



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Every Day, a Learning Journey

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The children have enjoyed another Feel Good Friday today. The theme was nature, and the children enjoyed the outdoors and being in the school garden as it has also been **Children's Gardening Week** this week.

Years 3 and 4 had the **Stem Challenge Team** in this week and were set the challenge of designing an eco-friendly home. Dillan and Harry had the winning design!



Reception were very excited about the arrival of their new mud kitchen!



Den Days will be taking place in the first week back after half term. Ant items requested by the staff need to be in school by Monday 7th June. I do believe that Wrens have plenty of boxes, so have asked that no more boxes be sent in! Robins and Owls are still hoping for more items so that they can make their dens on the Wednesday and Thursday. Den Day is also a charity fundraiser, there will be a donation page on Parent Pay which will go live on Monday 7th June. Remember that any amount will be appreciated by Save the Children and giving is good for our mental health and wellbeing!

Physical exercise and fresh air are both great for your mental health, so with the weather improving, just in time for half term, please encourage your children to spend lots of time outside and take this opportunity to maybe go in the garden and learn a new skill or maybe sit outside and listen to nature whilst reading a book or whilst they are playing with their toys. Try to limit their screen time, maybe they can have a go at the ideas on the calendar on the next page from the action for happiness website. It is Joyful June!

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Upcoming dates for your diary

28th May—Doughnut sale on the playground at collection times

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

Wb 07/06/21 DEN DAY—Den Days will take place on Outdoor days

25th June—School Games Day—times/format to be confirmed

1st July—Year 4 Visit to Malvern

8th July—Year 1 and 2 to Lower Smitte Farm

End of summer term—Tuesday 20th July

CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM AFTER SCHOOL

Thursday –Wrens Football
Friday - Robins and Owls Football

ATTENDANCE

Wrens 94%

Robins (1) 100%

Robins (2) 96%

Owls (3) 100%

Owls (4) 91%

We had 48 children attend every day this half term!



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Joyful June 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something healthy which makes you feel good	1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month	2 Say positive things in your conversations with others	3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it	4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings
7 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	8 Find joy in music; sing, play, dance, listen or share	9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently	10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them	11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it	12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone	13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side
14 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way	17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful	18 Look for something good in a difficult situation	19 Get outside and find the joy in being active	20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity
21 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people	22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to	24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for	25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others	26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it	27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

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ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



Achievement Week—Well done to everyone who received a certificate today. Please see below the Headteacher's Award Winners;

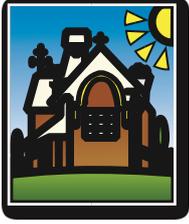
- Wrens— Katie
- Robins 1— Evie
- Robins 2— Annabel
- Owls 3— Lucas
- Owls 4— Maisie M

House Points over past week—

- Avon— 79
- Teme— 83
- Severn— 87—well done!



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Reminders

COVID—You should have received two letters via email this week, one from WCF and PH and one from the school, with COVID updates and essential information on.

COVID cases during half term—please see attached to the newsletter the information regarding what action needs to take place in regards to tests and isolation periods.

Staggered start times will continue after half term,

If your child is in reception (Wrens) they can be dropped off anytime between 8.50 and 9.00am, we are aware that some parents drop off a little earlier than this which is fine as they go in a separate entrance.

If your child is in Years 1 and 2 (Robins) they can be dropped off anytime between 8.50 and 9.00am (at 8.40am onwards if they are a sibling).

If your child is in Years 3 and 4 (Owls) they can be dropped off anytime between 8.40am and 8.50am.

We allow for a few minutes to get to class before the register is closed, but then your child will be registered as late if they arrive at the classroom after this time has elapsed.

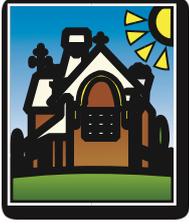
Absences/Lates—Please inform the school as soon as possible if your child is going to be late into school and if your child is ill, the school must be informed by 9.30am on the first day of absence. This can be done via an email or by leaving a voicemail message.

The **School car park and drive** is for school staff and agreed nursery staff or visitors only to use. Parents must not turn around in the drive and not come on to the car park and turn around. We have had a couple of close misses this half term because of parents coming onto/or attempting to come onto the school site with their cars.

As we begin to carefully move towards a more 'normal' way of school life, it is important that you keep up to date with events going on in school and ensure that all **paperwork** is returned within any deadlines which are set. If a child does not have the required paperwork, then this may result in them missing out on certain activities and even missing out on going on school trips.



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Bird Boxes

We have been very lucky to have been donated some beautiful RSPB bird boxes to put up in the school grounds. We have had a lot of baby birds born this year, using the eaves and old light fittings, may be they will choose one of our new homes next year!

We have attached a picture of the children to this newsletter to show you all the different boxes!

Thank you

Thank you to the Parent's Association for organising the ultimate finale to our Feel Good Friday, a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale. We can't imagine why this proved so popular!! Enjoy your half term treats.

Enjoy the half term!

It has been a busy and very productive half term. We have all settled back into the school routines (although still a little out of the norm) and the children have been able to enjoy a more stable period. We are beginning to slowly introduce some of the 'extras' and 'enrichment' which is so important in achieving a fully rounded learning experience for your child. Any queries you may have over the half term can be sent in via the school office email address, but please be aware that they will only be monitored during the week and only emergencies will be dealt with before the return to school. Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th June.

Mrs Lisa Parkes



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