



DODDISCOMBSLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term. Although this half term is only 5 weeks long, there are many exciting things happening, so please read on to find out more.

Welcome, Mr Stewart!

I would like to make a special welcome to Mr Stewart who has joined the Doddi team as Oak Class teacher.

Our new school library

Over half term, the library undertook a big renovation! This week we are going to be very busy putting all of the books back in place. Please see below about a reading launch event that we will be holding later this half term, where you will be invited to come and see the new and improved reading space for yourselves.

Thank you to parents who have already completed the reading questionnaire that was sent out with the last newsletter. We really appreciate your support.

Extreme Reading Competition

Attached to this newsletter is a poster for our extreme reading competition. We would love for as many parents and children to take part as possible.

Reading Launch Event

As you can see with the new library, we are really looking at ways in which we can boost children's enjoyment in reading. At the end of this half term, we are inviting all parents and children to our reading launch event. More information will be sent home about this nearer the time, but please pencil Friday, 20th March in your diaries.

Music Showcase

On Thursday, 19th March all parents are invited to join us for a music showcase, where the whole school will be performing pieces that they have learnt in music lessons. Children in both classes have been learning to play the clarinet with Mrs Price on Thursday afternoons. In addition, children who have peripatetic music lessons at school will also be given the opportunity to perform pieces that they have been working hard on. The showcase will start at 2.45pm. We hope that you can join us.

Annual Funny Run

As most of you will be aware, traditional to Doddi is the annual Funny Run that takes place just before Easter. All children participate in a mile-long run around Doddi, along with the parents who support by either running or marshalling. As in previous years, the run has been done to raise money. Although we have not done this recently, this year the Funny Run will be a 'Race for Life' event, raising money for Cancer Research. This is a charity which is very important to us, given the recent loss of Mrs McManus. We would love for all children and parents to try and gain as much sponsorship money as possible from family and friends for this fantastic charity. Rather than collecting money, donations will be able to be made to the school's Race For Life fundraising page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/doddi-scombsleigh-primary-school>

If you can help by either marshalling or running the race with the children, please let us know in the school office by Friday, 13th March. Thank you!

Learning Challenge Curriculum

This half term, Acorn will be looking at the big question 'Why are humans not like tigers?' and having visited the zoo, they are now learning all about animal classification. Oak Class' big question is 'Why should the rainforest be important to us all?'. Their designs for Modroc creatures are already looking fantastic!

School Dinner Payments

A reminder that dinners and outstanding payments for this half term need to be paid for by Friday, 13th March.
Thank you.

Forest School

Both classes will take part in Forest School on a regular basis and will therefore require a change of clothes (which are fine to get wet and muddy) and a pair of wellies. For Acorn Class, this will be on a Tuesday afternoon and it will be on a Friday afternoon for children in Oak Class. This will begin for Oak Class this Friday (6th March 2020).

World Book Day

A reminder that the whole school will be venturing to Waterstones in Exeter this Thursday (5th March) for World Book Day. Children and staff will be dressing up as their favourite characters.

100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the latest 100 Club Draw. The winners were:

1st - Nick & Lynette Berry

2nd - Mike Spiro

3rd - Kier Collings

Instagram and Tapestry Permission Forms

Thank you to those parents who have sent back their permission forms. If you have yet to do so, please bring them in by this Friday. If you require another letter, please come to the office. Thank you.

Parent's Evenings

Sheets are up outside the classrooms for you to sign up for Parent's Evening on 16th and 18th March.

Sport Relief

The School Council are meeting tomorrow to make plans for how they would like to celebrate and raise money for Sport Relief this year. We will update you on the plans shortly.

Upcoming Community Events

'2040 Film Night Invitation'

On Friday 13th March, the Teign Climate Hub will be hosting a free showing of the documentary film '2040'. The film will be shown at 7.30pm in the main hall of the TVCH. Doors open at 7pm. Parents, teachers and older children are very welcome to come along.

About the film:

2040 takes us on a journey to explore what the future would look like by the year 2040 if we simply embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet and shifted them into the mainstream. Structured as a visual letter to his four year old daughter, Damon Gamou (director) creates an inspirational vision board for his daughter and the planet.

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 Your school parent governors are Simon Gray, Peter Stothert and Iain Wylie.

Best wishes,

Sophie Wiseman

Dates

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| 05.03.2020 | World Book Day |
| 06.03.2020 | Whole School Compost Day with Recycle Devon Team (in school) |
| 13.03.2020 | Sport Relief Day Bushcraft for Yr5 children who have signed up |
| 16.03.2020 | Deadline for emailing Extreme Reading Photos |
| 16.03.2020 | Parent's Evening |
| 18.03.2020 | Parent's Evening |
| 19.03.2020 | Music Showcase (2.45pm) |
| 20.03.2020 | Reading Launch Event |
| 26.03.2020 | Annual Funny Run! |
| 27.03.2020 | Last Day of Term |