



Doddiscombsleigh
Primary School

Newsletter

September 28th 2018

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to see all of your children settling in so well to their new classes and year groups. Here's more about what they have been up to and what we have in store.

Classroom news

I have seen more excellent learning going on in both classes this week. Acorn Class have been busy learning about holidays as their topic and even turned their classroom into a beach! Reception children are doing fantastically at getting into the routine of school, too and Oak Class are enjoying their current English unit about performance poetry. There are some definite stars in the making in that class!

Bag2School

A massive thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted clothes and textiles. We managed to collect 340kg of items, which raised £136 to go into the Friends of Doddi account. This can be put towards something exciting which the children will benefit from this year.

USF activities

Being in a management partnership with the United Schools Federation (USF) means that we get to benefit from many exciting activities. This term, some children from Doddi will be joining up with other pupils from the USF schools to take part in caving and coasteering. We also have plenty other ideas and opportunities coming up, including a special visit from Buddy the Robot next week, who will be travelling to see us from Kingsteignton school. The children are very excited about the return of Buddy after his successful visit last year.

Flu vaccination letters: Reception to Year 5

Today, your child will have brought home a flu immunisation consent form. Please can I ask that this form is returned no later than Wednesday 3rd October, even if you do not wish for your child to have the flu vaccine. Thank you.

Re-boot project

During the last academic year, Oak Class took part in a 're-boot' project which involved them making miniature buildings from wood. You may remember seeing the press article about it, which is still in the noticeboard at the school entrance. Their artwork has been collected from school, as it will be part of the re-boot project exhibition in Exeter, at St Stephen's Church on Exeter High Street. The exhibition will run from Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October, during half term. We hope you will enjoy visiting their artwork if you can.

Individual School Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on next week on Thursday 4th October. Please ensure that your child has their cardigan, jumper or fleece with them.

Friends of Doddi

The Friends of Doddi School will be holding their AGM on Friday 12th October at 2.30 in the school hall. As a parent of a child at Doddi, you automatically become a Friend. The object of Friends is to enrich the children's experience at Doddi and it would be wonderful to see lots of you there and share some ideas over a cup of tea. An agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard beforehand. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to see Claire Cook. Thank you.

Theatre Alibi

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are taking the children to Dunsford Village Hall on Tuesday 9th October to see a performance by Theatre Alibi. We will be transporting children by minibus, but we still need two volunteers to take four children each by car. If you are free that afternoon, please see myself or Mrs Lancaster in the office. Thank you.

A polite reminder

Please can I remind you to ensure that all dogs are to be tied to the hooks provided outside the school gate. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries:

04.10.18	Individual School Photos
05.10.18	School Council coasteering trip with other USF schools
09.10.18	Optional Flu Vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 5
09.10.18	Whole School Theatre Alibi Trip (We anticipate being back to school by 3.30pm)
17.10.18	Warburtons to visit Doddi

If you would like to speak to me, my door is always open, so please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you are unable to come into school, you can ring me or contact me by e-mail at swiseman@doddi.devon.sch.uk Your school parent governors are also available to speak to and they are Simon Gray, Iain Wylie and Peter Stothert.

Kind regards,
Sophie Wiseman