



## DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High

21st June 2024

Dear Families,

We have had another busy week concluding with a super PTA fundraising event - thank you to everyone who was able to attend the school summer fete and to all those who contributed prizes, time, and efforts. A huge thanks goes to the small team of volunteers who worked their magic to bring everything together on the day - even dry weather and sunshine! Dodford First has a wonderful school community and we very much enjoy our involvement with the children and families.

It has been another productive week in the classrooms and offices - we celebrate the great work of our children and staff below, please enjoy taking time to read the class news and information about the upcoming events.

We are delighted to share our Welcome Packs for Dodford Wraparound Care Club, there has been a lot of work behind the scenes with governors to help bring this service to the school and offer the extended times requested by parents in previous consultations. Please collect your pack from the school office and ensure you complete all paperwork before returning forms to the office. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you to School Games Day and picnic next week.

Have a lovely (sunny) weekend.

Amanda Salisbury  
Interim Acting Headteacher

Nicola 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.





### Weekly News from Wren Class - Miss Stanley

In Muddy Monday, the children have been focusing on plants and trees, learning about deciduous and evergreen trees, and taking leaf rubbings. If you go for a walk, see how many different shaped leaves you can find. You could help your child to identify at least three of them. Our key texts this week are Jack and the Beanstalk and The Gingerbread Man. The children have been working hard to write perfect sentences to accompany illustrations from our key texts. Please practice writing short sentences with your child at home. In phonics, our lesson focus has been words ending in s /s/ such as sports, floats, and starts and words ending with s /z/ such as crowds, groans, and storms. The children have also been reviewing tricky words including says, likes, love, some. In maths, we have focused on subtraction within 5 using objects and pictures. The aim is to automatically recall subtraction facts within 5. The children have been busy creating castles of different sizes in different ways including from metal plates, magnets, nuts, and bolts, constructing with natural materials, constructing with Duplo and much more! The children have also shown an interest in floating and sinking this week by making boats from different materials and testing if they float. You have probably heard your child singing the Pantosaurus song, the children may have questions about Pantosaurus - please enter the website into your web browser to find out more <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/> .



### Weekly News from Robin Class - Miss Underhill

This week Robin Class have been learning about weight in maths. They have been comparing and measuring mass using a balance and reading scales.

In English lessons we have been reading and following instructions. We have learnt about what makes a successful set of instructions.

In RE lessons this term we are thinking about belonging. Robins were able to share with their friends all the groups, clubs, and communities they belong to.

The children also had great fun on Wednesday afternoon practicing their dance outside with Natalie, ready for sports day next week.



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

We began this week in history by researching for our topic. We used our computing skills to effectively search for information about medieval life. The children really enjoyed finding out about what life was like for the rich and poor. Some children began an information text using Purple mash, adding clipart and images to their texts. In English the children have looked at another story of King Arthur, Excalibur. We have been looking at the new language used in the stories using dictionaries to find their meanings. The children evaluated the language and grammar used, trying hard to use some in their own work. We have continued to work with money in maths, adding, subtracting, and working out change. On Wednesday we took advantage of the lovely weather to practise our dance for School Games Day outside. We are looking forward to sharing these with you next week.

## ATTENDANCE



Whole School Attendance is currently 95.06% - which is inline with the national average.

### House Points w/c 17th June 2024



Severn - 83

Avon - 83

Teme - 66



### Stars of the Week Awards



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

YR: Hugo - for his enthusiasm to add expression in the reading practice sessions this week.

Y1: Freddy - for his enthusiasm for learning in all lessons, always trying his best.

Y2: Henry - for confident work measuring length, mass, and capacity.

Y3: Alexander - for amazing mental maths.

Y4: Croyde - for patience with younger children.

**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/>



### Talking PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but important message that can help keep children safe. You can find out more and download the free resources at [www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).



### Water Bottles & Suncream

Now that the weather has started to warm up, please ensure that you have applied suncream to your child before school as we are hoping to spend a lot more time outdoors. Please also make sure that you send your child into school each day with their water bottle.



A reminder that our School Games Day is next 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.



### P.E. Kits

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.

The house team colours are:

**Severn - Blue**

**Avon - Red**

**Teme - Yellow**



### Parking

A polite reminder to park with consideration for our neighbours and staff, it is vitally important, for the safety of you and your children, to ensure that you stop and park safely even if it is only for a few minutes to drop them off.

Illegal and inconsiderate parking around the school is causing hazards for road users and pedestrians alike.



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

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

Date	Event
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