



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

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## Message from Mrs Parkes

The end of the academic year is here and I would usually look back on the summer term and recollect the fun times we have enjoyed together. However, this year has been like none other and hopefully a 'one-off'. We have much to reflect on and appreciate and celebrate but I am looking forward to having all the school back together again in September. Thank you for your resilience, support and hard work with your children over the past few months. Your kind messages and understanding has been much appreciated by all the staff. Please continue to check your emails over the summer as we are expecting further guidance to be published in August and we may need to share further information with you before the start of term. Have a lovely summer and we will see you on Thursday 3rd September at the new staggered start times!

## Leavers

Today is our final day for our Year 4 pupils and it is not quite the day we would have wished for them. The farewell picnic and presentation is our way of saying goodbye for now but we look forward to hearing about their new adventures at their new schools. I wish I could have been there today to say goodbye but I will hold on fondly to all the memories that I have of this funny, determined and high-spirited Year 4 group! Everyone at Dodford wishes you all the very best as you continue your learning journey.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to two pupils today. Henry and his family are moving home and Henry will be starting a new school in September and Ayrton is also moving to a new school. We wish you both every success.

## Lockdown Achievements

Lockdown has been challenging in many different ways but it has also been a time to look back on in years to come. We would like the children to choose two pieces of work/moments during lockdown which they are proud of and either bring in their work or photos of what they have achieved so that we can celebrate these as a school. I know they may have many more but if they could choose their top two please!

Your child may have completed a project set by their teacher and want to share their art, writing or maths etc or they may have learnt a new skill like baking or mastered something, for example riding a bike without stabilisers. We look forward to seeing them all in September.

## Summer Fun!

Please find attached a sheet of Summer Fun, some websites we have found that have lots and lots of ideas on how to keep your children and you busy over the summer holidays. Please remember that our Twitter page will still be active over the summer holiday, so please feel free to post any of the fun things that you get up to during this time!

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## Upcoming dates for your diary

Start of Autumn Term—

Tuesday 1st September and

Wednesday 2nd September —TE  
Days

Thursday 3rd September—school  
opening to children in Years 1 to 4

Monday 7th September—Transition  
sessions for Reception children

Monday 21st September—Whole  
school in full time

Term Dates will be given out in  
September

## **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AUTUMN (1) HALF TERM**

Four Seasons will be running

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Wrens %**

**Robins (1) %**

**Robins (2) %**

**Owls (3) %**

**Owls (4) %**