

NEWSLETTER



21st June 2024 Newsletter No. 33

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Every child has the right to an education

Message from Mr Butler

As you know we have had Ofsted in this week. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the parent survey- it is very much appreciated!

Thank you for your lovely comments.

The draft report will be with us in eighteen days and we are bound by confidentiality till then. We will share the findings of the report when we can.

Many thanks

Mr K Butler

Attendance

Last week's (03.06–07.06) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: RR Foxes 96.47% Key Stage 2: 5E Beech 95.71%

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 10.06.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes Elsie B
RT Hedgehogs Alex D
1/2B Squirrels Jude H
1/2D Moles Niamh G
2W Badgers Postponed

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder Keira B
3/4R Oak Lillianna D
4D Chestnut Skye P
5E Beech Sports Day
5/6SB Holly Sports Day
6RB Rowan Sports Day

Well done everyone!

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Menu*

WC 24.06.24 (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

Traditional Roast Chicken
Halal Roast Chicken
Meat Free Balls V
Stuffing & Gravy
Roast & new potatoes
Vegetable selection
Ice Cream

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.

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

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EYFS News



Nursery children have really enjoyed learning about the text The Colour Monster this week.

children Reception continued learning about Summer and have shared their experiences of holidays to the beach!





Early Years Sports Day was fantastic, well done to all the 🚵 children and thank you to parents for your support.

Please return PE kits ready for PE on Monday. Thank you.

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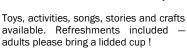
Dudley Zoo Trip Parent and Child Visit **Nursery Closed**

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall

Forest School session 3rd July

Last session this term 10th July





RBD News

It has been lovely to welcome and speak to the parents who were able to come to Sports Day. The children all tried their very best and we are very proud of their determination to succeed.

The children in Acorn room have continued their learning with The Snail and Whale, writing sentences using adjectives. They have also been learning about how to find half of shapes.





In Conker room the children have been looking at light and this week have conducted a Scientific experiment to see how shadows get longer.

Well done to Sienna for working so hard with her writing including fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and Well done! the correct punctuation. We are very proud of you!



Signed Video:



This week we are hopeful that the sun will make an appearance ready for summer! Please follow the link for some summer related BSL signs.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8hu8yOd4Es

KS2 News



This week we have had our Key Stage 2 Sports Days. Our children really enjoyed being out on the field, participating in the various races. They tried

their hardest to compete and showed great sportsmanship - a big well done to all of our competitors. We would also like to thank all of the families that attended.

Our years 5 and 6 children have participated in Puberty and Growing Up workshops led by the School Nurse. If your child has any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or, you might find the following websites useful at home:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clipsvideo/articles/zrnnf82 and https://pshe-association.org.uk/topics/

growing-changing Our children in year 4 have been thinking in maths about classifying angles and our year 3 children have been developing the skill of telling the time. This is a vital skill for all children and it would be really useful if you

could continue to ask your child to tell the

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time throughout the day.

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.

KS1 News



This week in Kev Stage One we have been creating work in the style of the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children used natural materials to create

their own compositions and talked about why they had chosen the items they had. They were really impressive and varied.

children really enjoyed it, and it was a wonderful atmosphere with parents and carers cheering us on.

Thank you for all for attending!

children have set a wonderful example and done us proud!



We have also celebrated our Sports Day! The

We have also had visitors in School and the

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

<u>1st</u> Riley R $\stackrel{\wedge}{\cancel{\sim}}$ Skye P <u>2nd</u>

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☆ 3rd Sam D

Well done to everyone!

Year 6 Dates

Primary Liaison

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Bean-bag buckets

Dan threw 3 bean-bags. Each bag went in a bucket. Nore than one bag can go in a bucket







- 1. What is the highest score Dan can get?
- 2. Find three ways to score 6.
- 3. Find three ways to score 9.
- 4. What other scores can Dan get?

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.







Children's Speech and Language Service (Dudley)

Advice for parents and carers can be found at:

https://

www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/ourservices/childrens-speech-and-languagetherapy-service-dudley

<u>Dudley's Special Educational</u> 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

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/

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/

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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.

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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.

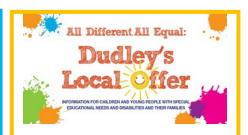
Excellent advice for keeping children safe online can be found on these websites:

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-childrensafe/online-safety/





<u>Dudley's Local Offer</u> 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.



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/

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/carer 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

https://happierminds.org.uk/

to get help urgently.

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

PE and Swimming

The children have the following PE days:

- Years 5 and 6 Friday
- Years 3 and 4 Monday (3/4H 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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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/

or email them on help@kidsclothesproject.co.uk

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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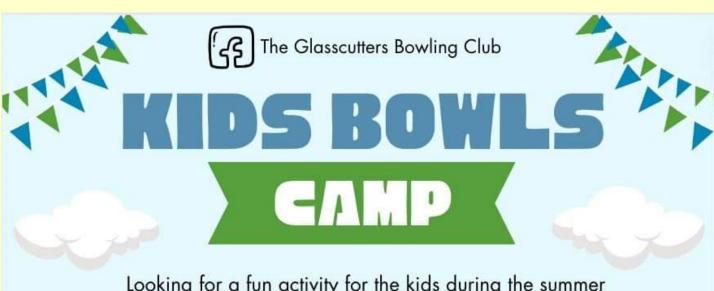
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Nursery Dates

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DUDLEY
Dudley Zoo Trip
Parent and Child Visit





Looking for a fun activity for the kids during the summer holidays? Come and let them have a go at crown green bowls! We're hosting a children's and parents bowls afternoon every Friday during the holidays from 2pm until 4pm.



Free Admission
 Free Refreshments
 Certificate of Accomplishment

Please get in touch
on our facebook page!

Address: The Glasscutters Arms, 9 Barnett Street, Wordsley, DY85QL



Summer Netball Camps

20th - 21st August







The Wordsley School

Brierley Hill Road, Stourbridge DY8 5SP

£35 per Day

Ages 6 - 11

- First aider on site at all times
- All Coaches DBS checked

£60 for Both Days

Activities

- Fun Games
- Skills and Drills
- Team Building
- Match Play

Sibling Discounts
Available



Book Today www.littlenetters.net/camps

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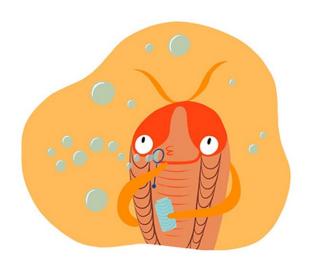
Welcome to Dudley Holiday Activities

We provide free school holiday activities and food for children aged 5 – 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and <u>other vulnerable groups.</u>

You can use this site to <u>register</u> your child and book fun and rewarding activities across the borough.

Keeping your child happy and fulfilled during the holidays can be a challenge; and we want to support parents and carers.

Funded by the Department of Education and hosted by Dudley Council, we work with local organisations to provide a variety of exciting activities and clubs for kids as well as providing a healthy meal or snack at each session they attend.









Gornal: Straits Primary School

Stourbridge: St Josephs Catholic Primary School



30th July - 23rd August 9am - 1pm

Multi-Sports Activity Camp

Children aged 5-11, eligible for free school meals and in receipt of a **Dudley HAF Barcode**



You must be registered with Dudley HAF and have a HAF Barcode. can the QR Code below to login / register and book your activities.

Gornal: Straits Primary School Stourbridge: St Josephs Catholic Primary School

Up to 20 spaces available per day! Don't miss out and book today!



rbholidaycamps.co.uk

0121 695 1394

info@rbholidaycamps.co.uk



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Children aged 4-12**

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Camp Pricing

Timings	5 Day Early Booking Offer*	Standard Prices
Long Day 8am - 6pm	£162	day / £36 5 day week / £180
School Day 9am - 3.30pm	£123.75	day / £27.50 5 day week / £137.50
Half Day** 8am - 12pm	£90	day / £20 5 day week / £100
Half Day** 9am - 12pm / 12.30pm - 3.30pm	£81	day / £18 5 day week / £90



*Early booking offer expires 30th June 2024

^{**4} year olds can only book half day camps



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Contact us today!

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Scan the QR code for more information!

