any of us have ever experienced before. Talking to children about COVID-19 – tips and advice for your child and family can be found at,

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Upcoming dates for your diary

20/04/20—School reopens for critical worker children only

CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

Monday—

Tuesday—

Wednesday—

Wednesday—

Friday—

ATTENDANCE

Wrens %

Robins (1) %

Robins (2) %

Owls (3) %



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Twitter

Thank you to those families who have tweeted, it would be great to see lots more on our twitter page. What ever activities you are doing, please take a picture or a video and send them to our twitter page, @DodfordFirst

Home Learning Ideas and Activities

The home learning weekly newsletters for each class have been sent via email and will also be posted on the school website. The staff have tried to include a range of activities for your children to do to keep their minds and bodies active over the next week.

Please find below some more ideas and websites to visit to give you inspiration to fill your days!

Our yoga teacher, Fiona, will be doing daily live yoga sessions at 10am on her facebook page, Asanas Bananas.

The Tate Gallery are offering lots of online art activities, [Tate.org.uk/kids](https://www.tate.org.uk/kids)

culturestreet.org.uk/activities.php - a place to find art activities to keep children active

We are also attaching some NHS/key worker mindful colouring pages for you to do and then stick them up in your windows at home and another attachment which gives you 100 fun in-door activity ideas to try at home—see how many you can tick off over the coming weeks!

Please stay safe and take care. If you have any worries or concerns we are still contactable through the school office email address.