



# Doddiscombsleigh Primary School

**OUR VALUES: Respect ~ Resilience ~ Kindness ~ Aspiration**

November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely break. Welcome back to the new half term; it is shaping up to be a busy one already.

## **School Value:**

Our school value this half term is Respect and we will be talking to the children about how we demonstrate this value in school.

## **Right of the month:**

This month we are looking at:

Article 19 – Governments must do all they can to ensure children are protected from all forms of violence and bad treatment by the people who look after them.

Article 38 – Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

These rights are linked to Armistice day and we will talk about them through assemblies and classwork.

## **Armistice day:**

We were visited by Sam Poole this week to write messages on the crosses which will be laid on the memorial during the remembrance service on Sunday. Children wrote some lovely messages on the crosses and spent time reflecting and remembering the people whose lives were lost during the war. Poppies will be in school for the remainder of the week if you would like to send in a donation.

## **Clubs:**

Clubs this term will be as follows:

**Monday 3.30-4.30** – Mr Collings will be doing craft club for the whole school and Mr Stewart will be doing football club for Oak class. (Please see dates for any exceptions to clubs)

**Thursday 3.30-4.30** – Whole school sports club with Achieve for All (please sign up for this club online if your child wishes to attend and you haven't already).

**Friday 3.30-4.30** – Whole school sports club with Achieve for All (please sign up for this club online if your child wishes to attend and you haven't already).

## **School Day:**

Please remember that the school gates open at 8:50 and close at 9:00 each morning. It is really important that your child is in class for the start of the school day as activities and registers are taken at this time. Just 10 minutes lateness a day is equivalent to 50 minutes a week and a full day's lost education across an average half term. It is also very unsettling for children who have to walk into classrooms where work is already underway.

As always, please remember to call the school to leave a message or email between 8am and 9am if your child is going to be absent.

## **Doddi 100 Club**

The winners of the Doddi 100 Club Autumn Draw were:

1st Lyn Hedley  
2nd Sarah MacDonald

To be in with a chance to win the Christmas Super Draw and support Doddi School, Doddi Pre-School and Doddi Church please speak to Kate Berry 01647 253232 / [kate@tibrec.co.uk](mailto:kate@tibrec.co.uk).

## **School Uniform**

Please could I remind everyone to check the uniform policy on the website and ensure that children have the correct uniform and PE kit and that all uniform is clearly and fully named. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, could you send children in with a coat each day as we like to get them outside if it is at all possible.

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### Application for Primary School Places:

Applications for places will open on 15th November, for admission into Primary School in September 2024 and you can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). You can apply for a place if your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020. Applications must be in by 15th January 2024 or they will be considered as late and you may not get a place for your child in a school of your choice.

### Anti-Bullying Week:



From 13th – 17th November, it is Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is ‘Make a Noise About Bullying’ We are always encouraging our children to show kindness to one another – even a small gesture such as a smile or a warm hello, can make a huge difference if we are having a down day! Kindness is a part of our Social and Emotional Learning which is taught through our PSHE and MindUp Curriculums. To kick start Anti- bullying week, we are holding Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, as a way of celebrating differences. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy new socks – all the children have to do is wear odd socks that day, it could not be simpler.

### Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we will be taking part in Children in Need and the Rights Respecting Council are busy finding out how the children would like to get involved. We will send a letter out at the end of the week to let you know what they decide.

### Mental health

Mental Health is a big focus in the media currently which is a great thing – we are becoming more aware of the importance of noticing and talking about our mental health and the more we do this, the less stigma there is around acknowledging that we can all struggle.

ITVX have created a programme to support children’s wellbeing. You may have seen adverts for Britain Get Talking on TV – this programme promotes the benefits of a simple chat with trusted others as a way of alleviating our stress and worries. Supported by Ant

and Dec, the programme has designed a simple “homework” task for you and your child to do together that gives the opportunity for talking about what’s on our minds.

If you are interested, check this out at

<https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/>

There are top tips for having difficult conversations and signposting to further support too.

### Important Dates:

November:	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week – <b>odd socks day on Monday 13th</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in need
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> (3.30pm)	Work showing – parents welcome to come and see books and work
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Author visit
December:	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents’ evenings (details to follow)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle service at the Church (4.30pm) – details to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Walking nativity 4.30pm – details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

As always, we are available if you have any concerns about your child. Please contact your class teacher in the first instance and if you are unable to pop into school, please call or email the office and we will pass on your message.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Amanda Russell  
Head of School

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