

NEWSLETTER

12th July 2024 Newsletter No. 36 Tel: 01384 818545 email: info@ashwood.dudlev.sch.uk



Article 28 Every child has the right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler:

- As you know we are saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Lister at the end of term. Please see the Office if you would like to contribute to her **Retirement Collection.**
- We are also saying goodbye Mrs Hodgkiss, Miss Edwards, Ms Breakspear and Mrs Johnson. We wish them all well in their new adventures, they will be sadly missed.
- Please could all monies outstanding on the School Money app for dinners and OSCA be paid as soon as possible, your access may be restricted in September if your account is in arrears.
- We are fast approaching the end of this School Year and I would like to remind you that we break up on Friday 19 July at 3.15pm.
- And children return to School on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.45am.
- We have been advised to implement an appointment system for meetings with our Senior Leadership Team please contact the Office if you wish to make an appointment.
- Please note that our Silver Gate will only be open between 8.35 and 8.55 am in the morning and then 3.05 and 3.25 pm in the afternoon.

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Praise Awards

who gained badges Children and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations: W/C 08.07.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes **RT Hedgehogs** 1/2B Squirrels 1/2D Moles 2W Badgers

Rilev G Savannah W Millie P Maisy B

Key Stage Two

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3/4H Elder	Sam D & Miss Thompson
3/4R Oak	Ellie Mai S
4D Chestnut	Leah H
5E Beech	Ethan P
5/6SB Holly	Matilda E
6RB Rowan	Joe J & Shaylee W

Well done everyone!

Attendance

Last week's (24.06–28.06) top attenders: Key Stage 1: 1/2B 95.5%

Key Stage 2: 5/6E 95.98%

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.

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Free School Meals Application Form

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 11th July Reflexions Coffee Morning 9 am Tuesday 16th July Y6 Leavers Party 5pm Friday 19th July Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am Break up for Summer at 3.15pm Monday 2nd September INSET

Tuesday 3rd September School Open for Children 8.45am

Menu* WC 15.07.24 (Week 2)



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Monday Hot Dog Halal Chicken Hot Dog Ouorn 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

Pizza 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

Nursery have had a fabulous week and really enjoyed their Pirate Day!





Reception enjoyed making ice lollies!

Next week PE kits will come home for the Summer and reading books will be collected in and passed to new teachers.

Please continue to practise reading and writing all through the summer holidays.

Thank you.

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Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall

First session next term 25th September

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

KS1 News



This week in Key Stage One we have enjoyed watching the Year 6 play! The children were so impressed with the singing and acting in

The Wizard of Oz and it has inspired them to make their own plays at break time.

We have also enjoyed some soggy Forest School sessions. The weather didn't dampen our spirits and the children enjoyed the opportunity to make mud pies!



Next week we are looking forward to meeting our new teachers for next year!



RBD News

Thank you to Year 6 for a wonderful Leaver's show this week. You have worked so hard to learn your lines for your parts and for the songs. It was a pleasure to watch. I



am sure that you will join me in thanking Miss Thompson and Mrs Seed for the hours of work that went into preparing the signs for the show.

I am pleased to announce that as part of the local authority restructure of the HI Service (which includes the RBD) we have appointed a new Teacher of the Deaf. Another Miss Thompson will join us during the Autumn Term to work alongside Mrs Straw, Mrs Wilde and Mr Thornton. We are very excited to welcome her into the team!



Well done to all the children who receive support from the RBD! We are so very proud of everything

Well done! you have achieved this year, but most importantly we are very proud of how you encourage and support each other by behaving as excellent role models. Each and every one of you are absolutely ready for your next adventures in your new

Signed Video:

classes or schools!

This week's signed video is all about water safety to share with your children.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sT44dDUfEY

<u>Year 6 Dates</u>

Leavers

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<u>Urgent Plea</u>

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. They are in *desperate* need of jumpers; T-shirts, trousers, new underwear, shoes, coats, pyjamas, dresses, swimwear, books and soft toys if you have any items spare.

There is a donation bin for The Kids Clothes project in our School Reception so please donate what you can.

Many thanks.



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



KS2 News

This week our Year 6 children have done 3 fantastic performances of their leavers' show - The Wizard of Oz. Well done to everyone for all of their hard work learning lines, acting, arranging and making props and for the great singing. Thank you also to our families for supporting with costumes and to our staff in School for help with rehearsals and creating the props. It really has been a team effort.



Years 5 and 6 have welcomed PC Andrews for an informative talk about Online Safety.

Our Year 5 children have enjoyed another local area walk this week. This time their walk has been linked to their History topic and has focused on the canal system. The children reading different points plotted on a map and taking time

to make various o b s e r v a t i o n a l sketches at these different points.





Our year 3 and 4 children have started work in English thinking about performance poetry. They have explored ways of performing where volume and expression are used to make the audience feel emotion and to connect them to the message of the

poem. The children have rehearsed and performed a number of poems throughout the week. Maybe you could ask your child to perform one of the poems at home for you.

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.

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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

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 (<u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>DudleySENDBulletins</u>) 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-todate 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/



<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

The Dudley family hub network is a one-stop shop, offering advice and support for families in



Dudley with children aged 0-19 (25 if the child has special educational needs and/or disabilities). It includes an online offer and five local family hubs.

The network includes key Start for Life services. These cover the period from conception to age two. Core Start for Life services such as midwifery, health visiting and early years support are included.

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/ early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family -hub-network/



The summer heat can affect us all. Some people are more at risk of harm f r o m h i g h temperatures and need to be more careful. These

include older people, especially those over 75, people who live on their own, those with a pre-existing health condition, babies and young children, and people who spend a lot of time outside or in hot places. Here you will find information, advice, help and support on keeping safe and well in summer.

<u>https://www.dudley.gov.uk/</u> <u>summerwellbeing</u>



You are eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if the following applies: • You live in Dudley, or your child goes to school in Dudley Borough, • Your child is aged between 5 and 16 years • Your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM). • Vulnerable children not eligible for free school meals may still be able to register for HAF activities but please make sure you read this section on the website before you apply. • Many families in Dudley could get benefit related free school meals but don't claim for them. Your child may be entitled to free school meals if: • your annual income is less than £16,190; and • you claim Child Tax Credit (*Not Including Working Tax Credit) only

https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/ register



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-andresource/parents-and-carers

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/

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 to get help urgently.

https://happierminds.org.uk/

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 – Small and Medium Teen (£13)

PET Shirt - Age 3/4 (£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.

<u>Dogs</u>



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

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Friday 19th July Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am Break up for Summer at 3.15pm

Monday 2nd September

INSET

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Privacy Notice

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- Universal Credit

If you currently receive free school meals but have now moved into the area, you will need to complete a new Free School Meals Application form

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to

www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:

Telephone -01384 814988

Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday



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Mental Health Support Team

Summer Holiday Workshops

Reflexions are offering a number of free workshops during the Summer Holidays to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

> Inside Out - Feelings and Emotions Workshop Tuesday 30th July 2024 Tuesday 27th August 2024

> > Moving to Secondary Workshop Tuesday 13th August 2024

Church of the Ascension Primary School, DY6 9AH 9:30am - 11:30am

> Worry Management Workshop Thursday 8th August 2024

Inside out - Feelings and Emotions Workshop Thursday 22nd August 2024

St Thomas' Church, Market Street, DY8 1AQ 1:30pm - 3:30pm Spaces on our workshops are limited and therefore we ask that you book a place onto the workshop(s) by emailing **bchft.reflexions@nhs.net**. More information regarding our workshops can be found below.

Inside Out - Feelings and Emotions Workshop

Aimed at KS1 and KS2, children and young people will learn how to:

- Identify emotions and how they feel in their body.
- · Learn strategies to support them with different emotions.
- Link thoughts and actions to how they feel.

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Moving to Secondary Workshop

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Aimed at those in Year 6 moving to Year 7 in September, children and young people will learn how to:

- Understand different types of worry.
- · Understand how change can affect their emotions.
- Understand how physical sensations can be affected by change.
- Learn cognitive and practical strategies to aid experiences of change.

 Learn how their qualities and skills support them with change.

Worry Management Workshop

Aimed at KS1 and KS2, children and young people will learn how to:

- Understand that worrying is normal.
- · Identify different types of worries: future and practical.
- Understand how to use a worry tree.
- · Understand how to complete worry time at home.
- Use at least one grounding technique.



EVERY THURSDAY | START AT 7.30PM

Ashwood Park Primary School, Bells Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, DY8 5DJ

£9 / CLASS OR 10% DISCOUNT FOR FULL TERM

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JAN:

07764 404975 janetcooper@blueyonder.co.uk www.facebook.com/yogawithjan







For bookings made before the end of July

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

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- Team Building
- Match Play

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DUDLEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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 vulnera-ble groups.</u>

You can use this site to **register** 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.







Camp Pricing

Timings	5 Day Early Booking Offer*	Standard Prices
Long Day 8am - 6pm	£16 2	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
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SUMMER HOLIDAYS CIRCUS DAYS

DUDLEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES SUMMER 2024

The Jewels Academy

About Dudley Holiday Activities

Dudley Holiday Activities is a government funded programme called the Holiday Activity and Food Programme that offers free activities during the school holidays for children aged 5 - 16 who receive free school meals



Come and fly with us this summer every wednesday & Friday 10am-2pm throughout the holidays ages 7-13 Funded spaces for those eligible with the HAF programme. £25 per day if not eligible (lunch provided)

Wednesday 24th July, Friday 26th July, Wednesday 31st July, Friday 2nd August ,Wednesday 7th August, Friday 9th August, Wednesday 14th August, Friday 16th August, Wednesday 21st August, Friday 23rd August, Wednesday 28th August, Friday 30th August