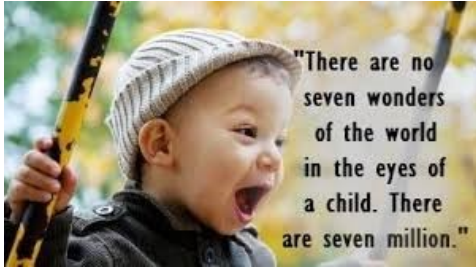




**DODFORD FIRST SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**  
*Every Day, a Learning Journey*



One of our values for this half term is curiosity and how to foster the desire to ask questions about the world we live in. To encourage children to explore, investigate, create and evaluate or just some of the skills needed by those who invent many of the items we take for granted but use in our every day lives. Did you know that the humble paperclip was invented over 130 years ago!

Children in Year 1 are building on their curiosity by learning about the Great Fire of London. A boy said 'The fire spread fast and there was smoke in the sky. People had to run away'. Children in Year 1 have daily phonics (early reading) lessons, helping them to read and know more. A girl in Year 1 explained she has been learning the 'ch' digraph this week (two letters making one sound) segmenting the words 'ch-i-n' and 'ch-i-ck'.

**Inventions Day—Don't forget to dress up!**

Don't forget that it is our Inventions Day on Monday and you will have received a flyer about this earlier on in the week. A request has been made that if any children in Robins class have earmuffs, can they bring these in as they are looking at the inventor of earmuffs—Chester Greenwood.

**Message from Dr. Jonathan Shapiro—Chair of Governors**

Just a reminder to parents that the school is looking for three new Parent Governors. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Chair of Governors, either via his email, [jshapiro@dodford.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:jshapiro@dodford.worcs.sch.uk) or via the office email address and mark it for his attention. The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday, 21 January.

**Gentle Reminder**

We have had a relatively high number of children coming to school late over the past week. We are reminding you that school starts at 8.50am and anyone arriving after this time will need to come to the front door and the child will be marked as late on the register. Sometimes there are reasons beyond your control and if this is the case, then please let a member of staff know!

**Isolation Packs**

Isolation packs will be placed on the school website today. These are to be used for home learning in the event that a child has to self-isolate linked to Covid.

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**CLUBS THIS HALF TERM**

**THURSDAY 3.15—4.15**

**SCANDANAVIAN SPORTS**

**FRIDAY 3.15—4.15**

**FOOTBALL CLUB**

**MORE COMING SOON!**

**ATTENDANCE**

**WRENS— 99%**

**ROBINS 1— 99%**

**ROBINS 2— 97%**

**OWLS 3— 92%**

**OWLS 4— 80%**

**STAR AWARDS:**

**WRENS— EDDIE**

**ROBINS 1— ALEX**

**ROBINS 2— BETHANY**

**OWLS 3— SEREN**

**OWLS 4— THEO**



**HOUSEPOINTS**

**SEVERN—126**

**AVON—70**

**TEME—57**



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### **Cold PE Days**

It has been bitterly cold this week but as always we still enjoy the outdoors and fresh air whatever the temperature! Can we please remind you that the PE uniform is joggers and not leggings as they do not provide the warmth and that joggers need to be either navy blue or burgundy. For very cold days, please allow the children to wear base layers or thermals underneath their kit, especially if they are out for PE and then also stay for an after school club!

### **Staying Covid safe**

We have had no more new cases of COVID 19 in the school this week. The government have issued updated guidance which you can see below. Please follow this advice to keep the school community as safe as possible.

*From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.*

*The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).*

*If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.*

*Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.*

### **Communication**

We appreciate that communication with our parents is invaluable to support our pupils and their families. To make sure we are communicating effectively with you, please direct all messages via the school office, either by phone or by email.

Please use [office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@dodford.worcs.sch.uk) and put who the email is intended for. This will ensure that no emails are missed and are passed onto the appropriate member of staff.

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#### **Monday 17 January**

Kids Inventors Day  
(Dress up as a famous inventor)

#### **Friday 28th January**

Big Garden Birdwatch

#### **Friday 4th February**

National Number Day (NSPCC)  
(Dress up for digits NSPCC theme)

#### **Tuesday 9th February**

Safer Internet Day

#### **Monday 14th February**

Love & Gratitude Day  
(Dress in a colour that represents love to you)

#### **COMING SOON!**

14th—18 March

STEM Week