

Friends of Dodford – Parents Association News (March 24th 2023)



To all the families who contributed to the **Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser**, raising **£56 towards** the Garden of Hope project.

Thank you to the families/companies, who are giving it up their time on Friday 21st April to support the development of the Forrest School, painting play houses and establishing the Garden of Hope project,

Thank you to the following families and business for donating £50 each to purchase the memorial bench, for the Garden of Hope.

I'm sure the children of Dodford will cherish taking a 'quiet moment' to remember a loved one, for many years to come.







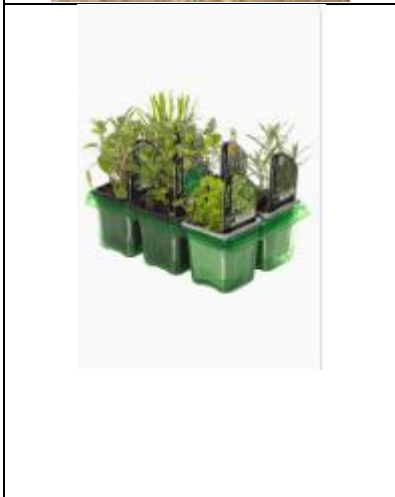

Lucy Hodgetts – Battlefield Farm
Neil Currier – NJC Financial Management
Lucy Keller – Plain Janes Housekeeping Services
Matthew Greaves - Bromsgrove Body Repairs




 **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

The Parents Association are committing **£700 towards** the Forrest School and Garden of Hope. This will pay for: wood to reinforce the bridges, pond, re-build benches, bark, top-soil and play house paint/felt to repair roof. All materials are being purchased from **Broad Street DIY**, with a generous discount given and some materials gifted.

We would really appreciate **DONATIONS** from families/guardians of the following items for the garden planters and sensory area for **17/4/23**.

Can you help?

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|  | <p>Sensory garden Clematis, Honeysuckle, Hyacinth – all have beautiful smells for a sensory garden</p> |
|  | <p>Sensory garden Jasmin</p> <p>Cosmos seeds – these can be planted and give off a beautiful chocolate smell.</p> |
|  | <p>Sensory garden Lavender - attracts beneficial pollinators to its fragrant blooms. Adding lavender to your garden will attract butterflies, bees, and other helpful insects.</p> |
|  | <p>Sensory garden Ornamental grasses <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> (lemon grass) – provides a citrus scent</p> |
|  | <p>Sensory garden Herbs ready to grow in the garden (not seeds). Provide an abundance of smells, to entice the senses.</p> <p>Basil - <i>Ocimum basilicum</i>. ... Chives - <i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>. ... Mint – <i>Mentha spicata</i>. ... Coriander – <i>Corinadrum sativum</i>. ... Dill – <i>Anethum graveolens</i>. ... Fennel – <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>. ... French tarragon – <i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>. ... Parsley - <i>Petroselinum crispum</i></p> |
|  | <p>Planters Pansies. A firm favourite bedding plant available in all sorts of colour and mixes.</p> |

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|  | <p>Planters Violas. The more diminutive cousin to pansies, these are incredibly versatile.</p> |
|  | <p>Planters Primroses – add vibrant colours.</p> |
|  | <p>Planters Cyclamen</p> |

Other material would be gratefully received to:

- Bags of Bark (Aldi, Home Bargains, B&Q, Asda etc.)
- Top soil (B&Q, Asda, Wickes etc)
- Sunflower seeds
- Carrot seeds
- Tomato seeds
- Wild Flower seeds OR Wild Flower bombs
(<https://www.amazon.co.uk/>, Home Bargains etc)

If you could donate **one or two items** from the list above it would really help to establish the Forrest School sensory section and planters in the Garden of Hope. The children will continue to look after, nurture and enjoy the garden in full bloom during their ‘outdoor’ learning days.

“THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT” – Friend of Dodford Community

Please bring in donations by: 17/4/23

Friends of Dodford School (Parents Association)



We are currently a small group of parents working together to **raise additional funds** for the school community, at Dodford First School.



Money raised through community events provides additional extras for our children, which a school budget does not stretch to!

- Trips, outings and events (e.g. Young Voices/coaches)
- Christmas gifts, party food and Panto
- Christmas crafts
- Easter eggs and crafts
- Year 4 leaver gifts
- Outdoor learning materials/resources
- Purchasing of learning resources to support our children's education – i-pads, books, on-line platforms

If you would like to get involved, have great ideas for events and are able to support in any way to make a difference to your child's learning journey....

Please email your name, contact number and ideas to:

friendsofdodfordfirstsch@outlook.com

