



Dothill News...



October Edition

9.10.19

Hello Everyone!

I am really pleased to tell you that, following the AGM, we have a new 'Friends' committee in place who are very keen, enthusiastic and full of ideas! You will see that there is a whole page of events and activities that the Friends have organised for this term - have a good read and see what you can do to join in and support!

As usual, the newsletter is a really good source of current information but don't forget the new school website - this should always be the first place that you should look.

www.dothillprimaryschool.co.uk

Golden Tickets

We have 110 golden tickets to be won before the end of term! 10 tickets will be issued each day from Thursday 10th October 2019 to Friday 15th November 2019.

The prize is a disc-golf or adventure-golf session at the Town Park and the tickets are valid until 31/12/19.

Have a lunch on one of those days for a chance to win! More information for children can be found on the poster in the big hall.



Governor Vacancies

Kate Boulter and Frank Burns stepped down from their roles in the summer after many years of supporting Dothill on the Governing Body. This leaves us with two vacancies for 'co-opted' governors. This means someone who the governing body feels is appropriate and could add to the skills base that our governors already have - no experience required!

We feel that there is an untapped source of governor potential out there in the Dothill community in the form of GRANDPARENTS! If you know of anyone who may have a background in education or another relevant role or profession and is now retired, with time on their hands, please ask them to contact me on a3368@telford.gov.uk or make an appointment for a chat to find out more about becoming a governor.

PowerPoint Homework Projects

Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept emails with homework attachments of any sort (photos, PowerPoints, videos). Any homework completed electronically will need to be printed at home to be brought into school. Sorry for any inconvenience.



Netball Success!

Congratulations to our new Dothill Netball Team who participated in a Telford and Wrekin tournament on Thursday 3rd October. Despite the pouring rain they had a great time, winning four matches and drawing one. Thank you to Rhian Hickey who entered the team and supervised them at the event. Congratulations everybody!



Public Health
England



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.

If your child is at primary school, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu



Flu **i**mmunisation
Helping to protect children,
every winter

Vaccinations at School

The whole school (EYFS to Y6) are to receive this vaccination on Friday 22nd November 2019. Letters and an accompanying leaflet will be given out on Friday 8th November 2019 so please look out for them coming home with your child.

Height and Weight - Year 6

On Tuesday 12th November 2019 the School Nurse Service will be coming into school to measure the height and weight of Y6 children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). The NCMP provides information to help build an understanding of how children are growing, so that the best possible advice and support can be provided for them and their families.

A letter has been sent home via Y6 children. This includes a letter to opt out of the NCMP if you wish.

Please note that school will be providing the nurse with the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Gender
- Date of birth



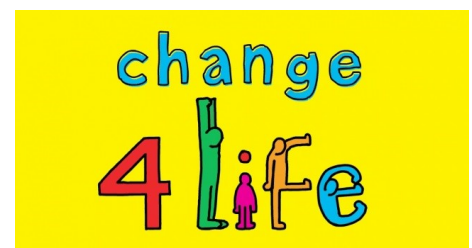
Jewellery and Step-Counters

Our current statement on jewellery in school states that children should only be wearing a simple watch and stud earrings. From listening to parents' and pupils' opinions on this I have had a change of heart. I have also considered the NHS promotion 'Change for Life' and in the interest of our pupils wellbeing I am making a change to our jewellery policy.

Children may wear

- ✓ A device that only tells the time.
- ✓ A device that only counts steps.
- ✓ A device that tells the time and counts steps.

Devices that connect to the internet are NOT allowed in school.

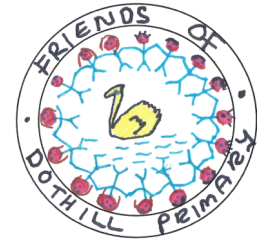


If the device should become a distraction during learning then it will be removed from the child and kept safely at the office for an adult to collect.

Friends of Dothill

A huge thank you from all of the Friends for your support and generosity during the last school year. In next month's newsletter we will share how this much-needed fundraising supports the school to buy items they otherwise wouldn't have been able to.

Here are the fun activities we have planned for the Christmas Term:



October

- Christmas Cards - your children will be completing their Christmas designs again this year during school. Their artwork will be sent home to you over the next 2 weeks for you to see and needs to be returned with the payment by 21st October for delivery in mid-November. For every pack/item you order a donation is made to the school.
- Scary Hair Day - see poster below.

November

- Clothes Bank Collection 4th and the 8th November - have you had a clear out? Do you need to have one? Why not bring your unwanted items to us at school and we will recycle them for you.
- Mufti Day 29th November - please donate wine and chocolate for our stalls in the Christmas Fair.
- Christmas Jumper/Outfit recycle 21-25 November - if you are wondering what to do with last year's Christmas jumper (and there are no siblings to pass it on to!!), give it to us and we will give an opportunity for others to buy it for a small donation at the Christmas Fair.

December

- Christmas Craft Club 5th & 12th December - need someone to have the kids whilst you go Christmas Shopping? Let us look after them and make something festive.
- Christmas Fair Friday 6th December 2019 @2.30pm

If you can help at any of the events highlighted please get in touch to our email address below. There are many behind the scenes jobs that would really value and appreciate any time you can give.



Back: Stacey, Jennie & Zella (Chair)

Front: Lucy, Sophie, Eleanor (Vice Chair),
Kate (Treasurer) and Vicki (Secretary)

We meet once a month to discuss what we can do to raise additional funds for the school. If you would like to join us with ideas or your support, we would love to see you there. Come and have a chat with one of us or email us on:

friendsofdothillschool@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF DOTHILL
**HALLOWEEN SCARY
HAIR DAY!**

*Suggested donation 50p (money
raised goes to the school)*

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

How crazy can you go?!

please note: coloured hair dyes, sprays & chocks may run
on to clothing in the rain. colour is used at your own risk



Dothill Pre-School and Childcare Holiday Club

October Half Term
Come and join us for lots of fun activities!
Including spooky Halloween fun!

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
7.30am - 6.00pm
(half days available)

Please pop in to collect a booking form or alternatively email:
dothillpreschoolandchildcare@gmail.com



Instagram

Keep up to date!

[friendsofdothillschool](#)



The Friends of
Dothill Primary School



[@dothillfriends](#)



friendsofdothill-school@gmail.com

Rugby World Cup!

On Thursday 25th September we watched an England Rugby game LIVE! Thirty spaces were available to those children who wanted to watch the rugby - we had 58 children return their reply slips within the first half an hour! In order to not disappoint we arranged for the match to be shown in two classrooms meaning all 58 children were able to watch. I am pleased to report that England played well with a fantastic result of 45—7 against the USA!



Christmas Craft Club (Please return by Friday 8th November 2019)

Child's Name(s): Class & Year:

Please note pupils can only attend one of the sessions, so as many children get the opportunity to attend. Maximum 25 children each session. Please highlight your preference - my child would like to attend the after school Christmas Craft Club on

Thursday 5th December 3:15-5pm or Thursday 12th December 3:15-5pm
I enclose full payment of £5 cash/cheque & require

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| | 3-4 years | 4-5 years | 5-6 years | 6-7 years | 8-9 years | 9-10 years | 10-11 years |
| T shirt size | | | | | | | |

Please state if your child has any medical requirements/food allergies:

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Signed: Date:

Apply
online
now



Starting school?

Closing date for applications:
15 January 2020

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2015 – 31 August 2016.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date is 31 October 2019 for all applications.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information www.telford.gov.uk/admissions or contact School Admissions at admissions@telford.gov.uk
- If you do not have access to a computer you can go to your local library and use their computer facilities.



Applications for Secondary School

All applications for secondary school places should be submitted to the Local Authority by **31st October 2019**

Christmas Carol Service

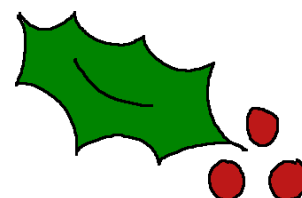
The annual Christmas Carol Service for children is taking place on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at All Saints Church. This is a great event that pupils and staff always enjoy.

Please complete the slip to give permission for your children to walk to the church with us.

(Please note that EYFS go on a coach as it is a long way for little legs!)

The reply slip should be returned by **Friday 25th October 2019**.

We need as many hands on deck as we can get for this event so if you are free that morning and have a current DBS certificate then please make this clear on the reply slip as we need you!



Christmas Carol Service Reply Slip

I am happy for my child.....in class..... to take part in the Carol Service at All Saints Church on Wednesday 18th December 2019.

I note KS1 and KS2 children will be walking to/from Church. EYFS children will be transported via coach/mini-bus.

I am/am not* able to help walk the children to/from this event.

I have a current DBS certificate - yes/no*

Signed..... Print name.....

Contact telephone number

Diary Dates - October 2019 to July 2020

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| Monday 21st October & Tuesday 22nd October | Parents' meetings - see letter dated 16th September and appointment slips sent out by teachers 7th October |
| Wednesday 23rd October | Y3 Fire Service Visit in school (morning) |
| Friday 25th October | Scary Hair Day (Friends PTA) - see information in this newsletter |
| Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November | Autumn half-term holiday |
| Monday 4th November and Friday 8th November | Clothing Collection (Friends PTA) - see information in this newsletter |
| Tuesday 12th November | Y6 Height and Weight measurement - see letter sent out 7th October |
| Wednesday 13th November | Open morning for current parents/carers to view books - 9:00-9:30am |
| Friday 15th November | Children In Need Day - Charity Fundraising Day |
| Monday 18th November | Open afternoon for new September 2020 parents/carers (2 of 3) - see website |
| Friday 22nd November | School flu vaccination day (EYFS-Y6) |
| Friday 29th November | Mufti Day (Friends PTA) for Christmas Fair - see information in this newsletter |
| Friday 6th December | Y3/4 visit to Old Rep Birmingham (Snow Queen) - see letters sent out |
| Friday 6th December | Christmas Fair (Friends PTA) - 2:30pm to 4:30pm - more information to follow |
| Monday 9th December | EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances (1 of 2) 2:00-3:00pm - more information to follow |
| Tuesday 10th December | EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances (2 of 2) 9:30-10:30am - more information to follow |
| Tuesday 17th December | EYFS/KS1 visit to Shrewsbury Theatre (Dear Santa) - see letter dated 23rd September |
| Wednesday 18th December | Christmas Carol Service for the children (and wear your Christmas Jumper to school) 9:00-11:30am - see information in this newsletter |
| Wednesday 18th December | Themed Lunch 2 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit. |
| Thursday 19th December | Y5/6 visit to Birmingham Rep (Peter Pan) - see letter dated 23rd September |
| Friday 20th December | Last day of Autumn Term |
| Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January | Holiday |
| Monday 6th January | PD Day - no children in school |
| Tuesday 7th January | First day of Spring Term |
| Monday 13th January | Open afternoon for new September 2020 parents/carers (3 of 3) - see website |
| Thursday 16th January | Themed Lunch 3 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit. |
| Friday 17th January | Young Voices, Birmingham - more information to follow |
| Monday 27th January to Friday 31st January | Y6 visit to Arthog - see letters sent out/website for information |
| Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February | Spring half-term holiday |
| Friday 6th March | World Book Day - Charity Fundraising Day |
| Wednesday 11th March | Open morning for current parents/carers to view books - 9:00-9:30am |
| Thursday 19th March | School Photo Day |
| Tuesday 24th March | Y3/4 Spring Performance (1 of 2) 2:00-3:00pm - more information to follow |
| Wednesday 25th March | Y3/4 Spring Performance (2 of 2) 9:30-10:30am - more information to follow |
| Monday 30th March & Tuesday 31st March | Parents' Meetings 3:30-6:00pm - more information to follow |
| Tuesday 31st March | Themed Lunch 4 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit. |
| Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April | Holiday |
| Friday 8th May | Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 21st May | Themed Lunch 5 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit. |
| Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May | Summer half-term holiday |
| Monday 1st June | PD Day - no children in school |
| Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June | Y6 STAR programme in school |
| Wednesday 17th June | Open morning for current parents/carers to view books - 9:00-9:30am |
| Tuesday 23rd June | KS2 Sports Day (morning) |
| Thursday 25th June | EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (morning) |
| Wednesday 8th July | Arthog Information Meeting for Y5 parents/carers (4:45-5:15pm) re: 2020/21 visit |
| Monday 13th July | Reports issued to parents/carers |
| Wednesday 15th July | Y5/6 Summer Performance (1 of 2) 1:30-2:30/2:40pm - more information to follow |
| Thursday 16th July | Y5/6 Summer Performance (2 of 2) 9:30-10:30/10:40am - more information to follow |
| Thursday 16th July | Themed Lunch 6 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit. |
| Friday 17th July | Last day of Summer Term |
| Monday 20th July | PD Day - no children in school |