



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High

12th July 2024

Dear Families,

This week we have missed having our Year 4 pupils in school as they contribute so well to the life of the school taking roles and responsibilities such as helping with lunchtime play equipment, delivering fruit and milk and generally being excellent role models for other pupils. However, Year 3 have really stepped up and shown that they are definitely ready for the upcoming move to Year 4. They have worked to the best of their abilities with Mrs Hartley, and she has told me every day what a super effort everyone is making. Robins class have also been incredibly resilient during Miss Underhill's time at Malvern. Similarly, Mrs Burgess has shared how hard the children have worked and how cooperative they have been. I enjoyed seeing their careful puppet making and the England flags they'd made ready for the big match on Sunday.

Next Friday we close for this academic year. Children are required to wear school uniform on the final day and Year 4 may bring in polo shirts for friends to sign. Children may bring a small game or toy to play with during the afternoon. There are plenty of things for the children to do in school, so this is optional. We ask that nothing precious or expensive is sent into school and that you keep electronic games at home. School will close at 3.15pm for all children on Thursday and Friday as this week is the final week for after school sports. Thank you to John and Soni for their enthusiasm and support for the children in their PE and Sports activities. We also say goodbye and good luck to Mary from Four Seasons wraparound care next week. I have only been here for a short time but it's clear to see how much she cares for and enjoys her time with Dodford children. She has been a pleasure to work with and a ray of sunshine. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

Please check the final events calendar for the year. In September we will have our new website up and running which will provide you with everything you need to keep up to date with the busy school calendar. We will continue to share our news with you via the newsletter which will move to fortnightly editions. It will still include class news and all your favourites but please do let us know if there's anything else you'd like us to include.

As well as the newsletter this week, please also find attached a letter from Sarah Wilkes, Chair of Governors.

Thank you as always for the support you give to the school, it is appreciated,

Kind regards,

Amanda Salisbury
Interim Acting Headteacher

Nik Eggleton
Interim Acting Headteacher



Values

Respect: We have looked at our school rules; Respect Yourself, Respect Others, Respect Our School. The children were very thoughtful in their discussions about who they respect and how they can show respect to others within school, at home and in their wider community.



Nursery Places for September 2024

We still have spaces available in our Nursery class - if you would like an application pack please contact the office, included in the pack is a parental declaration form which will need to be completed and returned to enable you to have 30 hours funding free (as provided by the government) - as the school day is longer than 30 hours a charge of £2.50 per day will be invoiced to you.

Nursery parents are also welcome to use our new before and after club facility 'The Nest' from 7.30am to 8.45am and 3.15pm to either 4.15pm or 6.00pm - again an application pack is available from the office.

We are so excited to be opening our NEW wraparound care club, 'The Nest' in September 2024.

Thank you to everyone who has applied, we are pleased to let you know all who have applied have been allocated places. **If you need a place in September 2024, please complete a registration form asap as we have places in all sessions; 7.15am - 8.45am, 3.15pm - 4.15pm sessions and 3.15pm - 6.00pm sessions** at the moment.

Before we start shopping for brand new toys, games, and equipment we are asking if you'd kindly look around and see if you have any of the following items (**must be in very good condition**) to donate to The Nest.

- Small world toys e.g. castle and knights, dinosaurs, cars and garage, car mat.
- Dolls and items such as clothes, pushchairs, highchairs, and baby changing bags.
- Lego/ Duplo
- Books
- Board games: Uno, Monopoly, snap cards, chess, bop it, logo game etc.



Dressing up Donations

Robins class (Y1 & Y2) are asking for donations for any dressing up clothes that are no longer played with at home.

These will be greatly appreciated for September.





Weekly News from Wren Class - Miss Stanley

We have had the most amazing week! The preschool children came to play on Tuesday, and they settled into the session really well. The current Wren's were so helpful and caring! Wrens also had their own Stay and Play with their parents. They were sad it was their last Stay and Play session! The parents helped them to complete the Monkey ropes, and all felt a huge sense of achievement! Thank you, parents, for helping your child across the ropes!

In literacy, the children have created their own stories with actions. Their performance was recorded and played on the big screen for their friends to watch and peer assess. Some children were so keen, they performed their story again to parents during Stay and Play.

In maths, the children have consolidated the maths skills learned over the academic year. The children revisited areas they were least confident with and had another go.

I am so proud of their determination to succeed! Well, done, Wren Class!



Weekly News from Robin Class - Miss Underhill

This week Robin Class have been learning how to tell the time. They have been reciting days of the week, months of the year and naming the four seasons. We have also used analogue clocks to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. It would be useful for Robins to continue practicing their time telling skills at home.

In English we have been writing instructions for how to make a simple Victorian toy. Robin Class showed they know the features of a good set of instructions, and I enjoyed reading their instructions.

To end the week Robin Class have had great fun with Miss Burgess participating in a puppet making project. They have learnt all about different types of puppets and have designed and made their own hand puppet.



Weekly News from Owl Class - Mrs. Eggleton

Owl Class was busy at the start of the week looking at another story from the King Arthur legend about Sir Lancelot's first quest. We story mapped the story creating our own quest with a dramatic rescue and a magical beast. We hope to work on this next week and then share the stories created with each other.

In maths we have continued to learn about time. Year 4 have looked at digital time and the 24-hour clock.

Year 3 have been reading the time to the nearest minute and have looked at digital time.

Year 4 have been on their residential and will be sharing their adventures with you on Friday night!

Books

Library books and school reading books will start to be collected in from Monday 15th July for the summer. Please try to encourage your child to complete reading their home/school reading book over the weekend.



ATTENDANCE



Whole School Attendance is currently 94.97% - which is in line with the national average.

House Points w/c 8th July 2024



Severn - 107

Avon - 128

Teme - 62



Stars of the Week Awards



Well, done and congratulations for being chosen for the Star of the Week awards by your teachers!

YR: Pippa for improved behaviour for learning.

Y1: Josie for her effort in maths when learning about months of the year and seasons.

Y2: Rigby for his enthusiasm towards all of his learning this week.

Y3: Theo for his excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

Y4: At Malvern

We are so proud of all you have achieved this week 😊
Keep working hard and persevering to do your absolute best.

Author of the Month - July

Oliver Jeffers

Oliver Jeffers is the author-illustrator of many books for children, including *Once Upon an Alphabet*, which won a *Boston Globe-Horn Book Award*, and *Lost and Found*, which was a *Nestlé Children's Book Prize Gold Medal* winner. He is also the illustrator of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *The Day the Crayons Quit* and its follow-up, *The Day the Crayons Came Home*, both written by Drew Daywalt. From his much-loved debut, *How to Catch a Star*, Oliver has gone on to create a collection of award-winning and bestselling picture books, which have been translated all over the globe, including the #1 *New York Times* bestseller and *TIME* Best Book of the Year *Here We Are*, as well as the companion *What We'll Build*. His 21st picture book, *Where to Hide a Star*, will be released in October 2024.



Worcestershire's Summer Reading Challenge



Worcestershire's Summer Reading Challenge has launched, and it's the perfect way to get your children reading over the school holidays!

You can take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at all Worcestershire Libraries between 6 July - 14 September 2024, just pop in and sign up.

The Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children aged 4-11 developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and provides children with rewards along the way and a medal at the end.

For more information [visit our website](#) or visit your local library.

Bromsgrove Library has the current opening hours, for Summer Reading Challenge please visit in Core Staffed Hours:

Days	Libraries Unlocked	Core Staffed Hours	Libraries Unlocked
Monday	8:00am to 1:00pm	1:00pm to 5:00pm	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am to 9:00am	9:00am to 5:00pm	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am to 9:00am	9:00am to 1:00pm	1:00pm to 8:00pm
Thursday	8:00am to 9:00am	9:00am to 5:00pm	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Friday	8:00am to 9:00am	9:00am to 5:00pm	5:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am to 10:00am	10:00am to 2:00pm	2:00pm to 8:00pm

AGES 4-14

24TH JULY - 28TH JULY

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

**9.30-3PM -23RD JUL- 26TH JUL
MARLBROOK**

**9.30-3PM 30TH JULY & 31ST JUL
BOURNHEATH**

ACTIVITIES:

- STREET DANCE
- CRAFTS
- LOTS OF GAMES
- COMPETITIONS
- THEATRE WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION LINK:
SHORTSTEPPERZ@CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK

 **Diary Dates**

Future Diary Dates - (Please note these may be subject to changes.)

Summer 2nd Half Term

Date	Event
Tuesday 16 th July	Reception Stay & Play 10.30am to 11.30am & 1.30pm to 2.30pm Leaver's Assembly 6pm
Friday 19 th July	Term ends Feel Good Friday Golden time with Miss Salisbury Values and end of term assembly NO FOOTBALL
Monday 22 nd July	School closed TED Day
Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd September	TED day (1) School open to staff only TED Day (2) School open to staff only
Wednesday 4th September	Children return to school.