



Doddiscombsleigh
Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Kindness - Resilience - Aspiration - Respect

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



This half term we will be focusing on the value:
resilience.

Keep up to date on the latest things that we get up to at Doddi by reading our school and class blogs on our website and social media pages.



The run up to Christmas begins!

Over the last few weeks, children have enjoyed taking part in a number of different events including Remembrance Day, Anti-bullying Week and Children in Need. All of these events have helped the children to reflect in particular on our school values of kindness and respect.

The school value that we are currently focusing on this half term is resilience. The children have been showing fantastic resilience in their learning and as many children in Acorn Class will tell you, they are great at being just like Rocky the Rhino who always reminds them to 'keep on trying and never give up'

As we approach Christmas, there is lots going on in school. As you will have read in a recent email, unfortunately we are having to record our Christmas production again this year, but we hope that you enjoy it and are able to appreciate all of the fantastic acting, singing and hard work that has gone into producing it by the children.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sophie Wiseman
Head of School



ARTICLE 28 - Every child has the right to an education



Children in Need 2021

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Children in Need this year. The children had a fantastic day and the cakes that were made by our Doddi families were absolutely delicious! We raised a very impressive £82. Well done, team Doddi!



Anti-Bullying

Week

During Anti-bullying week, children explored friendships and what bullying is through a range of activities and through their PSHE Jigsaw lessons. At Doddi, we teach children about the 'STOP' approach, which helps them understand exactly what bullying is and what they can do. Why not have a chat to your child/ren and ask them to tell you more:

STOP:
Start Telling Other People
Several Times On Purpose



Christmas Jumper Week

In the last week of term, we are inviting children to swap their Doddi school jumpers for Christmas jumpers **everyday**, to get us all into the festive spirit!

Oak Reading Workshop

On Thursday, 9th December at **4.00pm**, Mr Stewart will be holding an Accelerated Reader workshop for parents. The session will be held online. It will also be recorded if any parents are unable to attend. A Google Meet code will be sent to parents ahead of the meeting.



Evaluation Day

Earlier this half term, we welcomed Mr Harding, our Executive Head Teacher and Mr West, our Assistant Executive Head Teacher to Doddi. During the day, Mr Harding and Mr West observed teaching and learning in classrooms and they talked to children about their learning. The day was incredibly successful and both Mr Harding and Mr West were very impressed with the fantastic behaviour of the children, the teaching and learning that they observed and the children's brilliant attitudes to learning.

Christmas Production

The children have been working incredibly hard, learning the songs and their lines for the production. The film will be sent out to families in the final week of term for you to watch at home.

RIGHTS RESPECTING FOCUS



ARTICLE 24 - Every child has the right to the best possible health



ARTICLE 24 - Every child has the right to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that they can stay healthy.



Carols by candlelight



On Wednesday, 8th December, we invite all parents to carols by candlelight in the playground. The children who attend clubs on a Wednesday will make Christingles as part of their club and for those children who do not normally attend a club, they are welcome to join in. Please just let us know if they would like to. We ask that parents arrive at 4.30pm as usual and the event will last around 20 minutes. We ask that all parents kindly respect social distancing and wear face masks.

Drogo House Treat

Children in Drogo are invited to wear non-school uniform and bring in anything with 'wheels' on Thursday, 16th December. Please remember, if they bring in a bike, they must also wear a helmet.

Reception Places

Reception Space Applications for September 2022
Applications for Reception spaces for September 2022 has now opened and families have until 15th January 2022 to apply for a school place of their choice. All applications must be done through admissions:
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place>. If you know anyone who would like to apply for a reception place at our school, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a time for a show round. We can't wait to welcome new children and families to our school.



Covid Update

At Doddi, we continue to follow the most up to date Government guidance and our Covid risk assessment. With regard to the new Covid-19 variant, the guidance has been updated and Test and Trace will continue to advise on this.

I would like to thank you for your understanding with the recent events that we have had to cancel/adapt and for continuing to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting your children from school.

As a reminder, if your child is unwell, please contact the school office. If your child displays any of the coronavirus symptoms, you should seek a PCR test:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell



Tree Planting

Next Wednesday, 8th December, we will be planting 105 trees in the village.

The whole school will be taking part, so would like all children to come to school in their forest school clothes, ensuring that they have enough layers to stay warm and to keep dry if the weather is wet. If possible, we would be really grateful if children can bring small spades to use too. We look forward to sharing pictures of our tree planting morning with you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...

- 08.12.21 - Tree Planting Morning
- 08.12.21 - Carols by Candlelight
- 09.12.21 - Oak Class Reading Workshop for parents
- WEEK OF 13th DEC = Christmas Jumper Week!
- 15.12.21 - Carols by Candlelight reserve date
- 15.12.21 - Christmas Lunch Day
- 16.12.21 - Drogo 'Wheels' Day House Treat
- 17.12.21 - Last Day of Term
- 04.01.22 - First Day of Spring Term



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