

February Edition

12.2.20

## Hello Everyone!

My newsletter welcome this month is all about keeping safe. There are a few issues that have been brought to my attention by parents that I need to address.

**Scooters and Bikes:** children who ride bikes to school know that they must come through the main school entrance and park their bikes in the cycle shelter. They know not to ride them on the school grounds. They just push them. This is a well established expectation and the children are good at following this. Scooter riders and younger children on push-a-long bikes however are causing one or two safety problems. Now that we all have to walk in the same direction around school we need to maintain safe and clear paths. For this reason scooters and push-a-long bikes must not be used on the school site. They should be parked in the cycle shelter, or carried.

**'Playing' before School:** I have spoken to the children in assembly about the fact that before school is not playtime. The children are not supervised at that time. Outside the Key Stage 2 classrooms can become very crowded and busy so please encourage your children to stand close by and chat with their friends rather than chasing around. (Especially on the slope by 3/4M!!)

**Turning in the drive:** Please remember to use the turning circle at the bottom of Severn Drive rather than using the drive to turn around.



## Dothill Safeguarding Squad

Hi! We are the Safeguarding Squad. We are a team of children working in school to keep others safe.



Anyone who would like to speak to us can find us on the playground at break or lunchtime. We will be by the buddy bench so you can spot us. Look out for our useful safety messages in the newsletters.

Monday - James and Esme  
Tuesday - Levi and Lily  
Wednesday - Noah and Stella  
Thursday - Payton and Finlay  
Friday - Ben



Noah (Y6), Levi (Y5), Payton (Y6), Finlay (Y5), Ben (Y6) Esme (Y5), Stella (Y5), James (Y4) and Lily (Y4).

## World Book Day - Friday 6th March

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. This year children are invited to dress up as any book character that they like for the day. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 which will go towards class reading books.



## Archery

Six Year 6 children represented Dorthill Primary School at the Telford and Wrekin Arrows Archery Competition which was held at Wrekin College on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The team enjoyed working together competing against twenty-four primary schools testing their accuracy by scoring points on a target and a distance challenge.



Archery Team: Reuben, Libby, Mia, Dougie, Pansilu and Liam



## Mini Basketball

Six children represented Dorthill in the Basketball Tournament held at Charlton School on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. They had lots of fun competing against the other primary schools and certainly improved their basketball skills, as well as demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. All the matches were very closely contested and the team scored lots of goals, eventually losing to the finalists. Congratulations to the Dorthill Basketball Team.

Basketball Team: Faye, Isabel, Payton, Ben, Mason and Levi



## Dorthill Pre-School and Childcare

### February half term holiday club

Come and join us for lots of fun activities!

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

7.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

(Half days available)

Please call in or email for a holiday booking form.

Telephone:

01952 567410

Email:

[dorthillpreschoolandchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:dorthillpreschoolandchildcare@gmail.com)

Open Morning -  
11th March  
9:15am-10:00am



Our next open morning is on Wednesday 11th March. We have changed some of the organisation to hopefully make it a better experience for you and your children. **Please bring your children to school for normal time 8:45am.** We can then get all the registers done and account for all the children before **opening the doors to parents at 9:15am.** We are extending the length of open morning so that those of you with more than one child in school have time to spread yourselves around!



## School Dinners Price Increase

The price of a school meal is increasing to £2.35 as of 1st April 2020. Please note - this begins **BEFORE** the Easter holiday. Please make sure that there is enough money on your child's account to cover this increase. Thanks.

## Water Bottles

Water is vital for everyone and in children it plays an especially critical role in maintaining health and wellbeing. Studies have shown that children who do not drink enough water are more prone to tiredness, poor concentration and dehydration. As a school we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day by using individual water bottles. You can purchase a school bottle from the office for just £1.50. **Please do not send your child to school with any other type of bottle.** These bottles will then be kept in a specially designated area in each classroom where they can be easily accessed throughout the day. Each bottle has a name space and we ask that you write your child's name in this space on a regular basis (some pens wash off). This will ensure your child uses the correct bottle. Spare lids are also available for purchase throughout the year for just 50p.



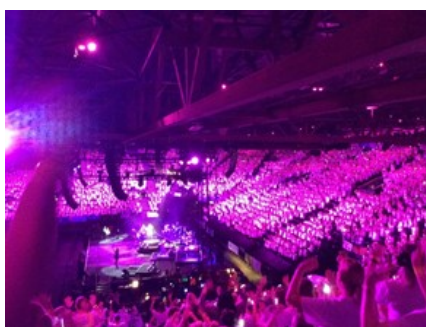




## Young Voices Photo Album



On Friday 17th January Dothill were represented by our school choir at the annual Young Voices event which took place at The Genting Arena in Birmingham. There were 6,000 children singing at the event. We sang with Tony Hadley, The Shires and Ruti (The Voice winner 2018). Everyone had an amazing time and the choir were a pleasure to be with. They can be very proud of the way they represented Dothill.



## Can You Help?

It's that time of year when you may be having a post-Christmas sort out! Please bear us in mind as we would love new playground toys. We especially love dolls and clothes, prams, dressing up clothes, dinosaurs and trucks but would also welcome things we haven't had before.



Also, if anyone has spare bluetooth speakers or iPods (returned to factory settings) the children love to dance on the playground and ours is broken.



## Arthog 2020

On the 27th January some of our Year 6 pupils went to Arthog for the week, an outdoor centre in Wales. They had the most fantastic time and came back absolutely exhausted - as did the staff! Thank you so much to Mrs Allen, Miss Topping, Mrs Sturmey, Mrs Yates and Mr Williams for giving up their time and being willing to go.



## Tee Lakians 2020

The Year 6 children who did not attend Arthog had a fabulous week out on the Dothill Nature Reserve. Thank you to Mrs Swinney for organising this and to Mike and his team from the Nature Reserve who gave up their time for Dothill. We really appreciate it!



HOW IT WORKS



Each class has their own bottle for collecting 5p coins. Once each class has completed the challenge, the coins in each bottle will be counted and the class with the most 5p coins will win the prizes!

Winning Class Prizes – non uniform day/mufti, first into dinner and use of the wooden play area.

Raid your money boxes, save your change, ask friends and families, look down the back of the sofa and help your class fill their bottle.

A fun challenge for the whole class to join together and help raise funds for the school. **Challenge runs every Friday (drop off & collection) from Friday 28th Feb until Fri 27th March for 5 weeks. (Total will be averaged against the number of pupils in the class.)**

The winners will be announced in assembly on Monday 30th March and the winning class day will be on **Wednesday 1st April.**



## Boozy Bingo

Friday 20th March

Doors Open 6pm

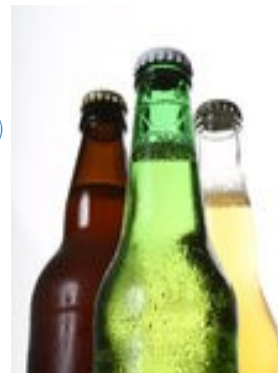
Eyes Down 6.30pm



Adults £3 entry  
(Bring your own booze)

Children free entry  
Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

£1 per book (4 games in a book)



Tuck shop

soft drinks, hot drinks, crisps, chocolates, sweets



## Future Fundraising Targets

Families of Dothill Primary School have been doing an amazing job at supporting the Friends of Dothill in their fundraising efforts for the school and for this we would like to thank you.

- 2017/18 saw a contribution of £4,000 to the school for new books.
- 2018/19 £2,500 has been contributed to the school from your awesome fundraising efforts.
- 2019/20 with the amazing success of the Christmas Fair it has prompted us to focus on a larger project. We are looking into the exciting world of the outside gyms.

As you all can understand this is not a project that is going to happen over night. There is a large amount of work that needs to happen behind the scenes as well as the financial aspect of this project.

You've got to love the saying "It's not what you know, it's who you know" and we are asking out to the lovely families of Dothill for help with this exciting project.

Do you know someone that is self employed and would be able to make a financial contribution to a charity (Friends of Dothill is a registered Charity)?

Do you know someone that would be able to offer match funding?

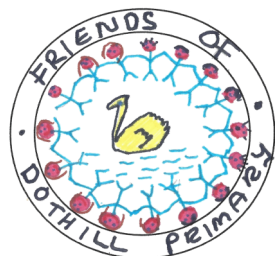
If you can help in anyway or would like to make any suggestions please email:

[friendsofdothillschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdothillschool@gmail.com)

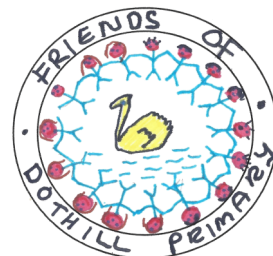
(Pictures just for reference)







# Upcoming Events 2020



<b>WINTER DISCO</b> <b>Tuesday 25th February 2020</b> <b>See details below</b>	<b>5p Fridays</b> <b>Competition to see which class can collect the most 5p's</b> <b>28th February—27th March 2020</b>
 <b>Wear What You Love</b> <b>15th May 2020</b> <i>A chance to wear something you love to school.</i>	<b>BYOB Boozy Bingo</b> <b>20th March 2020</b> <i>Bring your own booze and enjoy some bingo!</i>
<b>Summer Disco</b> <b>14th July 2020</b>	<b>Summer Fair</b> <b>3rd July 2020</b> <b>Mufti day (items for fair)</b> <b>26th June 2020</b>

EYFS/Year 1 2.00pm-3.00pm	£1.50 entrance money (includes disco, drink and bag of sweets) to be handed in to the class teacher on the Tuesday morning of the	Please bring party clothes to change in to. Collection usual time from
Year 2/3/4 4.00pm - 5.15pm	£2 entrance money (includes disco, drink and hot dog/veggie). Please complete the details below and return to school with the entrance ticket money by Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February.	
Year 5/6 5.30pm - 6.45pm	Individual disco entrance tickets will be sent back to your child via their class and must be brought to the disco to gain entrance.	



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**The Friends of Dothill Primary School - Winter Disco Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Name(s) of pupil(s)..... Class .....**

£..... payment included

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please tick if vegi option needed

**I am able to help at one of the discos - please add your details below so we can contact you. Many thanks.**

**Name .....Contact number .....**



Wellington North Safer Neighbourhood Team  
Wellington Police Station  
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Wellington  
Telford TF1 1LQ  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your children had a good Christmas and New Year break, and that they are all looking forward to their return to studies. With the beginning of the New Year comes another reminder from ourselves regarding inconsiderate and illegal parking near to our various school premises.

Please remember – parking on school zig zags and single yellow lines during their times of operation, double yellow lines, blocking junctions, pavements or driveways are all offences for which currently the police and authorised PCSO's can issue a £30 fixed penalty notice. If the matter goes to court the maximum fine is £1,000 plus court costs.

**On 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020, responsibility for parking enforcement transfers from West Mercia Police to Telford & Wrekin Council, bringing the area into line with the vast majority of England.**

TWC have already employed a number of Civil Enforcement Officers in preparation for the change, whose primary responsibility will be the enforcement of parking infringements across the borough. This will result in a significant increase in enforcement activity and our advice is to start planning ahead now to ensure you have suitable arrangements in place prior to the change in parking management. Fixed Penalty Notices issued by Local Authorities are typically at a higher level than those issued by police.

You may also wish to be aware that Councils have a legal power to deal with another common complaint we receive; Local Authorities can issue penalties to motorists who remain stationary in their vehicles with the engines running unnecessarily, and do not switch them off when requested, under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002.

It may be that when taking children to and from school by car, people need to allow a few extra minutes, park a little further away and walk the final short distance – some of our schools even operate 'walking bus' facilities for this exact purpose.

Yours faithfully,

**PC 575 HULME**

**Wellington North Safer Neighbourhood Team**



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# School Meals COMPETITION

To enter, you must be in classes from Reception to Year 6 and have school meals\* for 40 days between 13 January and 27 March 2020.

\*Colonised for by Let's Dine as part of Telford & Wrekin Council



For more information and terms & conditions visit  
[www.telford.gov.uk/schoolmealscomp](http://www.telford.gov.uk/schoolmealscomp)

Let's Dine



Telford & Wrekin  
COUNCIL

## Diary Dates - February to July 2020

Wednesday 12th February	Y5 to see The School of Rock at Charlton 1:00pm to 3:15pm - see letter sent out
Thursday 13th February	PTA Friends Meeting 7:15pm to 8:15pm at the Red Lion Public House, Holyhead Road
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Spring half-term holiday
Tuesday 25th February	School Discos - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
Friday 28th February	Y5 Maths Challenge at Wrekin College for selected children - see letter sent out
Friday 28th February	5p Fridays - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
Friday 6th March	World Book Day - Charity Fundraising Day - see information in this newsletter
Wednesday 11th March	Open morning for current parents/carers to view books - 9:15-10:00am - note new times / see information in this newsletter
Thursday 12th March	Y1 visit to Weston Park - see letter dated 31st January
Thursday 12th March	Y6 meeting for parents re: SATs - 5:00-5:30pm in the big hall - further information to follow
Tuesday 17th March	Class 2A visit to Attingham Park - see letter dated 10th January
Wednesday 18th March	Class 2T visit to Attingham Park - see letter dated 10th January
Thursday 19th March	School Photo Day
Friday 20th March	Boozy Bingo - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
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
Wednesday 25th March	Cross Country (1 of 2) - 3:30pm to 6:00pm - more information to follow
Wednesday 25th March	Dothill Choir at Telford Sings, The Place, Oakengates, 4:00pm to 7:00pm - see letter sent out
Thursday 26th March	Y4 Easter Experience at All Saints Church - more information to follow
Friday 27th March	Y3 Easter Experience at All Saints Church - more information to follow
Friday 27th March	Y5 trip to see the Knife Angel, Southwater, Telford - see letter dated 7th February
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 newsletter. No need to book, pay on the day/ ensure your child's account is in credit.
Wednesday 1st April	5p Friday prize day - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
Wednesday 1st April	Cross Country (2 of 2) - more information to follow
Thursday 2nd April	Y5 trip to Keele University - more information to follow before half term
Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April	Holiday
Wednesday 22nd April	EYFS visit to the Exotic Zoo - more information to follow after half term
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 15th May	Wear What You Love - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
Thursday 21st May	Themed Lunch 5 of 6 - menu will be added to the newsletter. 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 - 9:15-10:00am (note new times)
Tuesday 23rd June	KS2 Sports Day (morning)
Thursday 25th June	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (morning)
Friday 26th June	Mufti Day for Summer Fair - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
Friday 3rd July	Summer Fair 2:30pm to 4:30pm - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
Wednesday 8th July	Arthog Information Meeting for Y5 parents/carers (4:45-5:15pm) re: 2020/21 visit
Thursday 9th July	Y6 private party - see letter issued by Y6 parent
Monday 13th July	Reports issued to parents/carers
Tuesday 14th July	School Discos - see PTA Friends page in this newsletter
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 newsletter. 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
2020-2021	Term dates issued in December 2019 newsletter and on the website
Monday 1st to Friday 5th February 2021	Y6 Visit to Arthog - more information to follow before half term