



DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Achieve, Believe, Create and Fly High

‘We are thinking about the value HONESTY ‘ this half term...



Please see information below from Public Health

You may have seen in recent news that measles cases in the West Midlands are rising.

Measles is a very infectious viral illness and usually starts with cold-like symptoms which can include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a cough, sore red eyes and a rash. It spreads very quickly to non-immune children and adults who are unvaccinated or have not previously been infected. Most people will recover completely within a couple of weeks however the virus can cause very serious illness and sometimes this can lead to permanent disability and even death. People in certain at-risk groups, such as young children, people who are pregnant and those a weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles.

The best way to prevent measles is by having the MMR vaccination however the West Midlands MMR uptake rate is below national targets. The MMR rate is higher in Worcestershire however not at 95% for 2 doses which is the target rate set by the World Health Organization. We are encouraging children, parents and staff to check that they, and all family members are up to date with their MMR vaccine and if required arrange for a free MMR catch up vaccination via their GP.

It is also worth considering that if adults or children are unvaccinated and have been in contact with a confirmed measles case, on risk assessment, they may be asked by UK Health Security Agency to remain away from a place of work / educational setting etc for 21 days.

If anyone has symptoms of measles, please stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice. Do not go to GP surgeries or A & E departments so the illness isn't spread to others.

For more information on measles and the MMR vaccine please visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

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CLUBS

Football and multisports will start back in the first week.

COMING SOON!

Fri 2nd Feb—Swap Shop—
3.15—3.30pm

Tue 6th Feb—Safer Internet
Day

Mon 5th—Fri 9th Feb—
Children's Mental Health Week

Fri 9th Feb—9am—
Achievement Assembly—
everyone welcome!

Fri 9th Feb—Break up for Half
Term

Mon 19th Feb—Children return
to school





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Star Pupil Award

Wrens— Indie-Grace

Robins 1— Thomas

Robins 2— Eddie

Owls 3— Theo

Owls 4— Joseph

ATTENDANCE

Wrens—96.5%

Robins 1—100%

Robins 2—100%

Owls—3—98.9%

Owls —4—100%

Housepoints—new running total for term

Avon— 118

Teme— 104

Severn— 121

Wrap Around Care—Sept 2024

Thank you to everyone that has completed the provisional first survey, a more detailed response will be requested over the next two weeks, so that we can judge the numbers for different days and the needs of our parent community moving forward into the next academic year.



Polite Reminder—school car park entrance

Please can I kindly ask that you do not reverse into the school carpark entrance or attempt to turn around in this area at the start or the end of the school day. Some staff do not start until 8.50am and some finish at 3.15, so they will be entering and/or departing at the same time as our parents. It is also dangerous for the children using the footpaths and could cause a collision, which was narrowly missed the other day. Thank you.



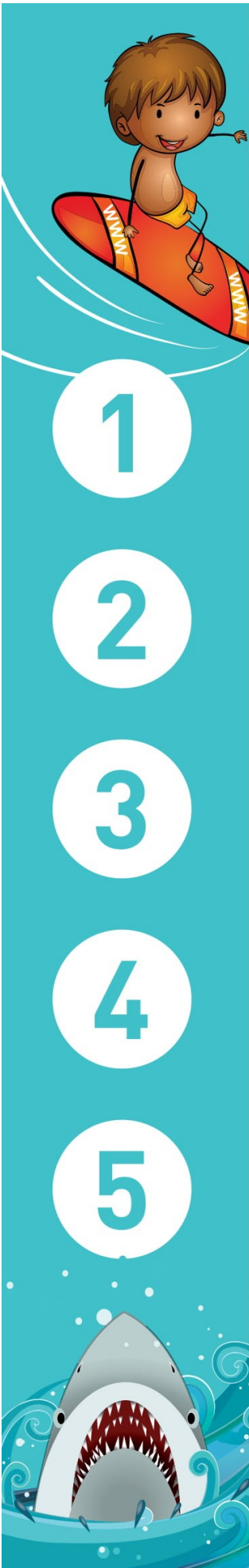
Online Safety

On the next page is a guide for parents to help keep their child safe when they are online. One of the key messages is to talk to your child about their online activity and how they can keep themselves safe.

Message from Mrs Parkes

What a week—it has been sooo cold, fingers crossed that warmer days are around the corner. We made the decision to reduce times outside and to do clubs and PE lessons indoors this week as we didn't want the children becoming too cold and we have had excellent attendance this week, so we want to keep this going!

I wish you all a lovely weekend, don't forget that it is the Big Birdwatch at the moment, children across the school have been making bird feeders and hanging them up around the school site. Remember to note down the birds you see at home in your garden and let Miss Stanley know!



5 THINGS WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME...

#Stronger SmarterSafer

because being part of our children's online lives helps to keep them safe and happy.



1

KEEP IT PRIVATE

- Don't share personal information like your email address or date of birth.
- Turn ON privacy settings to protect your stuff.
- Don't add people you don't know.
- Turn OFF location sharing.
- If you wouldn't share with a stranger on the street, don't share it publicly online.

2

KEEP IT POSITIVE

- Think about how much information you are sharing online.
- A comment that you leave on someone's page or what you post when out with friends, may not give the best impression of you.

3

KEEP IT REAL

- If you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't say it online.
- Be the same person online as you would be in real life.
- Beware fake profiles. Other people may not be who they say they are.

4

KEEP IT HEALTHY

- Find a healthy balance with screen time. The Internet is designed to be addictive.
- Avoid gaming or any screen time for at least an hour before bedtime.
- The number of 'likes' you get does not define you as a person.

5

KEEP TALKING TO ME

- You can always talk to me if you are worried or uncomfortable about anything online.
- Tell me about what you like online, and what you don't like.
- Sometimes you won't know the best thing to do. Don't simply react – talk it over first with an adult you trust.

35% of children have never or rarely spoken to a parent about online safety.



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Empowering kids to be Stronger Smarter & Safer online

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