



## DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Every Day, a Learning Journey*

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### Welcome!

Welcome to Mia who has joined us in Wrens class this week. We now have a full school which is great news for Dodford.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our children are enjoying their outdoor days but this time of year can be very unpredictable with the weather, so please ensure that your child has plenty of layers on and wears a coat with a hood. Come rain, wind or frost, we still want to get the children outside enjoying the fresh air and their school environment.

### Car Park/Morning Drop Off

Over the past week we have seen children running around the car park, in between the staff cars and today even kicking a tennis ball amongst the cars. Firstly, under COVID guidelines and our code of conduct, children are meant to stand with their parents at all times and not play and run around at the start or the end of the school day and secondly, staff do not want their cars damaged by a ball being kicked into them. Please ensure that your child stands with you whilst waiting to enter school.

### Christmas Tree

We have a lovely Christmas tree in the school hall for the children and staff to enjoy! A huge big THANK YOU to Sonny's parents for purchasing the tree for the school this year.



### COVID information letter

A letter for parents and carers from Worcestershire Children's First has been placed in your child's book bag. Please take the time to read the letter which contains the latest information regarding COVID in Worcestershire. The letter will also be attached to the newsletter this week.

### Upcoming dates for your diary

Wb 7/12/20—Christmas Card Postbox open

11/12/20—Christmas Jumper Day/Virtual Panto Day

15/12/20—Christmas Lunch

16/12/20—Singing in the playground

17/12/20—Christmas Party Day

18/12/20—Values and other awards/Break up for Christmas

4/01/21—TE Day—school closed

5/01/21—Children return to school

### CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM

### CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### ATTENDANCE

**WRENS—97.8%**

**ROBINS 1—94.8%**

**ROBINS 2—100%**

**OWLS 3—100%**

**OWLS 4—97.1%**



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## **Christmas Jumper Day—Save the Children Fundraiser, Friday 11th December**

The children can come to school in Christmas jumpers on this day, along with their PE jogging bottoms and trainers for a charity donation of £1. We are asking for £1 coins to come into school on this day.

## **Christmas Lunch—Tuesday 15th December**

Please do not forget to book your child's Christmas lunch. The deadline for orders will be Thursday 10th December.

## **Christmas Cards**

First names will be coming home in book bags for children wishing to write Christmas cards.

## **PE Kits**

A polite reminder that we do have a PE uniform and jumpers with pictures on and leggings are not part of this uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing a school fleece or plain jogging top and they are in jogging bottoms at this time of year to keep their legs warm! PE is outside so please make sure they are suitably dressed.

## **Isla's fundraising efforts**

Well done to Isla (and mum) for sleeping out all night, taking part in TheBigSleepOut, raising funds for the Birmingham based charity, St. Basil's. An amazing £230 was raised!



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Star Pupils for this week are—

Wrens— Jaiden

Robins 1— Joseph

Robins 2— Theo

Owls 3— Freya

Owls 4— Harry

House Points this week—

Avon— 105

Teme— 108

Severn— 92

Running totals—

A—645

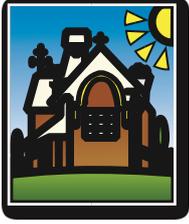
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### **Celebrating Christingle**

As part of our Christmas celebrations this year, the children will be making Christingles and raising money for The Children's Society.

This event will be taking place during the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December. Children will learn about the work of this important charity and will each make a Christingle in class to take home. We will also be sending home a Christingle candle collection box. Please could the children fill them with any spare change at home and then return the filled candle to school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you.



### **COVID-19 Information**

Please remember that the main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

**a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you or someone in your household is experiencing any of these symptoms, please seek medical advice, do not leave home and inform the school as a matter of urgency.