



**Doddiscombsleigh**  
Primary School

# Newsletter

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

Dear Parents,  
With November nearly over, here's what we have to look forward to as we start to get ready for the Christmas season!

## **Children in Need**

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Great Doddi Cake Sale. We raised an impressive £194.57. All of the proceeds will go to Children in Need. Your support at these events really does make me realise just what a fantastic network of parents we have at Doddi, so thank you.

## **Exciting news!**

This week we held interviews for a new teaching assistant post in Oak Class. We are very pleased to let you know that we have appointed Miss Gemma Bowden. Gemma will support in Oak Class on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We are really excited to be welcoming her to Doddi. She will begin with us in January.

## **Bug Club**

As a school, we have just subscribed to a reading resource called Bug Club. A link to Bug Club can be found on the school website under the 'Home Learning' tab, or by searching for it online. Children have their own login details which they can use to access books which have been set at their reading level. This resource is particularly good for developing children's comprehension skills. Your child's login details will be sent home over the next week. If you have any issues accessing bug club at home, please see your child's teacher or myself and we will be able to help you. We hope your children enjoy using this resource at home.

## **Pantomime Trip**

On 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be venturing to the Northcott Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk. We will return to school in the afternoon, so please can I ask that you provide your child with a packed lunch on this day. If your child is in Acorn

class, they are entitled to a funded packed lunch. As you did for the trip to Castle Drogo, please fill in the slip which Mr Butcher will hand out next week to let us know if your child requires a school packed lunch. Thank you.

## **Use of phones and taking photos**

At our governor's meeting on Wednesday, a new phone policy was agreed, which can be found on the school website. Please can I ask that you do not use your mobile phones when inside the school building. However, with the school Christmas production coming up, as well as other events which we may hold throughout the year, you are more than welcome to take photos of your children, but please do not share these on any social media sites. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Craft and Mince Pies**

This year, as a replacement for 'Music and Mince Pies' which used to be lead by Mr Buckley, Friends of Doddi are organising a 'Craft and Mince Pies' event, to which all children and their parents and family members are welcome. This lovely event will take place on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall from 3.30 – 4.30pm. We hope that you will be able to join us to get into the festive spirit!

## **Christingle**

We are currently in the process of arranging a Christingle Service at the church. The service will take place in the first week of December. As soon as we have a date and time confirmed, we will let you know.

## **Nits**

Please can I ask that you continue to check your family for nits as they still seem to be enjoying living in the hair of some of our Doddi children. Thank you.

### **Blogs**

I would like to remind you about the blogs on our new website which are updated very regularly. Please visit them with your children so that they can update you on all that they have been up to.

### **Dates for your diaries:**

26.11.18	Year 6 trip to Buckfast with USF
05.12.18	Craft and Mince Pies in the school hall
10.12.18	Parents' Evening (Mindfulness club will still run)
12.12.18	Whole school trip to the panto – please remember packed lunches!
12.12.18	Parents' Evening
16.12.18	Doddi Carol Service at the church
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](mailto: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