

Message from Mr Butler

As you know, Mrs Lister is retiring at the end of this Summer term after many years fantastic service at Ashwood Park. We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Perkes as her successor and look forward to him joining us in September.

We had a very interesting visitor in Assembly on Monday. Geraldine from Blue Cross came to help us understand how we can care for our pet dogs.



This is a very busy term so please check and make a note of the Diary Dates and Sports Day details in this Newsletter.

Important Message

Please also ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear for School and PE - flat black shoes for School and pumps or black trainers for PE.



Crocs, open back shoes, open toe sandals and high heels are **not** appropriate footwear for School and/or sporting activities.

Calling Ashwood Scientists



World Ocean Day

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Deadline Friday 21st June

Attendance

Last week's (20.05–24.05) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: 1/2 D 97.14%
Key Stage 2: 6RB 91.29%

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 03.06.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Brooke W
RT Hedgehogs	Ariannah L
1/2B Squirrels	Esmail W
1/2D Moles	Carter C-H
2W Badgers	Savannah L

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	Harrison T
3/4R Oak	Cicero M-C
4D Chestnut	Ruth M
5E Beech	Madison G
5/6SB Holly	Paige J
6RB Rowan	Jack S

Well done everyone!

Dates for the Diary

Week Commencing 17th June

Good Health Week

Tuesday 18th June

Sports Day for Early Years

Wednesday 19th June

Sports Day for KS2

Thursday 20th June

Sports Day for KS1

Tuesday 2nd July

Sept 24 Reception Parents

Meeting 6pm

Thursday 4th July

General Election

School Closed to children

Tuesday 16th July

Y6 Leavers Party

Friday 19th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am

Break up at 3.15pm for Summer

2023-2024 INSET Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Thursday 2nd May 2024 (VOTING)

Friday 3rd May 2024

Thursday 4th July 2024 (VOTING)

Monday 22nd July 2024

Menu*

WC 10.06.24 (Week 3)



Monday

Mac 'n' Cheese
Meat free Balls in
Sweet & Sour Sauce V
Crusty Bread or Pasta
Vegetable selection
Mini Ring Doughnuts

Tuesday

Cottage Pie
French Bread Pizza V
BBQ Veggie Hot Dog & Onions V
Potato Crunchies
Vegetable selection
Iced Cake

Wednesday

Big Breakfast
(Halal and Vegetarian Breakfasts available)
Hash Browns
Vegetable selection
Waffle

Thursday

Beef Burger
Halal Beef Burger
Mediterranean Quorn V
Rice or Potato Wedges
Vegetable selection
Ice Cream Tub

Friday

Fish Fingers
Pepperoni Pizza
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.

**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 the children have returned from half term brilliantly.

We are learning about all things to do with the season of Summer, including the sign language. Ask your child if they can remember any of the BSL signs for Summer!



We have some lovely new grass and fencing in our play areas, so have been enjoying playing on that too!

Nursery Dates

Monday 10 June

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

Friday 14 June

10.00-11.00 am Library Visit for Morning children only, Full Timers will remain at Nursery

Thursday 27th June

Dudley Zoo Trip Parent and Child Visit

Tree Tots Toddler Group



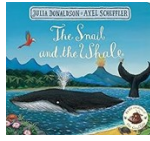
Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall

Forest School session 3rd July
Last session this term 10th July

Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included – adults

RBD News

We have been enjoying hearing the adventures that the children have been on over the half term holidays! The children have settled back in well and are showing they are **'being the best they can be!'**



KS1 in Acorn Room have been learning about the Snail and the Whale in English. They have been exploring new vocabulary and using this to write sentences.

KS2 children in Conker Room have been learning how to keep safe in the sun in their Science session.



They have also been learning their songs for their leaver's show in July.

We have some sad news for the RBD that Miss Cole will be leaving us next Thursday 13th June. Miss Cole has been here for 9 years and will be missed. We would like to thank Miss Cole for everything she has done for the children during her time with the service and wish her good luck for her new job.



Well done to Muhammad for showing a great improvement with sharing his ideas for writing and including descriptive details in his sentences. We are very proud of you.

Signed Video:

As we approach the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, we have filmed a video about what this means.



<https://youtu.be/sw0G2bm1opc>

KS2 News

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely half term - it is so nice to see all of our children back for their final (and very busy) half term!



We all came back to a special assembly on Monday morning about taking care of dogs. To find out more, you could take a look at this website at home with

your children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/thingstodo/pet-school-facts-dog>

Our year 3 and 4 children have started a new unit of work in English using the video Pigeon Impossible:

<https://www.literacysshed.com/pigeon-impossible.html>.

The children have really enjoyed making comic strips.



Our year 5 and 6 children are continuing their work on Podkin One Ear. This week we are thinking about which rabbit would make the best leader. You could ask your child to give you a fact about Podkin, Paz and Pook.

Sports Day on Wednesday 19 June:

Years 5 and 6 will begin at 9:15am

Years 3 and 4 will begin at 2pm

KS1 News

This week in key Stage One we have been reading the book 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. The



children have enjoyed finding out about the new pirate neighbours in the story and have done some lovely character descriptions and diary entries. We are excited to write our own story about what happens next in our English lessons next week.



We have also been learning all about time and how to tell the time to five minutes (Year 2). It would be wonderful if at home we could all be looking at the clocks, and reminding ourselves about what we have learnt this week. Next week we will be working on plant collages in Art and Aerial views in Geography.

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TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are:

1st Benjamin F
2nd Dylan N
3rd Courtney M

Well done to everyone!

*based on most correct answers

Pick a pair

Choose from these numbers.



1. Pick a pair of numbers.

Add them together.

Write the numbers and the answer.

Pick a different pair of numbers.

Write the numbers and the answer.

Keep doing it.

How many different answers can you get?

2. Now take one number from the other.

How many different answers can you get now?

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Dudley Health Protection Team
Important update regarding management of diarrhoea and vomiting in schools
24/05/2024

Following a recent large outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting at a school in the borough, please see the below update which provides specific information and guidance on management of such outbreaks of infection causing gastrointestinal symptoms.

Diarrhoea and vomiting can be due to several causes, including bacterial or viral infections, and should always be considered as potentially infectious. People affected by gastrointestinal infections may have:

diarrhoea-this might be sudden and watery
vomiting
feeling sick (nausea)

Some people also have:

a mild fever
stomach cramps
headache
aching limbs.

Please click on the link below for further information and advice on diarrhoea and vomiting: [NHS UK-Diarrhoea and vomiting](#)

Parents and school staff can also be directed to the following Dudley Council webpages for further information: [Healthy Dudley-Norovirus and other gastrointestinal infections](#)

Anyone affected with symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting should remain off school until 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. They should also feel well enough to return to school. This includes staff and pupils and applies even if symptoms are short-lived, and the individual feels fully recovered within the 48-hour period. This is an important measure to prevent the spread of infection to others and reduce the risk of an outbreak situation occurring, which could lead to high levels of staff and pupil absence, causing disruption to pupils' education.

Encouraging regular good hand hygiene practice is also one of the most effective ways to prevent spread of infection. Using liquid soap, warm water and paper towels is the most effective way to clean hands. Alcohol hand gel is not effective against some organisms that cause gastroenteritis, such as norovirus.

As we move into the summer months events might be planned to utilise outside spaces. If these include any food related activities where the school is providing catering, such as BBQs, please could the environmental health team be contacted for advice during the planning stages. The team can be contacted via Food.DUE@dudley.gov.uk.

Please inform the health protection team if there are a higher than usual and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or pupil absences due to diarrhoea and/or vomiting. The team can be contacted via communicable.disease@dudley.gov.uk

Advice on infection prevention control and management of diarrhoea and vomiting in schools can also be found at:

[UKHSA- Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities-Diarrhoea and vomiting](#)



Dear Parent Carer

We are pleased to advise you that Ashwood Park Primary School, is participating in the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)** programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs.

In order to support the PINS project, Dudley Parent Carer Forum (PCF) will also run a Parent Carer Participation Group for Parent Carers. The Participation Group is for all Parent Carers of children at the school with any Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND).

Regardless of what type of additional need your child has, and what level of support they are receiving, all parent carers are very welcome. Your views form a very valuable part of this project, so please try to join us and encourage other parent carers to come along too.

We will hold 3 meetings in total, roughly one per term in order to:

- Bring parent carers together to share experience
- Ensure that parent carers have their voices heard by the school
- Work co-operatively with the school

At the first meeting we will also be planning the sessions with you. We will let you know dates, times and venues of meetings as soon as possible and we hope to arrange the first before the end of the summer term or at the beginning of the autumn term.

A parent carer survey has also been created to gather the views of parents at the school, here are the link and QR code for the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NUV0r63kj5>

Again all responses will be anonymised, and feedback will be given collectively to help inform the project. We would appreciate it if responses could be returned by Friday 21st June.



Please note that Dudley Parent Carer Forum is an independent organisation, ran solely by parent carers of children and young people (0-25) with SEND living in Dudley. Our aims are to support parent carers of children and young people with SEND to have their voices heard in the local area particularly by education, health and social care.

If there is anything you'd like to contact us directly about please do so via info@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk

We will be in touch soon regarding the first meeting.
In the meantime we look forward to hearing your views via the survey.

Yours sincerely

CPowers

Claire Powers, CoChair, Dudley Parent Carer Forum

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>

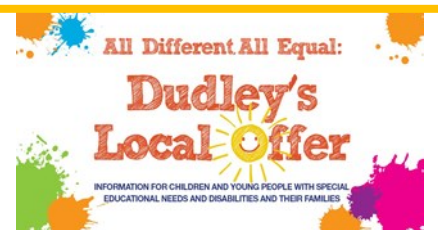
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<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

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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As and When Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Would you like to join our friendly team? We are looking to appoint an As and When Lunchtime Supervisor to cover absences. Duties include helping children cut up their food, if needed, encouraging good behaviour and table manners, supervising children in the playground (or indoors if wet weather), comforting children who are upset, dealing with minor injuries like cuts, grazes and bruises, organising games.

Ask at the Office for more details and an application form.

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Dates for the Diary

Friday 24th May

Break up at 3.15pm for Whitsun

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School re-opens at 8.45am

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PE and Swimming

The children have the following PE days:

- * Years 5 and 6 - Friday
- * Years 3 and 4 - Monday (3/4R bringing their swimming kit)
- * Years 3 and 4 can come to school in their kit on **Tues only**
- * Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their kit on **Wed only**

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