



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



## Mental Health and Wellbeing

The children have continued to enjoy their outdoor days, especially with all the lovely weather we have had. Please ensure that the children wear clothing to cover their arms and legs, whatever the weather, as they are often in the garden area.

As the weather is improving, remember to look for those opportunities to encourage your child to enjoy the green spaces that we have. At school we are fortunate to have an environment where bird song can constantly be heard and the local cattle and sheep entertain us too! The children have been exploring the wildlife—big and small that live in the school grounds, generating lots of fascinating discussions.

We have several events coming up that we hope the children will enjoy—some physical and some face to face, bringing back some of the activities that we have missed during the pandemic.

Finally, please remember that if you have any concerns about your child's mental health or well-being, please discuss these with their class teacher or myself as we can help provide the necessary support or signpost you to the right people for that support.



### School Games Day—Friday 25th June

Fingers crossed, weather permitting, it will be our School Games Day on Friday. We are having to hold a different kind of event, holding 3 separate events in our bubbles—but at least we can do one this year with a small group of spectators!

We have limited the event to 1 adult per child, in line with government guidance, and to remain fair to all families across the school. You will be asked the name of the child you are watching for track and trace purposes. A letter went out last week and an email detailing the times and COVID safety measures we need to have in place for the event to be allowed, one of these being a risk assessment which will be attached. You will note that if you wish/need to sit down for the event, that we ask that you bring along your own chair as we cannot clean chairs as well as all the equipment, between each event.

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### Upcoming dates for your diary

21.06.21—Mini First Aid—Owls class

23.06.21—Virtual Synagogue trip—  
Robins class

W.b. 21.06.21—Paralympics Focus  
Week

25.06.21—School Games Day

01.07.21—Year 4 Malvern Day Trip

02.07.21—Reserve Sports Games  
Day

09.07.21—End of year reports home

15.07.21—Year 4 Graduation

20.07.21—Virtual/outside achieve-  
ment assembly

End of summer term—Tuesday 20th  
July

### CLUBS THIS HALF TERM AFTER SCHOOL

Thursday –Wrens Football  
Friday - Robins and Owls Foot-  
ball

### ATTENDANCE

**Wrens 99%**

**Robins (1) 95%**

**Robins (2) 97%**

**Owls (3) 100%**

**Owls (4) 95%**



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## Euro Football Tournament

We have some interesting facts in about the different football teams or about the countries they are representing—new facts that I didn't know before. Please, if you haven't done so already, get you child to write a fact to be displayed in the corridor and earn their team a house point at the same time!



Star Pupils this week are:

Wrens— Alex

Robins 1— William

Robins 2— Freya F.

Owls 3— Maisie F.

Owls 4— Rory D.

House Points over past week—

Avon— 111—well done!

Teme— 101

Severn—105

## COVID Update

Following the announcement to pause further Covid relaxations, the DfE have confirmed that we need to keep the current protective measures in place for education settings until there is a further announcement on Step 4 of the roadmap. Whilst cases in Worcestershire remain lower than West Midlands averages our Public Health colleagues are monitoring situations in our neighbouring areas and the impact of the Delta Variant in terms of transmission patterns. We are aware of at least 3 local schools where bubbles have had to close over the past week, so we again urge you to be careful and when on site to continue to adhere to the 1m rule and wear a face mask unless you are exempt. Younger siblings should remain by the sides of their adults when waiting for others and not run around the playground or mix with children from other bubbles.

The childhood symptoms of COVID are still on the NHS website and if your child is unwell or showing any of the symptoms on the list, we ask that you don't bring them into school and that you should arrange for them to take a PCR test. Hopefully the measures that we have at Dodford will continue to keep us safe and fully open until the end of term.



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