



# DODDISCOMBSLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,  
Welcome back to another new half term. This half term certainly promises to be a busy one...

### Half-term news

Over half-term, we had contractors in to sort a drainage system to run alongside Acorn Class. We also had the whole of our IT infra-structure system updated, which now means that the children are able to use the new Google Chrome Books (laptops). We would like to say a massive thank you to the Art Show, because this new network and the Google Chrome Books have been bought using money raised at the Art Show and it will make a massive difference to the children's learning and education.

### House Point Winners

Well done to all of the children in Drogo House for collecting the most house points last half term. Their non-school uniform day will be on Friday, 22nd March and they are also welcome to bring a non-electronic toy or game in with them for the day.

### Football News

Well done to the children from Oak Class that played in the recent football match against Christow. It was an extremely tight match, with Christow winning by one goal. We will look to play another game with them again soon. Well done to Alfie for his fantastic goal, Freddie for being crowned Man of the Match and the rest of the team for their great performance!

### Fire Safety Talk

We welcomed Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service to Doddi last week. The children learnt a lot from this valuable experience and we hope that they shared their learning with you at home.

### Oak Class Archery

If there are any children who haven't yet signed up and paid for Archery, please do so by Monday and then we will be able to get a date in the diary to go.

### Funny Run

For those families who are new to Doddi, we do an annual run called the 'Funny Run'. The whole school participates and parents either join us by marshalling or running with the children. The one rule - you dress up looking funny! The run is a course around Doddi which is about a mile in distance. There are two cups which are up for grabs, for the fastest girl and the fastest boy. It was a fantastic event last year and we had a tremendous amount of support from parents. If you are available to either help or run the route with the children, please let myself or Mrs Lancaster in the office know next week. We will then designate a particular area to marshal. Thank you for your continued support.

### Easter Egg Hunt!

Weather permitting, we will be having a whole school Easter Egg Hunt after the Funny Run. This is kindly put on by the Friends of Doddi school. If you would be so kind as to donate towards this, please bring any wrapped Easter Eggs into school and put them in the basket in the main foyer. Thank you in advance.

### Collection from clubs

If your child attends an after-school club, please can I ask that you pick them up promptly. Board Game Club and Sports Club finish at 4.30pm, Fizz Pop finishes at 4.40pm and Homework Club ends at 4.00pm. Thank you.

### Teign Percussion Day

Children in Oak Class will receive a letter about this event next week. We will be looking for a parent helper with a DBS and vehicle checks to help us with transport. If you are available, please see me. Thank you.

### Bag2School

Please can all Bag2School donations be in by Monday, 18th March. Thank you.

### World Book Day

We had an excellent day celebrating World Book Day. The children looked absolutely amazing in their costumes, so a big thank you to all of the parents for helping with this.

### Comic Relief

A reminder about next week: On Wednesday, we are celebrating Red Nose Day. The children have decided that they would like to come into school wearing 'comfy' clothes and bring in a donation of £1 to do so. They have also decided that they would like to make a Doddi Joke Book. Please can all children find one or two jokes to bring into school on Red Nose Day, as they will be writing them up during the day.

### Head lice

I have been informed that there is currently a case of head lice. Please can all families make sure that they check and treat every family member regularly, to ensure that this does not spread throughout the school. Thank you.

### Fairtrade Assembly

Oak Class enjoyed the Fairtrade conference at Chudleigh Primary School last week and they would now like to invite all parents to a 'Bananas about Fairtrade' assembly on Wednesday, 3rd April at 3.00pm. There will be a raffle with Fairtrade prizes and tickets will be sold for this next week at the school gate. Tickets will be £1.

### Parents' Evening

With parents' evening coming up in the last week of this term, I would like to remind you that it is your choice as to whether or not your child attends with you. We are more than happy for children to be part of the meetings, but if you would rather them stay at home or wait in the school library, the choice is entirely yours.

### Breakfast with Friends

The Friends of Doddi School would like to invite you to stay behind after drop-off on Friday 15th March for breakfast!

### Marketing Group

A reminder, that if you would be interested in joining our school marketing group, we would love to have involvement from more people. Please contact Simon Gray if you would like more information.

### Dinner Money

Please ensure that all payments for school dinners for this half term are paid in advance, by Friday, 15th March. Thank you.

### A message from our Chair of Governors...

At the Governors meeting last month we looked at a number of current issues facing schools including the new OFSTED framework that will be used to judge the quality of education happening at school - an exciting prospect! We also looked again at our plans to promote the school and attract more pupils and agreed that we need ensure we make the most of all the opportunities we have coming up to raise awareness of our wonderful school - more soon on what parents can do to help with that!

Mrs Wiseman and I also met with the other board members of the new Cooperative Trust the school has joined. As well as agreeing to focus our collective efforts on continuing to raise standards and share best practice, we agreed that schools across the Trust would aim to become Rights Respecting Schools within the next 6 months. This will be a good opportunity for Doddi, as the only school within the Trust to have achieved the RRS Silver Award, to make an important contribution to the group and put ourselves at the centre of the Trust as it continues to develop.

If parents would like know more about what was discussed or have any questions for Governors, please do get in touch with any of the parent governors - Simon Gary, Peter Stothert or Iain Wylie.

### And finally...

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.

*Sophie Wiseman*

## Dates

13.03.2019	Comic Relief
15.03.2019	Breakfast with Friends
22.03.2019	Drogo Non-School Uniform
28.03.2019	Oak Class Percussion Day
01.04.2019	Parent's Evening
03.04.2019	Parent's Evening
04.04.2019	The Funny Run
05.04.2019	Last day of Spring Term
23.04.2019	First day of Summer Term
26.04.2019	Free CPR awareness sessions 2pm and 5pm