

July Edition

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## Hello Everyone!

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE: THE NEWSLETTER HAS A GREAT DEAL OF VITAL INFORMATION IN IT THAT YOU WILL NOT GET FROM ANYWHERE ELSE. PLEASE READ IT AND KEEP IT FOR REFERENCE.**

The above is the main message that I want you to understand. I have heard on numerous occasions from parents that communication is not good at Dothill. This is something that we are continually striving to improve. I have also heard complaints from parents that they 'didn't know about' something and when I tell them that the information was in the newsletter their response has been "oh I don't read that, it's just photos of other people's kids".

From September we are aiming to save money and time by including as much information as we can in one document - the newsletter. We want to reduce the number of separate letters that we send. For this reason the newsletter will become more important than ever and should be your first point of reference, along with the website.

## EYFS Trip to Weston Park

EYFS had lots of fun on their recent trip to Weston Park. We found lots of creepy crawlies on our nature walk, caught (and released!) some beautiful butterflies and enjoyed spotting lots of wonderful underwater life in our pond dipping experience. We were very proud of the children's behaviour as they explored the grounds of Weston Park. Well done!



## Message for Year 6 parents from Arriva



Dear Parents & Guardians

Now the time is approaching for your child to move onto their new school have you considered that they catch a bus to school?

If so, Arriva would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our Child Saver tickets.

For less than £1.50 a day your child can have unlimited access to travel on any of our buses across all Arriva routes in Shropshire and the West Midlands. What's more, this not only cover their journeys to and from school. For no additional charge they'll be able use the same ticket to travel during the evenings, weekends and all throughout the school holidays.

The cost of this ticket can be spread over affordable monthly payments, using our easy Direct Debit system. This makes it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel without having to pay upfront. It's a simple process to apply and there's no set up fee, or minimum contract. Which means, if your circumstances change you can just cancel your direct debit & stop your ticket.

To apply for the ticket and arrange your direct debit payment please visit:

[arrivabus.co.uk/ss-midlands](http://arrivabus.co.uk/ss-midlands)

Once registered Arriva will send a bus pass to you by post, or if you prefer you can choose to have an m-ticket sent directly to your child's mobile phone. The ticket will automatically be renewed every month as long as your direct debit remains active.

For any queries please email:

[studenttickets.ams@arriva.co.uk](mailto:studenttickets.ams@arriva.co.uk)

## Leavers Lunch

On Thursday 19th July 2018 there will be a BBQ-themed lunch in honour of the Y6 leavers. The cost is £2.20 for those that pay for their meals, payable at least 24 hours in advance. Please order your lunch with the teacher on the day, as normal. The menu is chicken burgers/vegi option, fries, beans and a doughnut or ice cream.



**CHANGE TO MENU -  
FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2018**

**As we are having fries on  
Thursday, the kitchen will serve  
baked potato slices/squares on  
"Fish Friday".**

## Collection Arrangements

Please could you organise your child's collection arrangements in the morning so your child knows who will collect them. You can also tell the teacher when you drop them off. Please only ring the school office to notify us of emergency changes and please do this before 2:45pm. Thank you. Please also remind KS2 children who leave school on their own that if someone isn't in the normal place to collect them, they should return to school.

## Year 5 Rounders

It was great to be able to send a Year 5 rounders team out to a competition on Wednesday 18th June.

Well done to all who participated:

5T: Drew Richards, Cameron Murphy, Sheree Rees, Olivia Hartley, and Rosie Johnson

5C: Will Stone, Bailey Currier, Felix Guy, Katie Wilson, Carley O'Neil and Elizabeth Pearson







Some of the events that have recently taken place at school:

- ✓ Mindfulness Day
- ✓ Outdoor Learning Day
- ✓ KS2 Sports Day

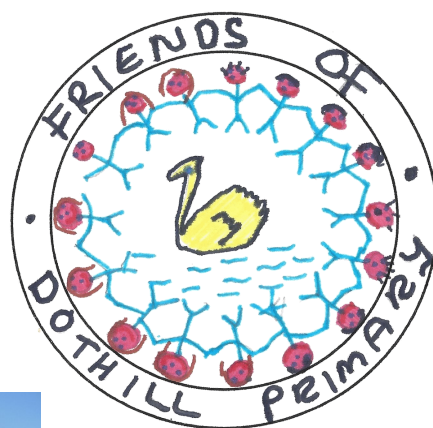




## Friends of Dothill

Once again we have had a very successful Summer Fair. It was great to see so many families joining in and spending money! I am pleased to announce that we raised well over £1000 thanks to your generosity and support.

The end of term discos are the next Friends event and the letters have already come out to classes.



## Having a Sort-Out?

If you are having a sort out over the summer holidays then please consider donating items to Dothill. In September Mrs Sturmeay will be leading and managing the lunchtimes for our children. She has some fantastic ideas and has been talking to the children about the kind of things that they would like to do over the lunchtime.

We are looking for a range of items to support our play and these include:

Cars, diggers, trucks, etc

Dolls, teddies

Toy pushchairs/prams and bedding

Play food

Play plates, cups, saucers, etc

Board games

Anything else that you feel might be suitable!!



## Reducing Cost/Reducing Waste

In order to reduce costs we are trialling a new way of distributing newsletters to our families. From September we will provide a copy to the older sibling only. If you require any additional copies these can be downloaded from our website

<http://www.dothillprimaryschool.co.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>

## Office Opening Hours

Please note that there is a change to the office opening hours with immediate effect.

Opening times are as follows:

**Monday - Friday**  
**8.30am - 4.00pm**

If you ring the school and we are unable to answer the phone, please feel free to leave a message on the answerphone as we regularly check for messages.



**ERCALL COLTS**  
**GIRLS FOOTBALL**

ERCALL COLTS GIRLS TEAM ARE LOOKING TO ADD TO THEIR U8's & U9's TEAMS

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR

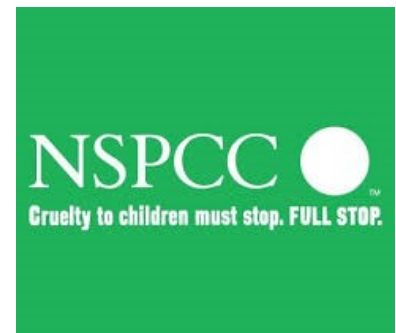
**OPEN DAYS**  
Charlton School  
Apley Avenue  
Wellington  
TF1 3FA

<b>WED 27TH JUNE</b>	<b>WED 4TH JULY</b>
U8's 5:45PM	U8's 5:45PM
U9's 6:30PM	U9's 6:30PM

**CONTACT**  
**DEAN CRAVEN 07953521115**

## NSPCC Parents Workshop

It was great to see so many parents attending the NSPCC e-safety workshop on 14th June. This was part of a programme of work that the NSPCC has been doing with us in school to support the children learning about their own and others' safety across a range of areas.



## Goodbye Wishes

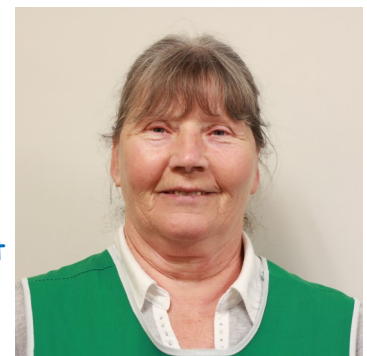
We are saying goodbye to a number of our staff this term and we wish all of them the best of luck for the future. However we should give special mention to a couple of staff in particular.

Mrs Elkes has worked at Dothill for too many years to mention and this year she will be leaving our lunchtime team. However, she can't let go completely and will still be part of the Dothill cleaning team!



Also, Mrs Edwards will be leaving our teaching team as she takes the opportunity to do some travelling and to attend all the national sporting events that she can't get to during term time!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who are leaving for their hard work and commitment during their time at Dothill.





## Dinner Money Arrears

As you know, we operate a zero tolerance on meal arrears as some quite substantial over-spends have built up on some of the children's accounts in previous years.

On the first day that children choose a lunch and have no credit on their account, our kitchen team will let them have their meal, thus leaving an arrears of £2.20. The parent/carer will get a letter from the cook informing them of the debt so they are aware and can rectify the situation straight away. They should also get an email from the cook warning of a low balance. If the arrears are not cleared, and if the children do not bring in a packed lunch from home, the kitchen team will give them an emergency meal (a cheese sandwich and a piece of fruit) at lunchtime if they come for a school meal. This will be chargeable.

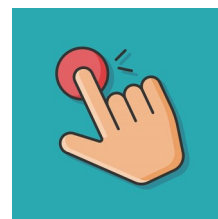
In the past, parents/carers have also been rung by the office if their child's account is in debt and the child has ordered a dinner that day. In the future, this will not happen if your child's account is in debt. In that case, your child will automatically get an emergency meal (cheese sandwich and fruit).

**It is important that parents/carers update the school with any changes to their main email account as that is how the kitchen send reminders out re: low credit etc.**

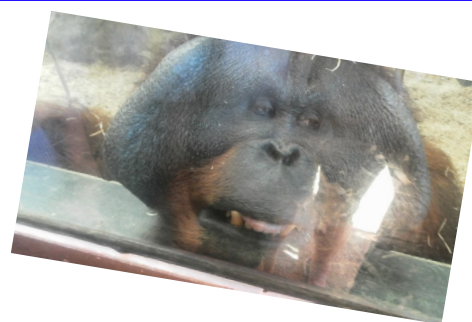
Thank you for your support and cooperation with this matter.

## Enhancing Security

In order to ensure the safety of children and staff we have taken the decision to keep the front door of school closed. This will mean that parents/carers visiting school through the school day will need to ring the bell by the front entrance door and admin staff will assist them.



On the 3rd July Key Stage One went to Twycross Zoo as part of our animal topic. Here are some photos from our day. Our favourite animal was the giant orangutan who tried to give some of us a kiss through the window!



**Key Stage 1 have been to the zoo!**



## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair this year. Mrs Rankin-McCabe tells me that you have spent an incredible

**£1188.12**

School is able to receive 60% of this amount in books which is just fantastic!

Thanks once again for not only supporting your child's interest in reading but also doing a great thing for school!



## Sporting Events

Well done to everyone who represented Dothill at the following events this term:

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Tri-Golf, Y6 Kwik Cricket, KS1 Virtual Multi Skills, Y5/6 Athletics, KS2 Swimming Gala, KS1 Mini Olympics, Y3/4 Change for Life, Y6 Boccia teams.

## Behaviour Before and After School

We have had a number of complaints recently, from parents and also from Dothill residents, about anti-social behaviour being seen from older children wearing Dothill uniforms. This has been witnessed at the park next to the school site and also in areas such as the bike sheds or the back playground both before and after school. The police are aware of the behaviour on the park and are monitoring the situation.

It is very disappointing that despite all our values, teaching, and focus this term on responsibility, that a small handful of children are letting us and themselves down.

I wanted to remind you that the vast majority of Dothill children behave beautifully at all times and show responsible and respectful attitudes. We are very proud of them!



# NO WAY



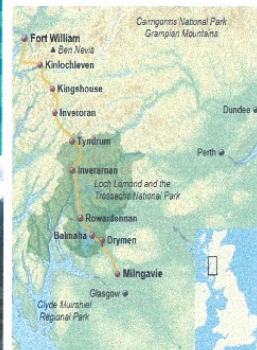
IT'S THE WEST HIGHLAND WAY!!

Lauren and Libby Capes are taking on the challenge of all 96 miles of the West Highland Way in 5 days in support of the Severn Hospice

### The Route:

Day 1	Milngavie	to	Balmaha	20 miles
Day 2	Balmaha	to	Inverernan	21 miles
Day 3	Inverernan	to	Bridge of Orchy	19 miles
Day 4	Bridge of Orchy	to	Kinlochleven	21 miles
Day 5	Kinlochleven	to	Fort William	15 miles

### The Western Highlands of Scotland



To pledge your support please go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laurenandlibby](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laurenandlibby) or donate in person. Thank you for your support

## Way to Go Lauren!

One of our Year Six pupils, Lauren Capes, is a keen fund raiser for Severn Hospice and her challenges are getting bigger and bigger. Over the summer she will be walking all 96 miles of the West Highland Way to raise money for the Hospice. If you would like to support Lauren in this then please visit

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laurenandlibby](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/laurenandlibby)



# Diary Dates



Monday 16th July 2018	Reports to go out today
Tuesday 17th July 2018	Y5/6 performance (1 of 2) 9:30am - entry is by ticket only - see letter sent out - tickets will be issued on Friday 13th July
Wednesday 18th July 2018	Y5/6 performance (2 of 2) 1:30pm - entry is by ticket only - see letter sent out - tickets will be issued on Friday 13th July
Wednesday 18th July 2018	School Discos - entry is by ticket only - see letter sent out / details on the website
Thursday 19th July 2018	Leavers BBQ Themed Lunch for all children - see details in this newsletter
Friday 20th July 2018	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 23rd July 2018 and Tuesday 24th July 2018	PD Days (no children in school)
Wednesday 25th July 2018 to Friday 31st August 2018	Holiday
Monday 3rd September 2018 and Tuesday 4th September 2018	PD Days (no children in school)
Wednesday 5th September 2018	First school day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 26th September 2018	European Languages Day - more details to follow
Monday 1st October 2018 to Friday 5th October 2018	Y6 trip to Arthog - see separate letter

**We hope you have a great summer break!**

