



# DODDISCOMBSLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

25th - 27th October 2019

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**Art Show**

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The NoBody Inn

Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow, Devon, EX6 7NA  
 Fri 25th 10 - 5pm | Sat 26th 10 - 5pm | Sun 27th 10 - 1pm

Dear Parents,

This half term has absolutely flown by, but they do say that time flies when you're having fun! This half term was certainly a fun one, with whole school trips, art workshops, visitors, times tables rock stars day and mental health day, just to mention a few. And yet the fun doesn't stop, with the Doddi Art Show just around the corner. I would like to thank every one of you who has given up your time to support such a fantastic event which benefits the children's education enormously. I look forward to seeing you there.

### House point champions

All children have been working extremely hard to collect house points this half term and a big well done to children in Belvedere, who collected the most house points overall this half term. The children in Belvedere met earlier in the week and decided that they would like to bring something with wheels (scooter, bike, skateboard) into school as their reward. They are welcome to do so next week, on Friday, 1st November.

### Congratulations, Miss Bowden!

Some of you may have noticed a sparkly new addition on Miss Bowden's finger recently - we would like to wish her congratulations on her engagement. Happy wedding planning!

### Thank you to the Art Show

As your children may have already told you, we took delivery of a very exciting new gadget...an interactive whiteboard in Oak Class which can be wheeled into the hall to use for assemblies and other events. We would like to say a massive thank you, as this was purchased by the money raised at the last Art Show.

### #Helloyellow Mental Health Day

We had a wonderful day dressed from head to toe in yellow to raise awareness of mental health. We raised £28.17 which will be sent to the charity Young Minds.

### Harvest Food Bank Collection

Thank you for those who donated to our harvest food bank. The donations will be taken to THAT - Teignbridge Homeless Action Today shortly after half term. We will be taking collections until the Friday when we come back after half term, so it's not too late to contribute. Thank you

### Well done, Gardening Club!

If you follow our blogs, you will have seen that the children who attend gardening club have been busy recently making a Doddi scarecrow. The scarecrow was entered in the church's harvest scarecrow competition and we won first place! Well done!

### NSPCC

On 25th November, we will be welcoming the NSPCC into school for a number of assemblies and workshops for different age groups. An email will be sent out after half term with more details.

### Do you have an old CD player?

Mrs Todd, our woodwind teacher, is in need of a CD player for her music lessons at Doddi. If you have one lying around that you no longer use, we would love to re-home it for music lessons. Thank you!

### Good luck, Theo!

We wish Theo and the Lowrie family all the best on their adventure to Scotland. Thank you for all that you have contributed to Doddi school life in the short time that Theo was here with us.

### Year 6 Secondary School Places

A reminder for parents with children in Year 6 that you need to apply for your child's secondary school place by October 31st. It's quick and easy - Just head to [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

### Flu Vaccinations

A few weeks ago, parents should have received an email about the flu vaccination. All children from Reception to Year 6 are entitled to have the flu vaccination which will take place in school on Tuesday, 3rd December. Parents need to visit the online portal to give permission. If you have any problems doing so, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### No Drama Club on Mondays

Due to reasons out of our control, there will unfortunately no longer be Drama club on Mondays. We will endeavour to find another club to replace the Drama club, but in the meantime there will be no clubs on Mondays. If, however, you struggle with wrap around care on a Monday, please come and see me. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Marketing Experience

Do you know of anyone with experience in marketing? Our governing body are seeking someone to join with experience in marketing to support our wonderful primary school. If you know of anyone who may have the relevant skills and be interested, please get in touch. Thank you.

### 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 [head@doddi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:head@doddi.devon.sch.uk) Your school parent governors are Simon Gray, Peter Stothert and Iain Wylie.

Have a wonderful half term.

See you all on **Wednesday, 30th October!**

Best wishes,

*Sophie Wiseman*

# Dates

30.10.2019	Beginning of new half term
01.11.2019	Belvedere House - bring wheels to school (House champions treat)
04.11.2019	Archery session for those who paid in the summer term*
06.11.2019	Celebration of Learning
07.11.2019	Military Wives Choir Visit **
13.11.2019	NO HOMEWORK CLUB
15.11.2019	Children in Need
22.11.2019	Climbing for Years 4, 5 and 6
25.11.2019	NSPCC visit for children
	Parent's Evening (1)
27.11.2019	Parent's Evening (2)
03.12.2019	Flu Jabs
	Christingle Service at church 4.45pm
04.12.2019	Craft and Mince Pies (Friends Event) in the school hall
11.12.2019	Panto Trip at the Northcott - Beauty and the Beast
18.12.2019	Christmas production to parents 2.30pm and 6.00pm
19.12.2019	Christmas lunch!

\* This archery session is for the children who signed up and paid to take part last term. The session was cancelled due to high winds and has been re-scheduled to Monday, 4th November. The session will take place mainly in school time, but we will be back slightly later than home time, at approximately 4pm. Reminder letters will be sent home with the children who are going, with a reminder of the kit list.

\*\* The Lympstone Military Wives Choir have heard that children at Doddi have been learning the song 'Sing'. The choir are going to be joining us in the afternoon, followed by a performance. More information will be emailed when it has been confirmed after half term.