



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Every Day, a Learning Journey

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Welcome Back!

I have enjoyed reuniting with the children, staff and wider school community this week and a big thank you to everyone who has personally wished me well. I've missed watching the children out on the playground and hearing their voices throughout the school day. It has also been great to chat with staff face to face, rather than via zoom or by telephone and email!

Exciting News

For those who may have missed our email message, we send huge congratulations to Miss Stanley and her partner, who are expecting their second child in the Autumn. Miss Stanley will be with us until the end of the Summer term and we are currently recruiting for a maternity cover position for the next academic year.

Stamp Design Competition



Our school is delighted to be taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter explaining all about the competition, alternatively, follow the link below for further information.

https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/pdf/en_Heroes_Letter_For_Parents.pdf

Mental Health and Wellbeing

There is no doubt that the sunshine helps lift everyone's spirits and the children have enjoyed a rain-free week, playing with their friends outside and also completing lessons in the sunshine. It is great to be back, even though we are still in our class 'bubbles' for now. We continue to have Outdoor Days for each class as part of our wellbeing curriculum and our next Feel Good Friday is only one week away!

If, however, you do have any concerns regarding your child's mental health, anxiety or wellbeing, please talk to their class teacher, as we can listen, support and signpost you to other services if we feel this would be of benefit.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Mon 19/04/21—Children return to school

Friday 23/04/21—St. George's Day

Thurs 29/04/21—International Dance Day

Friday 30/04/21—Feel Good Friday

03/05/21—Bank holiday/school closed

Wb 3/05/21—Children's Book Week

Sat 8/05/21—World Fairtrade Day

Wb 24/05/21—National Children's Gardening Week

**May half term—Friday 28th May —
return on Monday 7th June**

End of summer term—Tuesday 20th July

CLUBS THIS HALF TERM AFTER SCHOOL

Thursday –Wrens Football
Friday - Robins and Owls Football

ATTENDANCE

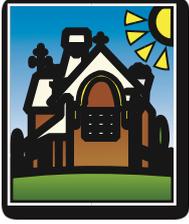
Wrens 100%

Robins (1) 100%

Robins (2) 100%

Owls (3) 96.3%

Owls (4) 96.8%



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Rainbow Project—whole school

We still URGENTLY need your sweet wrappers, bottle tops and shiny foil in lots of different colours sent into school ASAP. They will be used in a whole school art project, which is part of a Bromsgrove wide project based on the theme of 'Rainbow'. **Please keep the shiny foil that Easter eggs are wrapped up in!**

PE Kits

We have had a lot of children turn up this week for PE in general outdoor clothing or t-shirts and joggers/shorts which are not part of our school PE kit. Children **must** wear the school uniform PE kit. This is a plain or school logo white tshirt with dark coloured and plain jogging bottoms or shorts and sweatshirt. Appropriate trainers need to be worn, not fashion or flimsy ones that give no support to their feet. If your child is attending football club after school, then they can bring football boots and shin pads with them as long as they can change and put them on themselves.

Outdoor Days

Please can children not wear jeans or shorts on these days as they are often out kneeling in the garden or on the playground, so they need their knees covering and jeans are not comfortable to kneel in either.

Competition from Dodford Parish Council

We asked you all for help before the Easter holiday! The Dodford Parish Council have asked the children at the school for help. They would like to display some posters around the village, asking kindly that families do not feed the animals, especially the horses whilst out walking. Feeding livestock and other animals can be harmful to them. Please return posters ASAP, it would be nice to send a few posters to them.



Star Pupils this week are:

Wrens— Isla-Rose

Robins 1— Bailey

Robins 2— Luke

Owls 3— Harrison

Owls 4— Jonathan

House Points over past week—

Avon— 81

Teme— 84—well done!

Severn— 78



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