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right to an education

Message from Mr Butler

As we come to the end of another busy half term I would like to thank you all for your support. Let's hope we can all recharge our batteries over half term ready to enjoy the Summer term which is sure to be just as busy!



Attendance

Last week's (13.05–17.05) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: 2W Badgers 95.52%
Key Stage 2: 5/6E Beech 97.86%

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

More information can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/05/18/school-attendance-important-risks-missing-day/>

Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:

W/C 22.05.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Chloe H
RT Hedgehogs	Eden-Rose W
1/2B Squirrels	Alfie D
1/2D Moles	Ruzena H
2W Badgers	Suma H

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	James G
3/4R Oak	Jax P
4D Chestnut	Ruth M
5E Beech	Rocky A
5/6SB Holly	Zac W
6RB Rowan	Ella P

Well done everyone!

National Walk to School Week

20th–24th May

Walk to School Week is a great time for children to be reminded about the important reasons to walk to school and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet!

Walking, scooting, cycling or Park and Stride Walking are all great ways for children to travel actively. This will also work towards reducing emissions and cars outside of school gates, to make it a healthier and safer place.

Below is a link to Living Streets website:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/ju1bg4fo/wtsw-comms-pack-updated.pdf>

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Tuesday 2nd July

Sept 24 Reception Parents

Meeting 6pm

Thursday 4th July

General Election

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Y6 Leavers Party

Friday 19th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am

Break up at 3.15pm for Summer

Menu*

WC 03.06.24 (Week 2)



Monday

Hot Dog
Halal Chicken Hot Dog
Quorn Burger V
Potato Crunchies
Vegetable selection
Shortbread Selection

Tuesday

Fish Finger or Battered Fish
Chicken Noodle Pot
Mac 'n' Cheese V
Potato Wedges
Vegetable selection
Waffle

Wednesday

Day at the Seaside
See Special Menu Online

Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masala
Vegetarian Sausage Roll V
Rice or Diced Potatoes
Vegetable selection
Cookies

Friday

Fish Fillet or Fish Cake
Margherita Pizza V
Chips or Pasta
Vegetable selection
Fruity Friday: a selection of chilled, frozen or fresh fruit desserts

Available Every Day

Sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling.
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.
Salad, crusty bread, fresh fruit, yoghurt

All dinners must be booked through School Money the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.

* Subject to change

Lunches from Home

If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, can we ask that you cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar in half please. Also, as a **nut free** school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products.

EYFS News

This week Reception have been learning about transport. They have done some super learning, and have designed, made and tested their own boats!



Nursery have loved learning about worms based around the story Super Worm!

An email has been sent home this week with details about Sports Day, please check for the information you need. Thanks for all your support this half term and have a lovely week!

Nursery Dates.

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1.30-2.30pm Library Visit for Afternoon children and Monday Full Timers

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Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall

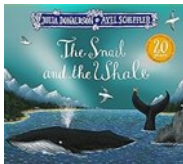


No Toddlers 29th May

Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included – adults please bring a lidded cup!

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage 1 we have been working on our clay snail models. The children have created their own mixed media snail and used clay to create a sculpture of a snail too! We have enjoyed reading *The Snail and the Whale* and have also created some amazing setting descriptions.



We are looking forward to starting a new book after the holidays and also possibly opening the time capsule! We can't wait to see what life was like in 1997!



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RBD News



As we come to the end of a busy half term, we would like to thank parents for their ongoing support. We can really tell that you have been encouraging the children to read at home as well as helping them to learn their spellings.

Supporting your children with the management of their equipment – whether that be promoting the wearing of hearing aids or promoting your child to be more independent with charging and changing batteries – has had a positive impact on their readiness to learn.



We are coming to the time of year where the children's Learning Support Plans are being reviewed and new ones created to ensure your child continues to progress. If you would like to share your views on these, please contact your child's Teacher of the Deaf.

May we wish you all a lovely half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd June.



Well done to Azan this week for building up his independent learning skills in class. We are very proud of you to have the confidence to ask you teacher for clarification when you are unsure. Well done!

Signed Video:

As you are aware we hold BSL lunch time clubs for all pupils who would like to learn British Sign Language. Recently we have been reviewing the signs for colours. Please follow the link below to our video on 'BSL colours'. How many can you remember?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvRUIKiZWSO>



KS2 News

Over the last few weeks, our children in years 5 and 6 have really enjoyed their DT project. They have explored pop-up books and have then been given the challenge of designing and making their own for a child in key stage 1. We are looking forward to our last few groups sharing their stories with their partner from key stage 1, we really hope they like them.



Our year 4 children have been working hard to practise their times tables ready for their Multiplication Tables Check after half term. There will be a Times Tables Rock Stars battle for all of our year 3 and 4 children over half term. Please look out for this and support your child to practise their tables as part of the battle.

REMINDER

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green short / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

Maths Problem



Jade bought a gob-stopper. It cost 6p. She paid for it exactly. Which coins did she use? There are 5 different ways to do it. Find as many as you can.

What if the gob-stopper cost 7p?



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Year 6 Dates

- * Monday 1st July - Friday 5th July **Primary Liaison Week** you will receive further details from your child's secondary school
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TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

1st Marnie S
2nd Clara M
3rd Paige V

Well done to everyone!

*based on most correct answers

Children's Speech and Language Service (Dudley)

Advice for parents and carers can be found at:

<https://www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-speech-and-language-therapy-service-dudley>

Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Bulletin

The Dudley Special Educational Needs and Disabilities e-bulletin's aim is to keep parent carers, education settings and stakeholders informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme as well as news and events.

As a system we are working hard to improve our SEND offer across the borough. A lot is happening and we are gathering pace to better support our children, young people and families with SEND.

Our latest bulletin provides:

- updates of our improvement journey including our progress of our Delivering Better Value Programme in SEND
- SEND news from the Dudley Parent Carer Forum, Health, the council and partners
- details of useful events for parent carers and practitioners
- SEND Education Settings News which includes information about free SEND training Resources.

Sign up now (<https://tinyurl.com/DudleySENDBulletins>) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

Privacy Notice

Please note that our Privacy Notice can be found on the Ashwood Park Primary School website:

<https://www.ashwood.dudley.sch.uk/policies/>

Health Choices

Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing.

There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/>

Reflexions Mental Health Support

Reflexions are a Mental health Support Team (MHST) working in schools with a focus on early intervention and prevention for the mental health of children and young people. Ashwood have been designated an Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Matt Jones, who will be working with us, alongside the ongoing work we do in school around mental health, to offer further support if a child is struggling with mental health issues such as low mood or anxiety. He will work with children in groups or on a 1:1 in school. If you have any queries about Reflexions, please see the Office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Francis.



Online Safety

We have had an increase in the number of parents making enquiries about online safety. We are looking at options to provide some workshops in school. You may find the following are useful websites. Excellent advice for keeping children safe online can be found on these websites:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

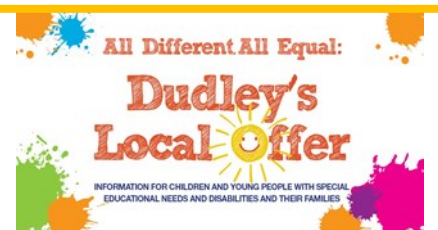
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Family Healthy Lifestyle Service

The Family Healthy Lifestyle Service is a free and personalised support service, to meet the needs of your family.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/healthy-lifestyle-support-for-your-family/>



Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

Dudley's Local Offer is part of the Dudley Community Information Directory – an online directory which offers people quick and easy access to information on local services.

The Local Offer webpages contain a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood.

The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-local-offer>

Dogs

School policy is that **no dogs** are allowed on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by **not** bringing your pet to school.



Happier Minds

A mental wellbeing website for young people, parents/carers and school based staff in Dudley. Here in Dudley we have the highest ambitions and want to create a brighter future for all of our children and young people. We have developed this website to ensure that both national and local mental health support is accessible all in one place at the click of a button.

Whether you are a young person, a parent/carers or a professional working with young people we hope this site will be helpful to you and those you care about. This site also provides information on how to get help urgently.

<https://happierminds.org.uk/>

Healthy Lunchboxes

The Healthy Lunchbox Resource is available to support children & families to make healthy, yummy and tooth friendly food choices for their children's lunchbox.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/>

Clearance Sale

We have a small number of Ashwood Park uniform left for sale in these sizes:

Jumpers – Age 3/4 (£11), Small and Medium Teen (£13)

Cardigans – Age 3/4, 5/6, (£11) Small and Medium Teen (£13)

PE T Shirt – Age 3/4 and 5/6 (£5)

PE Shorts – 18"/20", 22"/24", 26/28" and 30/32" (£4)

Please ask at the Office
Payment by cash only

National Smile Week

National Smile Month is a charity campaign run by the Oral Health Foundation. This campaign is all about championing the benefits of having good oral health and promoting the value of a healthy smile. We would like to use this opportunity to spread key oral health messages and to help improve children and young people's oral health in Dudley borough.

During National Smile Month Dudley Council will be providing free oral health activity packs to all children in Reception Class to Year 3 through their school and also to children in some early years settings across the borough.

<https://healthydudley.co.uk/national-smile-month/>

Kids Clothes Project



We are thrilled to tell you that we now have a donation bin for The Kids Clothes project in our School Reception.

When you are having a clear out of your children's outgrown clothes, please consider donating them to this project who provide clothing for children in need across the Black Country. They accept good quality preloved clothes, toys and books that are suitable for children aged 2-12.

The Kids Clothes Project has been running for 4 years and has so far helped over 1500 children in families in need across the Black Country, including some from Ashwood Park. Children are provided with a generous parcel including: 7 of each of the following items; Jumpers; T-shirts; trousers and new underwear. Additional items include: shoes, coats, pyjamas, dresses, swimwear, books and soft toys.

We would also like to make all families aware, that we are able to make this support available to you if you find you are struggling to clothe your children, or would appreciate an extra hand. Please speak to your child's teacher, if you would like to be referred.

If you'd like to know more about Kids Clothes Project, please check out <https://www.kidsclothesproject.co.uk/>

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LIBRARY NOTICE

FREE May Half Term Children's Activities at Wordsley Library

Saturday 25th May – Saturday Family Craft Drop In – 10.00-1.00 4+years

Tuesday 28th May – Rattle & Rhyme – 10.30-11.00 0-4 years

Tuesday 28th May – Star Wand Drop In Craft – 12.00-3.00 3+ years

Tuesday 28th May – Lego Spike Workshop – 2.00-3.00 6+ years

Wednesday 29th May – Wind Chime Craft – 10.30-11.30 4+ years

Wednesday 29th May – Lego Workshop – 2.00-3.00 4+ years

Thursday 30th May – Peppa Pig Meet & Greet Drop In – 10.30-11.30 2+ years

Friday 31st May – Rainbow Plate Drop In Craft – 12.00-3.00 4+ years

Saturday 1st June – Saturday Family Craft Drop In – 10.00-1.00 4+ years

All activities (except for the Drop In's) **MUST** be booked.
Please contact the library or speak to a member of staff to book
your **FREE** place!



We also have the Badge Maker and
Half Term Treasure Hunt available
to do **ALL WEEK!**

Contact Wordsley Library
on 01384 812765 or
email wordsley.library@gll.org

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