



Doddiscombsleigh
Primary School

Newsletter

November 9th 2018

Dear Parents,
Here is the most recent up date of all that has been happening at Doddi and all that we are due to be doing soon.

Castle Drogo Whole School Trip

As you will know, last Monday the whole school ventured out together to explore Castle Drogo and its surroundings. We had a wonderful day out together and would like to thank the Art Show for providing us with the opportunity to do this.

New Website

Exciting news! Our brand new school website has just gone live. On the website, you will be able to see dates on the calendar and keep up to date with your children's learning on the class and whole school blogs. These will be updated very regularly, so when your child comes home and says that they can't remember what they have done at school today (!) you can look at the blogs on the website. We are still working on some small issues to do with the phone and tablet versions of the website but hopefully you should not have too many problems accessing the information that you require.

Healthy Eating

Thank you to those of you who have returned the healthy eating questionnaires sent to you by the school council. If you have any of these at home still, or your child has yet to complete their healthy meal design, please can I ask that you return these in the next week. Thank you.

Children in Need

You should have received a letter from Mrs McManus detailing the plan for Children in Need which we are celebrating this coming Wednesday (14th November). Children can wear patterend clothes to school. We then invite you to join us at 3pm for a cake and popcorn sale in the school hall. We will also be selling tea and coffee and all proceeds will go towards Children in Need.

School Dinner Payments

A polite reminder that payments for school meals are now due. Thank you.

Music Tuition Lessons

We have potentially found a new woodwind teacher who would be able to deliver flute, clarinet and saxophone lessons. If your child would be interested, please can you let me know. These lessons would need to be paid for privately, but children will have the lessons during the school day in the library.

House Point Champions

Powderham were last half term's house point champions. As a reward, they are invited to wear non-school uniform on Friday, 16th November. This is also a double award, as they didn't actually get their treat from last term, so they are also invited to bring in a toy or game from home that they can play with during break times. Please can I ask that these are not electronic. Thank you.

Colgate recycling station at school

We will soon have a recycling box at school for any used and empty toothpaste tubes & toothbrushes. Please collect any of these items at home and bring them into school for them to be recycled.

Nits

We have been informed this week that there are a few little creatures enjoying crawling around in some of our pupils' hair. Please can I ask that you check your children for nits. Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet about treating your child for nits.

Help needed!

Do you have a vehicle that could transport the stage for our Christmas production? We are in need of someone with a large vehicle to collect the stage from the Teign Valley Hall on Monday 17th December. If you could help out, please see me. We would be most grateful.

Dogs at the gate

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of dogs that are being tied up at by the school entrance. Whilst this is not normally an issue, it is starting to become quite daunting for some children with dogs barking loudly and jumping up at people walking into school.

Therefore, please can I ask that you are mindful of this and consider whether it is necessary to bring your dog to school with you. Thank you for your co-operation.

100 Club Winners

On the last day of half term, the winners were drawn for the 100 club. Congratulations to the winners. It's not too late to sign up for the bumper Christmas draw, so please see Kate Berry if you are interested,

Dates for your diaries:

14.11.18	Children in Need Cake & Popcorn sale at 3pm
16.11.18	Powderham non-school uniform day. They may also bring in toys (non-electronic)
19.11.18	KS2 Visit from an archaeologist
26.11.18	Year 6 trip to Buckfast with USF
10.12.18	Parents' Evening (Mindfulness club will still run)
12.12.18	Whole school trip to the panto
12.12.18	Parents' Evening
17.12.18	Christmas production dress rehearsal
19.12.18	Christmas production to parents (2.30 and 6.00pm)
20.12.18	Christmas lunch
21.12.18	LAST DAY OF TERM
08.01.19	First day of the Spring Term

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