



## **DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

### **Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High**

24th May 2024

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It was a lovely to welcome so many of you to the end of half term assembly today so that you could join us in celebrating the children's achievements so far. It has been a privilege to be part of the Dodford School community supporting such a super team of staff and children. This week I enjoyed Golden Time with **Hugo (YR) Sophie S (Y1) Oscar B (Y2) Katie (Y3) and Sophie K (Y4)**. They shared their love of learning with me, and we discovered that there are some amazing mathematicians at Dodford. The children impressed me with their knowledge of times tables, counting forwards and back and fact finding about shapes.

By now you will have seen the letter regarding the nursery consultation period. The relocation of The School House Day Nursery provides such an exciting opportunity for the school to open its doors to pre-school pupils whilst also continuing to provide a high quality, dedicated reception curriculum. The outdoor space will be shared, but both year groups will have dedicated time and space for their learning, and play. The pupils will be supported by fully trained adults. There is a wealth of experience in the school leadership, staffing and governance in running a successful EYFS provision including one with an outstanding grade from Ofsted for Early Years. We welcome your feedback during the consultation period and your expressions of interest for places - please respond to [office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk)

Wishing you a super half term. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours in learning,

Miss A Salisbury  
(Interim Acting Head)

#### **NEW STAFF NEWS!**

We welcomed our new administration assistant Mrs Bowling to Dodford First School staff team this week. Mrs Bowling is a very experienced administrator; she is looking forward to working with the children and families at Dodford.

#### **WRAP AROUND CARE**

The advert for wrap around care is now live, the governors are happy to see this as a shared role - perhaps you can offer morning or evening sessions only - please apply and state this, we are willing to be flexible to get the right people into the school. The closing date for applications is 31st May 2024.

Actual salary: £25,119 - £31,364 (FTE)

Hours of work: Monday - Friday 07.15am - 08.45am and 15.00pm - 18.00pm

Contract: Permanent

Opening our own wrap around care provision is such an exciting opportunity for the school - it will support working parents and those of you who may need occasional ad hoc care due to busy lives. Please ask Miss Salisbury about this opportunity if you want to find out more.

The school newsletter is for parents so please do let us know if there is anything else you would like to see included here, you can do this by emailing [office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk).



### **Class Weekly News**

#### **Weekly News from Wren Class - Miss Stanley**

Wren Class completed their minibeast and habitat work this week with a clay minibeast model and natural habitat to take home to prompt discussion about our minibeast topic with parents and other family members. In literacy, we have created a lift the flap book with one character being themselves and another a minibeast! We had one child turning into a butterfly to save the day and another riding the back of a bumble bee! Yesterday, we enjoyed Outdoor Classroom Day, the children took part in phonics, PE and number work outside. The children said being outside made them feel excited, happy, super, and calm. Being outside improves our mental health and well-being and it also reduces our electricity use!

#### **Weekly News from Robin Class - Miss Underhill**

I have been so impressed and proud of our Year 2 pupils this week who have shown great resilience completing their Year 2 assessments. They have worked hard to show me all the things they have learnt during their time in KS1. Well done Year 2.

This week, Year 1 have shown Miss Burgess how confident they are becoming as mathematicians by learning about doubles and near doubles. They have also used strategies to add 3 one-digit numbers together. In their English lessons they have been learning to use question marks and exclamation marks.

In other learning we have completed our work on the local area by learning how to draw simple maps and have found out about points of interest in the local area.

Finally, we all enjoyed Empty Classroom Day yesterday by going on a bug hunt in the school gardens.

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

Owl Class took advantage of the lovely weather to not only have a session on the Trim Trail but enjoyed art lessons outside this week. On Thursday, the children enjoyed creating skeleton sculptures and 3D shapes in the garden. In English, the children have worked hard to improve their writing, have used inverted commas, and have created their own skeleton information texts using the wonderful online platform, Purple Mash. The children have also shared their wonderful cakes and biscuits with staff members after their enjoyable Chili Challenge. Staff in Key Stage 2 have been spoilt, and we hope the children enjoyed making their cakes as much as we enjoyed eating them!

Whole School Attendance is currently 92.1% which is below the national attendance figure of 94%



#### House Points w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Teme - 64  
Severn - 51  
Avon - 51

#### Values Assembly

Our Values Assembly focused upon the values of Diversity and Independence. The following children were chosen by our teachers as they have demonstrated many of these values:

R - Diversity - Teddy	Independence - Gracie-Rose
Year 1 - Diversity - Josie	Independence - Evie
Year 2 - Diversity - Henry	Independence - Isabella
Year 3 - Diversity - Alexander	Independence - Theo
Year 4 - Diversity - Bethany	Independence - Joseph

Well done everyone, these are wonderful qualities to share in our school and the wider community.



#### Headteacher Awards



Well done and congratulations for being chosen for the Headteacher's Award.

Reception - Emilija  
Year 1 - Edie  
Year 2 - Henry  
Year 3 - Florence  
Year 4 - Beatrice and Croyde

We are so proud of your achievements 😊



#### Keeping your children safe online

The NSPCC provide lots of information to support school, families, and children. The link below will take you to their Keeping Children Safe Online workshop for parents - it provides parents and carers with information about how to support their children in their online world. It's a 40-minute pre-recorded presentation and covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to parents to resources and organisations for help and support. We hope you find it helpful.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

**Young Voices New Visions Exhibition, Worcester Cathedral.**

DON'T FORGET .... You can see our contributions from May 26<sup>th</sup> until June 26<sup>th</sup>. Why not pop down to have a look?

**Author of the Month - May**

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 brilliant stories by ... Jacqueline Wilson. She wrote her first novel when she was nine years old, and she has been writing ever since. She is now one of Britain's bestselling and most beloved children's authors. More than forty million copies of her books have been sold. As well as winning many awards for her books, including the Children's Book of the Year, Jacqueline is a former Children's Laureate, and in 2008 she was appointed a Dame.



Please ensure you check the reading age on Jacqueline's books as she writes for a wide range of ages and some books include some challenging subjects such as teenage issues, adoption, and divorce.

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/jacqueline-wilson>

**PTA News**

**Future Events**

Raffle tickets for the Summer Luxury Hamper will be sent home today in children's bags. Could donations for the Hampers be handed into school by 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and Raffle tickets by 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. (details of this were on last weeks Newsletter).

Save the date - Break the School Rules Day will be held on 14-06-2024, more details coming soon.

We are also currently planning the School Fete which is being held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. We would like to ask if anyone would like to volunteer to help on a stall or with refreshments etc on this date. Any help would be really appreciated.

If you are able, please drop us an email [friendsofdodfordfirstsch@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofdodfordfirstsch@outlook.com)

Or come and speak to either Nicola or Jen in the playground. **Thank you for your support.**

**A SEPARATE FLYER WILL BE WINGING IT'S WAY TO YOU ABOUT THE SUMMER RAFFLE!**

**Water Bottles**

Please make sure that you send your child into school each day with their water bottle.



**P.E. Kits**

Now that the weather is becoming more favourable children should be in their summer P.E. kits:

White t shirt (children should not be wearing their usual school one)  
 Black or blue shorts or skorts.  
 Trainers for outside (plimsols may be worn but can be prone to falling off).  
 Please provide a spare pair of socks!  
 Hair should be tied back, and no earrings or watches should be worn during P.E.  
 Please ensure that children have their kits in school every day as we approach our School Games Day, teachers may practice activities any day of the week.  
 P.E. kits should only come home if they are extremely dirty and of course at half term for a thorough wash. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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

Date	Event
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	TE Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return

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

Date	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	TED DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> half term BRITISH VALUES DAY <b>3<sup>rd</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June - Year 4 - Multiplication Times Tables Check Assessment Period</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Multi skills club starts back
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Football club starts back
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> - Year 1
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Family reading session 2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SKIP2BFIT WORKSHOPS WITH ALL SCHOOL</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Break the Schools Rule Day</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	School Fete - 3.30-5.30 - all welcome
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Stay and Play 1.30pm-2.30pm Reception intake 2024 and current Wren Class. 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. FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Feel Good Friday Golden Tea with Miss Salisbury
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Robin Class Victorian Workshop - in School Parent Open Afternoon, Robin and Owl Class 2.30-3pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Moving Up Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve School Games Day (in case of wet weather on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of June)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Dodford Church Fete 2pm (School Choir)
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 Values and end of term assembly NO FOOTBALL
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closed TED Day