

**December Edition**

**12.12.18**

## Hello Everyone!

It's Christmas again! How did that happen? I remember back to this time last year when school had to be closed for snow and burst pipes - let's hope that this Christmas season is much less eventful!

Christmas is always a busy and exciting time and school is no exception. We have theatre visits, carol services, Christmas performances, Christmas dinner, Friends Christmas Fair - as well as all the usual learning activities. I think we will all need that holiday when we get to it!

I wish you and your families a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a very happy new year!



**Spare Clothes** - we would appreciate donations of spare tights, socks and pants ages 4 - 8 (some bigger ones too). Please remember, if your child is lent any clothing, please wash it and return it to school as soon as possible. Thanks.

## The Noah's Ark Project

The Noah's Ark Mural was officially unveiled on Monday 26th November 2018.

In attendance was Becca Butler (Head Teacher of Dothill Primary School), Cllr Cindy Mason-Morris (Mayor of Wellington), Mike Hughes (Volunteer of the Friends and Junior Friends of Dothill Local Nature Reserve), Psyche Hudson (Culture & Wellbeing Services Manager - Telford & Wrekin Council), plus Lily and Sam (eldest/youngest children in school that day).



Dothill was presented with a box that contains a list of over 5,000 species of plants, animals and fungi that currently live on the nature reserve. It is hoped that in 50 years time the box will be opened to see how things have changed.



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated money to 'Children in Need' on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Together we raised a total of £381.59. It was great to see so many children taking part in the fundraising. Well done and thank you again for your support.

**J8 SOCCER SCHOOLS**

**£20**

**FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY**  
**4:00 - 7:30PM**

- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- FOR GIRLS AGED 6-18
- SIGNED PRIZES TO BE WON



Sports Dome, Telford College,  
Haybridge Road, Telford. TF1 2NP  
To book please email [js8soccerschools@gmail.com](mailto:js8soccerschools@gmail.com)

## Online Catering Payment System

Please note the Telford & Wrekin Council catering website has been updated recently and looks quite different. The schools are not in alphabetical order so you will need to scroll down to find Dothill. You may need to set up an account, in which case please follow the instructions on the website. If you are asked for the school number please enter 3368 (for Dothill). The system allows for the details to be stored once these have been entered and you can pay for other Telford and Wrekin items too.

## A message from the Safeguarding Squad

Working together to keep everyone safe at Dothill.



**"Take care when walking to and from school as the paths can be icy at this time of year. "**



On **Friday 18th January** school will be holding a 'Glow Day'. The children are invited to wear brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing to help school raise money for sensory equipment, to enable us to set up a Sensory Room in school.

### Why?

A Sensory Room is a specially designed room which combines a range of stimuli to help individuals develop and engage their senses. These can include lights, colours, sounds, sensory soft play objects and aromas, all within a safe environment.

Multi Sensory Environments improve the development of thought and social skills and generates a relaxing and calming effect.

We are aiming to raise £1500 in total to help us purchase soft flooring/cushions, multi sensory room kits including; a disco ball, fiberoptics, soft toys, hard toys, lava lamps and also a projector.

We are asking for a £2 donation per child to help support us on our journey in reaching our target.

Thank you for your support!



# Sleepover



**Shropshire**  
Fire and Rescue Service



If your child is invited to a sleepover you will want them to be safe - both in general and in the event of a fire. So before you agree here are some things that might help.

## Check that your child:

- Is normally woken by and recognises the sound of a smoke alarm

If they don't, or they have a hearing impairment or other disability, tell the sleepover parents so that someone must wake them and/or help them in an emergency

- Knows what to do if they hear a smoke alarm go off

- Knows not to hide from fire

- Knows how to raise the alarm

- Is happy to ask about the escape plan of the place they are going to



- Will tell you if they don't feel safe

## If you are in any doubt:

- Reverse the sleepover and invite the friend to your home instead

## And remember to:

- Go through your fire plan with any guests you have staying

## Check that:

- There will be a responsible adult present at all times in the property.
- There is a working smoke alarm.



Some of these questions may be uncomfortable to ask but why not look at it this way: you wouldn't dream of travelling in a car without seatbelts - they are lifesavers if there is an accident.

Working smoke alarms and escape plans are like seatbelts for sleepovers - you hope never to need them - but they must be there just in case...

For more information check out  
[www.shropshirefire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk)

[@shropfire](https://www.facebook.com/shropfire)  
[@shropfire](https://twitter.com/shropfire)  
[ShropshireFRS](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCShropshireFRS)

For further information please call  
Tel: 01743 260200

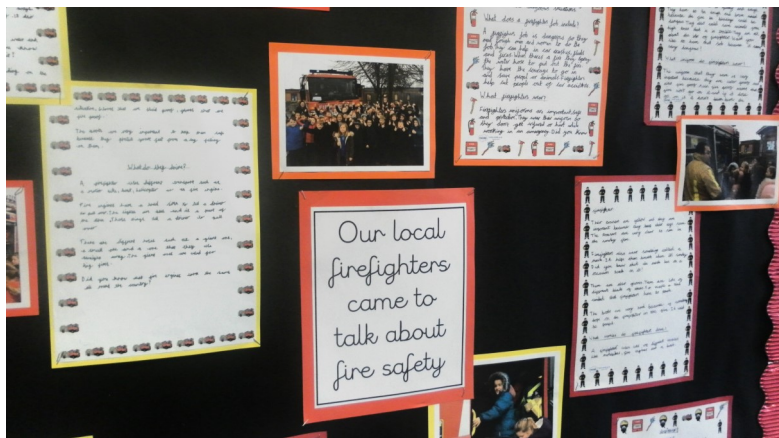
## Singing at Lakewood Court

Lakewood Court is a local centre for adults with learning disabilities. Last year our Year 4 pupils visited the centre to help us to understand how people with disabilities may feel. Now that they are in Year 5, some children were invited back to perform some songs for the clients at the centre. They sounded wonderful! Well done to everyone who took part: Payton, Lucy, Chloe, Steven, Jasmine, Elizabeth, Chloe, Ella, Ellie, Rosie, Leah, & William.



## Fire Service Visit

On Thursday 29th November the Fire Service visited Year 3. The children learned about keeping safe and also got to have a look around the fire engine. They did some work about what they had learned which is displayed in school. Why not take a look?



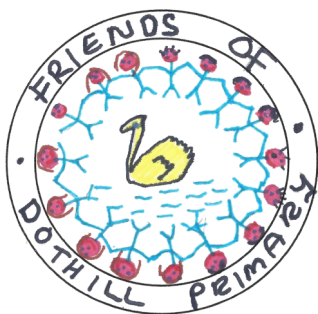
## Let's Keep Safe



This is a reminder for parents and children to keep to the paths and crossings when approaching and leaving school.

There can sometimes be moving vehicles in the car park and in the turning circle outside the office. Please remind your children to take extra care in this area and stick to the paths.

## Friends of Dothill



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Bingo Night on 23rd November. We had a great crowd there, including the Mayor of Wellington! We are really pleased to let you know that the event raised over £200.

Our next event is the Christmas Fair on Friday. This is always a popular event. See the poster below for all the details. Thank you all for the donations that you sent in on the mufti day. Thank you also to everyone who helped to organise the donations and tombolas. We really appreciate your time and effort! If you are able to help at the Fair itself, for some or all of the time, then please contact Isobel - [isobeldothisillfriends@gmail.com](mailto:isobeldothisillfriends@gmail.com)

**We look forward to seeing you all there!**

**Message from school regarding arrangements for the Christmas Fair:** You can collect your child from class at the earlier time of 2:30pm if you want to take them to the Christmas Fair. Please enter school via the front gates and make your way to the classroom doors via the gate by the staff car park/cycle shelters (field/playground gates will not open until 3pm). The teacher will note you have taken your child to the fair. To gain access to the fair please return to the front of the school and enter via the delivery room door. Please enjoy the events which will be in both halls.

## Dothill Christmas Fair



**Come and join us on Friday  
14th Dec 2.30-4.30pm**

Santa's grotto, bottle, chocolate, toy  
& general tombola, popcorn, hot  
drinks, stocking line, sweets, mince  
pies & cookies!



**HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!**



Poster Maker





## Railway Safety

Network Rail and Thomas the Tank Engine have joined together to help young children, aged 1-6 years, learn about staying safe around the railway. The new book sees Thomas on an exciting adventure and it incorporates safety around railway tracks, stations and level crossings. You can download a free electronic copy of the storybook at

[www.networkrail.co.uk/thomas](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/thomas)

You can support Network Rail through social media platforms and email, as follows:

- follow Network Rail on social media and share/like posts about the Thomas and Friends books
- share feedback/photos on social media using the hashtag **#ThomasSafety** (twitter @networkrail)
- if you would like to email any feedback or photos please send to: [lisa.lewis@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:lisa.lewis@networkrail.co.uk)
- If you could take a few minutes to complete the following survey link it would be very much appreciated: <https://www.demographix.com/thomas>

## Help Us, Help You Stay Well This Winter

In winter, the number of A&E attendances increase substantially, putting an additional, but sometimes avoidable, burden on the NHS.



This winter, the 'Help Us, Help You' campaign is encouraging the most vulnerable people in society - frail, older people and those with underlying health conditions - to take better care of their health as the colder months approach, by promoting self-care and driving an uptake of pre-emptive health measures. The public will be reminded about the need to visit their pharmacist at the first signs of illness, the importance of picking up prescriptions, staying warm over the winter months and checking in on elderly neighbours and relatives.

The 'Help Us, Help You' campaign supports the public in navigating the right NHS service for their medical need, and understanding the actions they can take, to better enable the NHS to help them.

Help Us, Help You Stay Well This Winter [Visit nhs.uk/staywell](http://Visit.nhs.uk/staywell) for more information.



## Sporting Events

### Y3/4 Indoor Kwik Cricket at Telford Tennis Centre.

Children who attended are:  
Freya, Ollie, Ben, Abigail, Thomas,  
Masie, Molly & Joseph

### KS2 Dance at Wrekin College.

Children who attended are:  
Joseph, Ava, Jasmine, Ava, Joshua,  
Rosina, Leah, Jack, Michael & Mia



## Looking for a School Place?

Please remember, if you or your family/friends are looking for a school place for **Reception in September 2019**, the closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. We have our final open afternoon for prospective parents on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2pm—3pm**. Please ring 01952 386870 to book a place.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 13th December 2018	EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5 Flu Vaccination Day - <a href="#">PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE - letter and consent form was sent out on 29/11/2018 with replies due back by 13/12/2018</a>
Friday 14th December 2018	Christmas Fair - 2:30pm to 4:30pm - <a href="#">see PTA Friends page in this newsletter and on the website for final details and arrangements to collect the children early for the fair</a>
Monday 17th December 2018	EYFS/KS1 Theatre Trip to Shrewsbury - <a href="#">see letter sent out 21/09/2018</a>
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Carol Service (for children only) 9:00am - <a href="#">see October 2018 newsletter</a>
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Themed Lunch (Christmas) - <a href="#">see information and menu in November newsletter</a>
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Wear your Christmas jumper to school day - <a href="#">see information in November newsletter</a>
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
Friday 11th January 2019	Open Afternoon for EYFS 2019/20 intake - 2:00pm to 3:00pm (3 of 3) - <a href="#">see school website/this newsletter for more information</a>
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 child's account is in credit
Friday 18th January 2019	Glow Day - theme day in school - <a href="#">see information in this newsletter</a>
Thursday 24th January 2019 to Thursday 28th March 2019	Y3 swimming (all children) - <a href="#">see letter sent out 7/12/18</a> Y6 swimming (non-swimmers) - <a href="#">see letter sent out 10/12/18</a>
Wednesday 13th February 2019	PTA Friends Winter Disco - more information to follow from PTA Friends
Monday 18th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019	Spring Half-Term Holiday
Monday 25th February 2019	PD Day - no children in school
Tuesday 26th February 2019	First day of second half of Spring Term
Friday 1st March 2019	Y5 Maths Challenge at Wrekin College (selected children) - 1:00pm to 3:30pm - more information to follow
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day - more information to follow
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 child's 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
Friday 28th June 2019	Summer Fair - more details to follow
Monday 8th July 2019 and Tuesday 9th July 2019	Y6-7 Secondary Transfer Days for Charlton School
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 child's account is in credit
Thursday 18th July 2019	PTA Friends Summer Disco - more information to follow from PTA Friends
Friday 19th July 2019	Last day of Summer Term/school year (PD Day Monday 22nd July 2019)