

Defford and Besford CE Primary School Newsletter Friday 13th November

As we move further into autumn and the days grow shorter, there is a noticeable change in the rhythm of village life. The mornings are colder, the evenings arrive earlier and, before long, many of us will be travelling to and from school in the dark. Please can I take this opportunity to remind everyone to ensure children are wearing warm coats and, where possible, clothing or accessories that are high visibility. As many of you know, parts of our village are not well lit and being seen by drivers is especially important at this time of year.

This week, members of our school community represented us with great respect and dignity at the Remembrance Service at Defford War Memorial. It was a moving occasion and an important opportunity for our children to reflect on the sacrifices made by others, both past and present. We also hold in our thoughts the families within our community who have loved ones serving in the Armed Forces, thanking them for the commitment and service they give on behalf of us all.

In school, the children continue to work incredibly hard and it has been a pleasure to share their achievements during Parents' Evening. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended.

The strong partnership between home and school plays such an important role in helping every child flourish, and the conversations we had were both positive and purposeful.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported our Book Fair, which ran alongside Parents' Evening. As well as encouraging a love of reading amongst our children, your purchases have raised over £200 for the school to spend on new books. This is a wonderful contribution that will directly benefit our pupils and help us continue to develop exciting and engaging reading opportunities across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, kindness and commitment to our school community. Together, we are helping our children to grow in confidence, character and knowledge, ensuring they continue to flourish both in and beyond the classroom.

Mr Hanson







Times Tables Bee



Congratulations to Ted, Robyn and Dominic, who represented our school our a local schools times tables competition and activity event. They had a wonderful time and represented our school brilliantly!

Children in Need



Thank you to all the families that baked yummy treats for our bake sale. It was a great end to a fun day and we have raised lots of money for a great cause!

Oak Class

This week in science we've been planning a tooth decay experiment



Attendance

Please follow this link if you are unsure if your child is well enough to attend school.

Class attendance since last newsletter:

Willow - 94.2%

Birch - 96.5%

Oak - 93.1%

Ash - 89.6%

Well done to Birch class!

Whole School Attendance this year

Defford-cum-Besford CE First School - 95.4%

National - 95.7%

Local Authority - 95.7%

Reminder - All absences must be reported directly to the school office either by telephone - 01386 750321 or email - office@defford-cum-besford.worcs.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17th November - Severn Arts Music Box in school

Wednesday 25th November - Dick Whittington pantomime (whole school)

Friday 11th December - Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 15th December - Guitar assembly (for parents whose children have lessons)

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner

Monday 21st to Friday 31st December - Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January - TED day

PODYS - Frozen the Musical

We are delighted to share that PODYS will be bringing the magic of Arendelle to Pershore next February half-term with our production of Disney's Frozen the Musical at Number 8, Pershore.

We believe this will be the first full-length stage production of Frozen the Musical to be performed in Worcestershire, making it a particularly exciting occasion for our young performers and local audiences alike!

Tickets are now on sale, and we would love to encourage as many local families as possible to come along and support our talented young cast. They would make great Christmas presents.

PODYS has been providing opportunities for young people in our local community to develop their confidence, creativity and performance skills for many years, and the support of local schools in helping us spread the word really does make a difference.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We hope to see some of you in Arendelle next February!

