



## DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High

14th June 2024

Dear Families,

As you will see from the newsletter we have some improvement work in the school next week. Please ensure your child/ren do not go past the safety barrier when children are in your care.

We had a super rule breaking day today - thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the parent's association fund raising - we saw some super hair styles, and everyone enjoyed wearing something different. Thank you to those who have already returned raffle tickets and sent in prizes for the School Summer Fete next week. We have many more events ahead to look forward to so please check the diary dates below so you can join us in the coming weeks.

Although we are still in the consultation period, we have had a very pleasing response to our pre-school nursery proposal, thank you to everyone who has expressed their interest in a place. Look out for the nursery welcome pack coming to you shortly so we can share more information with you.

We hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

Amanda Salisbury  
Interim Acting Headteacher

Nicola Eggleton  
Interim Acting Headteacher



### **New Boiler News!**

Even though we are apparently now in the summer months, it's still a bit chilly here inside Dodford First School. Over the past few months, we've been having a few issues with the boiler, but we're delighted to tell you that the local authority will finally be replacing both boilers with brand new super-efficient one's next week.

**From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June all children will need to enter via the door by Wrens class.** The hall door will not be open due to the boiler works. Please ensure your child/ren do not go past the safety barrier when children are in your care. Gates will open at the usual times and staff will be on the playground to supervise from 8.40am and 3.15pm.

## 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.



### Weekly News from Wren Class - Miss Stanley

In maths, the children have continued to work towards number bonds up to 5 and number bonds to 10 to help the children embed the number facts, so they can recall them automatically. Please practise number bonds at home as much as possible. We are aiming for the children to automatically recall all number bonds up to 5 (addition and subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10 without counting objects, fingers, using counting rhymes or other aids. Wren Class have also been busy planning, making and testing out their very own 'The Frog Prince' themed Beebot maps. The children wrote directional prompt cards for their friend to follow using key words including clear, forward, left, right, back, go. The Beebots had special jackets to transform them into a frog, princess and king! The children said, "I enjoyed that activity. It was fun!"



### Weekly News from Robin Class - Miss Underhill

This week Robins have continued to learn about length in their maths lessons. They have measured items using standard units of centimetres and metres.

In English we have been developing our comprehension skills, reading and finding out about Victorian toys.

In our history lesson we have started to learn about life in Victorian homes. Robins had great fun looking at photographs of old household items and trying to work out what the Victorians used them for. We also discovered that Dodford was established in 1849 as part of the Chartist movement. We have looked at drawings and plans of an old Chartist cottage.



### Weekly News from Owl Class - Mrs. Eggleton

Owl Class has begun their new topic in history this week by looking at timelines of the world. We tried hard to calculate how long-ago important events were such as the first wheel 3500BC and the start of the building of the pyramids in 2550BC. The children were amazed how long-ago events were. We focused in upon 1066, the Battle of Hastings which we will be learning about. The children have also worked extremely hard on their King Arthur story, using our grammar skills. We have been improving our stories and writing them out in our best handwriting. In maths the children have started our topic on money. Year 4 have been linking money with decimals and converting pounds and pence. Year 3 have been making amounts of money, solving problems with the help of Tiny the maths tortoise and converting pounds into pence.

## ATTENDANCE



Whole School Attendance is currently 95.1% which is below the national attendance figure.

### House Points w/c 10th June 2024



Teme - 39

Severn - 125

Avon - 112



### Stars of the Week Awards



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

YR: Indie - for super speedy phonics!

Y1: Sophie - for great effort seen in PE lessons this week both in dance and skipping workshops.

Y2: Eloise - for her enthusiasm and effort seen during the skipping workshop.

Y3: Jhii - for his brilliant work in maths

Y4: Nieva - for beautifully presented English work.

**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 - June

Each month we introduce the children to an author and share some of their books around the classes. It is wonderful way to ensure the children can explore new genres and find out about writers they may not have heard of. **This month we are celebrating the funny stories by David Walliams.** Did you know that he's the biggest selling children's author to have started writing since the year 2000? You can watch Grandpa's Great Escape, Mr Stink, Gangsta Granny and The Boy in the Dress on DVD. And have you listened to all of the books on audio too - hilariously read by David Walliams himself? And not forgetting that Ratburger, Demon Dentist and Awful Auntie have all won the National Book Awards Children's Book of the Year. Not only that, but The Ice Monster won 'Children's Fiction Book of the Year for 2018' at the British Book Awards!

Make sure you don't miss David's newest book... MEGA MONSTER!!

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/books/>



A letter was sent this week about our School Games Day on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Just a reminder of the important details: -

- School Games Day starts at **10.15am** (gates open at 10am).
- Family picnic afterwards until **12.45pm**. Please ensure that you have ordered your child's cold lunch or provided their lunch if you are not attending the picnic as hot meals will not be provided that day.
- Please complete the form sent out by 12pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> confirming number of attendees (max. 4)
- We kindly ask that you vacate the school field by **1pm** at the latest so that the children can begin their afternoon sporting activities.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



### Skip2bfit

The children enjoyed amazing skipping sessions on Thursday with John the coach. They learned how important being healthy is and lots of different skipping skills. We look forward to seeing them practise their talents at lunchtime play.

The children will have come home with a little box of blueberries. The coach hopes that the children enjoy the blueberries then re-use the box for other healthy snacks.

Skipping ropes can be purchased through school if you wish. Prices has been sent to you via email. Please pay on ParentPay by **12pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** and we will send the rope home with your child. School is fortunate to have been offered a percentage of the profits from the purchases which will be used to buy PE resources.

**Draft Local Heritage List for Dodford and Grafton:** The Conservation Officer has now completed the draft Local Heritage List for Dodford and Grafton and will be holding a consultation meeting in Dodford Village Hall on Tuesday 18 June between 3pm and 7pm where her team will be available to answer any questions you may have. The consultation period closes at 5pm on 8 July 2024.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Conservation Team by email at [conservation@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:conservation@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk) or alternatively by phone on 01527 881329.

### PTA

Don't forget the PTA Summer Fete on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 3.15pm to 4.30pm on the school playground - all funds raised will support the school with educational trips, events, and experiences in 2024/2025 - please see the attached flyer for more information. We look forward to seeing you all there!





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

Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

Date	Event
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	School Fete - 3.30pm-5.30pm - all welcome
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Stay and Play 1.30pm - 2.30pm Reception intake 2024 and current Wren Class.</b> <b>Please note, new intake children's parents only due to fire restrictions.</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	School Games Day including Family Picnic - all welcome.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Feel Good Friday Golden Time with Miss Salisbury Nursery Consultation Form Closes
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Robin Class Victorian Workshop - in School Parent Open Afternoon, Robin, and Owl Class 2.30pm - 3pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Moving Up Day - all children visit their new classes/teachers. Summer Reading Challenge
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve School Games Day (in case of wet weather on the 27th of June)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	NHS Dental Nurses - Reception Children
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Dodford Church Fete 2pm (School Choir)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Provisional Nursery Stay & Play 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Residential Trip
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Residential Trip Wren Class Stay and Play
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Residential Trip Annual Reports to Parents
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Assembly 6pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends Feel Good Friday Golden time with Miss Salisbury Values and end of term assembly NO FOOTBALL
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closed TED Day