



Wise Owls News

15th September 2023

Welcome to Doddinghurst Infant School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

A warm welcome to both our new and existing families. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable break with your children and families, despite the biblical weather, choosing to give us the heatwave on our return! The children have settled in well and all looked ready to immerse themselves into their new year groups busy learning their new routines.

We were incredibly excited to welcome our new children in EYFS who all entered on their first day with a big smile, not so much on the Monday when they realised they needed to return! This is a big milestone for these children and their families, and we want you to enjoy this educational experience.

I appreciate your understanding with the current building situation, and the need for us to try and work out the logistics of end of school pick up. The children have loved the dinner hall tunnel helped by the additional lights. We are hoping the internal scaffolding will be removed in the next couple of weeks but until then, everyone, especially our new EYFS children, are coping well. We have all just about managed, including staff, to adapt to the new early starts and work round the road works. External factors can bring so many challenges!

Thank you for sending your child in, dressed smartly in their new school uniforms. This really helps the children to be prepared for learning and be part of the school community. Some were very eager to show me how they tied their ties and show me their new shoes, especially the soles!

Attendance and punctuality are an important aspect of school life which maximises opportunity for each child to realise his/her true potential. Following further guidance from the DfE, attendance and punctuality will continue to be a focus for this academic year. We hope families found the attendance letter useful.

This weekend we celebrate Doddinghurst Scarecrow festival. The children and staff have worked hard creating their 'Under the Sea' Scarecrows. Please take the time to follow the trail from 11am-4pm Saturday and 11am-3pm Sunday and vote for your favourite entry. Programs and refreshments are available at the Priest House. Obviously I am biased and really think ours is the best.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Nicholson



Our Scarecrow Entry

The Fish - created by EYFS

The Mermaid - created by Year 1

The Octopus - created by Year 2

