

October Edition

10.10.18

Hello Everyone!



Well, September has flown by and we are already well into autumn. It'll be Christmas before we know it!

I have spent the weekend recovering from a brilliant week at Arthog (as I'm sure the Year 6 pupils have too). While we were away there were some Year 6 children who have been

having their own adventure with Friends of Dothill Nature Reserve out and about around the area. Thank you so much to the volunteers who have worked with Dothill all week to give our pupils this opportunity. Have a look at the photos on the school website to see what they got up to!



Please remember, we are now only issuing one newsletter per family which will be sent home with the eldest sibling. You can find copies of all newsletters on the school website.

Wear Red for Zac

On behalf of everyone at Dothill I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated money to 'Wear Red for Zac' on Friday 28th September. It was brilliant to see so many children taking part in the fundraising. Together we raised a total of **£458.89**. This will be gratefully received by Zac and his loved ones. Thank you again for your support.

Nut Free School

This information really is a matter of life and death. We have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. Please can I remind you that we are a **totally nut free** school. Please do not send your children with nut-related items in their lunch boxes. The ones that are easy to forget are things like cereal bars and Nutella-based products. We know from the news recently that nut allergies really can be a matter of life and death. **Please help us to keep all of our children safe.**



You Said, We Listened - Vegetarian Menu

Following feedback from both children and parents we have made a couple of minor changes to our vegetarian menu. We've replaced the Quorn sausages with vegetable sausages on Mondays (week 1), we've added macaroni cheese alongside the Quorn pasta bake on Tuesdays in week 3, and on Wednesdays in week 3, we also serve cauliflower cheese, along with the usual Quorn parcels. All children registered for the vegetarian menu will be able to choose these meals.

Starting school?

Apply online **NOW** on
www.telford.gov.uk/admissions



CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:

15 January 2019

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1st September 2014 – 31st August 2015.
- 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 31st October 2018 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.

Christmas Carol Service

The annual Christmas Carol Service for children is taking place on Wednesday 19th December 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 26th October 2018.**

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!

Advanced Notice - Term Dates 2019/2020

Please note that 2019-20 term dates are now on the school website for information. **REMEMBER** that these are for the **NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR**, not this year, so please don't get muddled up.



Harvest Experience

On the 19th and 20th September our year 4 pupils visited All Saints Church in Wellington to participate in a 'Harvest Experience'. The children had a wonderful time.

Thank you to All Saints for the invitation.



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 19th December 2018.

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

Arthog 2018 - What a Fantastic Week!



Our Year 6 children spent last week participating in outdoor activities - some on the nature reserve around school and most at Arthog, near Barmouth. I went with them to Arthog for the week and we have all had the most fantastic time. I am so proud of our Year 6 who showed confidence, compassion, resilience, responsibility, kindness, fairness, respect, the list could go on! I am always talking about how we want our Dothill children to be living our values and these children certainly lived up to that at Arthog.

Thank you to Mrs Sargesson-Jones, Miss Skelding, Mrs Sturmey, Miss Stephan and Mr Williams (Parent governor) who looked after your children and made Arthog such fun!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th October 2018 and Wednesday 17th October 2018	Children's challenge - see letter sent out 1/10/2018
Wednesday 17th October 2018	Y6 children to Ercall Wood after lunch - see letter sent out 21/09/2018
Tuesday 16th October 2018 and Thursday 18th October 2018	Parents' Meetings 3:30pm-6:00pm - see letter sent out 28/09/2018
Tuesday 23rd October 2018	R/1C EYFS children Parents' Meetings - see letter sent out 2/10/18
Monday 29th October 2018 to Friday 2nd November 2018	Autumn Half-Term Holiday
Wednesday 31st October 2018	Telford and Wrekin Council closing date for secondary school applications
Friday 9th November 2018	Open Morning for current parents / carers 9:00am to 9:30am - a chance to look at your child's books
Friday 16th November 2018	Children in Need Day - more information to follow
Friday 23rd November 2018	Open Afternoon for EYFS 2019/20 intake - 2:00pm to 3:00pm (2 of 3) - see school website for more information
Monday 3rd December 2018	Y5/6 Theatre Trip to Birmingham Rep - see letter sent out 21/09/2018
Tuesday 11th December 2018	Y3/4 Theatre Trip to Birmingham Rep - see letter sent out 21/09/2018
Tuesday 11th December 2018	EYFS/KS1 Performance (1 of 2) 2:00pm to 3:00pm - more details to follow
Wednesday 12th December 2018	EYFS/KS1 Performance (2 of 2) 9:30am to 10:30am - more details to follow
Monday 17th December 2018	EYFS/KS1 Theatre Trip to Shrewsbury - see letter sent out 21/09/2018
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Carol Service (for children only) 9:00am - see information and reply slip in this newsletter, and please return your reply slips before 26/10/18
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Themed Lunch (Christmas) - menu will be added to the website nearer the time. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your account is in credit
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Wear your Christmas jumper to school day (over your uniform)
Friday 21st December 2018	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 24th December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019	Holiday
Monday 7th January 2019	First day of Spring Term
Thursday 10th January 2019	EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5 Flu Vaccination Day - more details to follow
Friday 11th January 2019	Open Afternoon for EYFS 2019/20 intake - 2:00pm to 3:00pm (3 of 3) - see school website for more information
Tuesday 15th January 2019	Telford & Wrekin Council closing date for reception and junior school applications
Thursday 17th January 2019	Themed Lunch - menu will be added to the website nearer the time. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your account is in credit
Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019	Spring Half-Term Holiday
Monday 25th February 2019	PD Day - no children in school
Wednesday 13th March 2019	Open Morning for current parents / carers 9:00am to 9:30am - a chance to look at your child's books
Friday 15th March 2019	Red Nose Day - more details to follow
Thursday 21st March 2019	School Photo Day - individual and class groups
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 and Thursday 4th April 2019	Parents' Meetings 3:30pm-6:00pm - more details to follow
Tuesday 9th April 2019	Y3/4 Performance (1 of 2) 2:00pm to 3:00pm - more details to follow
Wednesday 10th April 2019	Y3/4 Performance (2 of 2) 9:30am to 10:30am - more details to follow
Friday 12th April 2019	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 15th April 2019 to Friday 26th April 2019	Holiday
Monday 29th April 2019	First day of Summer Term
Monday 6th May 2019	Bank Holiday - no children in school
Thursday 16th May 2019	Themed Lunch - menu will be added to the website nearer the time. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your account is in credit
Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019	Summer Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3rd June 2019	PD Day - no children in school
Monday 17th June 2019 to Friday 21st June 2019	Y6 STAR programme - afternoons in school
Wednesday 19th June 2019	Open Morning for current parents / carers 9:00am to 9:30am - a chance to look at your child's books
Tuesday 25th June 2019	KS2 Sports Day - 9:30am to approx. 11:00am - on the field
Thursday 27th June 2019	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am to approx. 11:00am - on the field
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Y5/6 Performance (1 of 2) 1:30pm to 2:30pm - more details to follow
Thursday 18th July 2019	Y5/6 Performance (2 of 2) 9:30am to 10:30am - more details to follow
Thursday 18th July 2019	Themed Lunch (leavers) - menu will be added to the website nearer the time. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your account is in credit
Friday 19th July 2019	Last day of Summer Term/school year (PD Day Monday 22nd July 2019)