



**DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**
Every Day, a Learning Journey

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'We are thinking about the value 'RESPECT' this half term...



World Book Day

The children looked amazing in their costumes representing a whole range of wonderful words from the English language. We had a parade out on the playground as we judged the costumes and after doing around 5 laps of the playground, staff finally decided on a winning child from each year group. Please see the picture of our winners on our Twitter page —magical, fragile, extinct, incandescent and verdant! They all chose a book out of our special box of new books as their prize.

Sponsored Read/Book Fayre

Thank you to those families who encouraged their child to do the sponsored read over the half term and to those parents who purchased books at the book fayre this morning, the money raised will go a long way and we will let you know the actual amount once all monies are totalled. Please remember that the £1 book token given to the children can be used at WHSmith.

Staffing Update

From next week, Mrs Eggleton will be moving, temporarily, to a part time role, due to personal and family commitments. Mrs Eggleton will be Year 3 and 4 class teacher and deputy head on Monday to Wednesday and Miss Harrison will be Year 3 and 4 class teacher on a Thursday and Friday.

CLUBS

THURSDAY 3.15—4.15

SPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

FRIDAY 3.15—4.15

FOOTBALL CLUB

COMING SOON!

9th and 10th March— Virtual Parent's Evenings

10th March—Fairtrade Fort-night—make/bake sale at 3pm on playground

11th March—Sport Relief awareness day

14th —18th March—STEM Science Week

18th March—Comic Relief fundraiser—Dress in Red Day

25th March—Feel Good Friday



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Love and Gratitude Day

During the half term break, I took down the kind donations that you made for the Blue Cross Rehoming Centre. I even got to cuddle a dog (which I nearly smuggled out with me!) and they put the following piece on their Facebook page.

Blue Cross Bromsgrove rehoming centre ...
(Blue Cross, Wildmoor Lane, Catshill,
Bromsgrove) is feeling wonderful.
2 hrs · 📍

💙💙 Dodford First School had a love and gratitude day in school and the Community Ambassador team decided that they wanted to support Blue Cross 🐾 We have today received toys, leads, harnesses, hay, blankets and food!! We are so very grateful for everybody taking part in donating 🙏💙💙



Parent's Evening

Our parent's evenings will again be virtual this year on 9th and 10th March. A letter was sent out and the booking system is still active until Friday 4th March at midnight. Any problems that you have accessing the system, please email the office.

Ukraine Crisis

We have spoken about the conflict currently in Ukraine with the children in assembly today, focusing on the importance for them to talk to an adult if they have any worries or questions about what they hear or see. We have mentioned doing 'our bit' in school next week and if you wish to make a donation to the ongoing appeal, please use the link below.

<https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

Other resources you may find useful for families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation.

- * The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk) Advice if you're upset by the news
- * - CBBC Newsround Talking to Children about War and Violence Childline | Worries about the World Downloadable Resource: Worrying about War and Conflict Content
- * Childline | Worries about the World Downloadable Resource: Worrying about War

STAR AWARD PUPILS

RIGBY

ZACK

CHESTER

EDWARD

MIKAYLA

ATTENDANCE

WRENS— 93%

ROBINS 1— 100%

ROBINS 2— 99%

OWLS 3— 99%

OWLS 4— 92%

HOUSE POINTS:

AVON: 30

TEME : 48

SEVERN: 35



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Fairtrade Bake/Make sale—10th March

Next Thursday the children will be making/baking with Fairtrade ingredients and then these items will be sold after school and the money raised will be donated to the British Red Cross fundraising page for the Ukraine Appeal.

Comic Relief—18th March

We will be holding a fundraiser for Comic Relief, for a £1 donation the children can come dressed in red (as long as they can still do PE and have trainers on) and they can bring in their favourite jokes to share with their class!