



# NEWSLETTER



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## Message from Mr Butler

Welcome Back!

We hope your Summer holidays went well and we're all looking forward to another school year at Ashwood Park.

This term we are welcoming Mr Perkes as our new Deputy Head and Co- head. Mr Perkes will also be our Designated Safeguard Lead so please contact him if you need to.

We are also welcoming a new teacher in the upper phase, Mrs Passman, and we wish her well in her new teaching career. Also joining us is Mrs Benson who joins us as a teaching assistant.

If you have any worries, please contact the School Office and we will do our best to help. Appointments can be made at the Office to see the Senior Leadership Team.

The children look really smart this term and are settling into their new classes well.

K Butler

## Attendance

As a School we have a responsibility to monitor the attendance of all children in School. Attendance is vital to a child, children who have better attendance are proven to achieve more.

One day's absence can have a huge impact on the learning of a child: they may miss a vital section of learning a new concept in maths, or a key piece of information needed for a genre of writing. While we will always provide support so the child can catch up, an absence can leave a gap in learning which impacts progress.

New National guidance was released for all schools on 19th August. Follow this link for the full details:

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

## Dudley Parent Carer Annual Survey SEND Services 2024

This survey is for parent carers of children/ young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) between the ages of 0-25 and living in Dudley.

We want to hear about your recent experiences with a range of different services. To keep this information up to date and relevant we will sometimes ask you to think about your experiences within a certain timeframe (eg previous 12 months).

We understand that if you have more than one child your experiences may vary for each child. Therefore we ask that you **complete a separate survey for each child with SEND that you have.**

We will use the information provided to ensure we focus our work on the areas that are most important to you. We will share the results of this survey with our members and wider networks as well as local services. We will also share the results of this survey with Ofsted or the Department for Education (DfE) during any inspections of SEND services. We will never share any identifying information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QFYQL2J>

## Menu\* WC 09.09.24 (Week 2)



### Monday

Chicken Goujons  
Halal Chicken Nuggets  
Vegetable Lasagne (V)  
Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo  
Potato Crunchies  
Mini Doughnut

### Tuesday

Beef & Bean Chilli  
Halal Beef Burger  
Country Vegetable Bake (V)  
Jacket Potato Cheese & Beans  
Rice  
Syrup Sponge Custard

### Wednesday

Roast Pork  
Halal Roast Chicken  
Shepherdess Pie (V)  
Gravy  
Jacket Potato with Cheese  
Roast Potatoes  
Chocolate Shortbread

### Thursday

Chicken Tikka Masala  
Quorn Burger (V)  
Jacket Potato Cheese & Beans  
Rice or Diced Potatoes  
Fruit Jelly

### Friday

Pizza Selection  
Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Curry (V)  
Jacket Potato Cheese & Coleslaw  
Chips or Rice  
Fruity Friday 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

## Dates for the Diary

### Monday 21st October

'Flu Vaccinations

### Friday 25th October

Break up for half term 3.15 pm

### Monday 4th November

Return to School

### Monday 11th November

School Photos

### Friday 20th December

Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15pm

### 2024-2025 INSET Days

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Thursday 1st May 2025 (VOTING)

Friday 2nd May 2025

Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

## 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

A very warm welcome to all out new starters in Early Years! Reception children have completed their first week brilliantly and we look forward to meeting our new Nursery children next week!

Reception will do full time hours from next week, 8.45 - 3.15pm. Don't forget to book your child lunch or send a lunch for each day. We don't need any bags in school (unless agreed by a member of staff). Children just need to bring their book bag and water bottle each day.

Next Wednesday afternoon, there will be a short talk at 2.45pm about phonics. Reception parents, please come to the KS1 Hall and we will explain how we teach the children to read and write.

Thank you for all your support!

Tree Tots Toddler Group

**Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall**



First session 25<sup>th</sup> September

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



## RBD News

A huge welcome back to all of the children in the RBD, especially to Jeremy who has joined the Base this week. We are very proud of how quickly you have all settled back in school life.

The children have spent this week exploring their new classrooms and getting to know their teachers and classmates. We are very excited for the year ahead!

Our sign for the week is: Welcome!



And this week's YouTube video is all about the Emergency Services:

[999 - A BSL Video \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=999-A-BSL-Video)



## KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One it has been lovely to welcome the children back into school. We have all settled into our new classes well and have been happy to be back!

Just a reminder to ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled to help make sure they get returned if lost.

We have started to read our new book 'The Squirrels that Squabbled' and have already created some great predictions and pictures of our favourite parts.



We have also handed out the new reading challenges for Year 1 and Year 2. Good luck and happy reading!

## Urgent Plea

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.



## KS2 News

Welcome back to all of our families, and the warmest of welcomes to all of our new families. It has been lovely to see all of the children. They all look very smart in their new, fresh uniforms.

This week, a lot of our children have really enjoyed starting their new topics in their new books, with their new equipment. All of our classes have participated in some lovely 'getting to know you' activities, some of which we have used to decorate our classrooms. We are looking forward to all of our display boards filling up with all of the children's fantastic work.



### PE Lessons:

- Years 3 and 4 - Friday
- Years 5 and 6 - Monday (6RB bringing their swimming kit)
- Years 3 and 4 can come to School in their PE kit on **THURSDAY only**
- Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their PE kit on **WEDNESDAY only**

### REMINDER

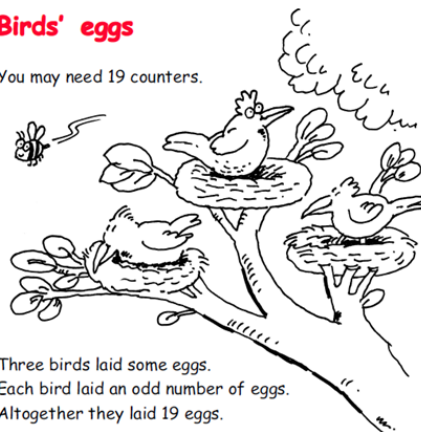
When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green short / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of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



## Maths Problem

### Birds' eggs

You may need 19 counters.



Three birds laid some eggs.  
Each bird laid an odd number of eggs.  
Altogether they laid 19 eggs.

How many eggs did each bird lay?  
Find different ways to do it.

## 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.



## TT Rockstars

Please remember to support your child learning their times tables by allowing them to practise using TT Rockstars.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student.play.ttrockstars.com>



### 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/DudleySENBulletins>) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

### Health Choices

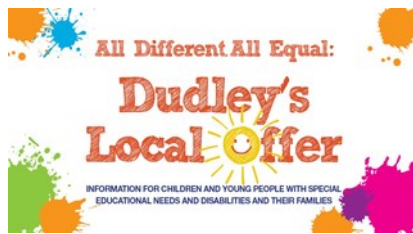
Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop 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/>



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>

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/>

### Final Session on ASD Diagnosis Gathering

Please join us for this third and final information gathering session where Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust will be asking for your feedback on:

1. What was your experience of your child being referred for an ASD assessment
2. What was the assessment process like in terms of waiting times, communication and information shared?
3. Were you supported at different stages of the assessment/diagnosis process or were you signposted to where you could gain support?
4. Any other comments relating to the ASD diagnosis process?

**No booking is needed, just turn up and share your views.**

**TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2024  
10AM-12:00 NOON  
STAFFORD STREET, DUDLEY, DY1 1RT  
TEA/COFFEE PROVIDED**

### **Parent Carer Forum Update:**



Dudley Parent carer Forum welcome registrations for membership from parent/carers and also offer associate memberships to wider family members or practitioners working within Dudley. Joining up means you will be kept up to date on all the latest news, information and events doing on in Dudley. Parents/ Carers will also receive a FREE gift when they sign up!

[Sign Up Here](#)

### **Integrated Early Years Service Parent Support Group**



This group offers support to parents and carers of children with a range of additional needs. It provides supportive environment to engage with your child, and also to gain practical advice for everyday routines.

### Family Saturday Party

Kids Black Country invites children and their parents to the launch of their new Saturday Group.

**Time is 12-4pm. Date is 7 September 2024  
Venue is at Kids Orchard House 29-31, Lye-Bye-Pass, Lye, Stourbridge, DY9 8HA**

Activities on offer include indoors and outdoors:

**Inside** we will have a selection of craft activities including making your own party hats, edible treat making including monster marshmallows and decorating doughnuts. We will also have a ball pit and some softs play for the younger ones and carnival games for those a little older.

**Outside** will be our giant disco bouncy castle, messy play, giant jenga and water play stations. We wont be providing lunch but you are welcome to bring your own along if you want to stay with us for the whole afternoon.

**Free to attend. No bookings required**, just come along and meet the team and have some family fun.

### 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/>

# Free School Meals

If you receive any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to Free School Meals

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- 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](http://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](mailto: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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