



NEWSLETTER



20th Sept 2024
Newsletter No. 03
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Article 28
Every child has the
right to an education

Messages from Mr Butler

OSCA – We are very lucky to have our Breakfast and After School Club at Ashwood Park. Please could I ask that you complete the OSCA Registration paperwork before booking your child in for their first session. And could I remind you that to ensure safe staffing ratios all OSCA sessions **must** be pre-booked. If your child would like to eat a breakfast they must arrive by 8.15am. Please let Mrs Oakes or Miss Webb know if your contact details change.

As the weather is turning wet and chilly please can you send your child to School with their waterproof coat as they may need it at Break and Lunch times. On PE days children may wear a **plain** black tracksuit/joggers and sweatshirt over their PE Kit.

If you send your child to School with a packed lunch please do **not** include canned or glass bottled drinks.

We have arranged a Rags2Riches4Schools Collection on Tuesday 22nd October to raise vital funds for School. See Page 5 for more details.

Once again we are supporting the Black Country Food Bank Harvest Appeal and would be grateful if your kind donations could be in School by 9 am Friday 18th October. See Page 6 for more details.

We have been allocated a new Attendance Officer from the Local Authority. She will be coming into School to ensure the attendance at Ashwood Park is the best it can be. She will be checking on children who fall behind with their attendance, ensure that our policy is adhered to and she will be checking if fines have been issued for non-attendance.

The School Governors have formed a "Strategic Committee" who will be coming into School more regularly to monitor progress against our recent Ofsted judgement. We will keep you informed of findings as we go along, the first meeting will be on 25th September.

ASDA Cashpot for School

In a new campaign, fronted by Joe Wicks, ASDA is offering to donate 0.5% of the value of any shop done at Asda until 30th November 2024 to customers' Primary School of choice – when they shop using Asda Rewards. Just select Ashwood Park on the ASDA Rewards App and scan the app when you shop.

[Register for an Asda Rewards account – Asda Rewards](#)

Attendance

Last week's (09.09–13.09) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: Badgers 2W 100%
Key Stage 2: Chestnut 4D 97.67%

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.

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 \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Praise Awards

W/C 16.09.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Rhea Jae C
RT Hedgehogs	Archie K
1/2B Squirrels	Tahmym B-L
1/2D Moles	Toby K
2W Badgers	Henry R W

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	Ted Y
3/4R Oak	Harrison T
4D Chestnut	Oliver F
5P Beech	Sienna F
5/6B Holly	Oliver B
6RB Rowan	Ruby B

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th October

9am Harvest Donation Deadline

Monday 21st October

'Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 22nd October

9am Rags2Riches Deadline

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

Menu*

WC 23.09.24 (Week 1)



Monday

Hunter's Chicken
Pasta Neapolitan (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Rice
Wafflemeister Waffle

Tuesday

Pork Sausage
Halal Chicken Sausage
Vegetarian Sausage (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Potato Wedges
Chocolate Cookie or Flapjack

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Halal Roast Chicken
Quorn Balls (V)
Gravy
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Roast Potatoes
American Pancakes

Thursday

Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Diced Potatoes
Marble Sponge and Custard

Friday

Chicken Chow Mein
Pizza (V)
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling
Chips
Fruity Friday 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. Please do NOT send drinks in cans or glass bottles.

EYFS News

Reception enjoyed a talk this week from the School Nurses Team about the importance of handwashing.



We have begun our Phonics Scheme this week. The children have loved learning the phonic sounds and they have also received their Reading Book this week. Please do support us by practising at home as much as you can. 'The Reading Challenge' has also come home, if you can read all of the books on the list, your child will receive a prize in school.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall

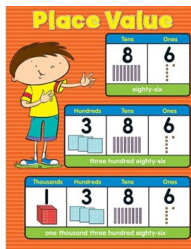
First session 25th September



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 hard on our place value. The children have looked at lots of different ways to represent numbers and are learning to write them in numerals and words.



We have also started our new Art topic 'Tell a Story' and have tried to draw using charcoal to create a range of different lines.

Next week we will be making textured photos and thinking about how different materials feel. This will also link with our Science topic on materials!



RBD News

The Children have once again put 100% effort into everything they have been doing this week.

The KS1 Withdrawal Group have been doing lots of language activities including using words in 3-4 word sentences! They have also been learning 'hard' and 'soft' when looking at materials in Science.



The KS2 Withdrawal Group have been looking at the United Kingdom in Geography and understanding which countries make up the UK. This week they have looked at England and have made their own England flags.

Well done to Aleksa for trying so hard with her writing this week and adding more detail to your sentences! We are very proud of you!



Well done!

Signed Video:



This week's video is about International Sign Language week which starts next week. Can you learn how different countries sign the word 'sad'? Which one is your favourite?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOrJchf8M4A>

KS2 News

All of our KS2 children have enjoyed their PE lessons this week.



Year 3 and 4 children are focusing on developing fundamental ball skills, including tackling, catching, tracking and throwing.

Year 5 and 6 children will advance to using and applying these skills to game situations such as Basketball, which is what our children have been exploring this week.



Our year 3 and 4 children 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**

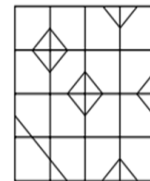
REMINDER

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / 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.

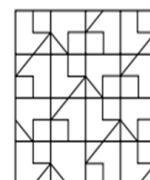
Maths Problem

Odd one out

- Here is a grid of 16 squares. One square is different from all the others. Mark it on the grid.



- Now do this one.



TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

1st Amaar L
2nd Amber W
3rd Marnie S

Well done to everyone!

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.





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.

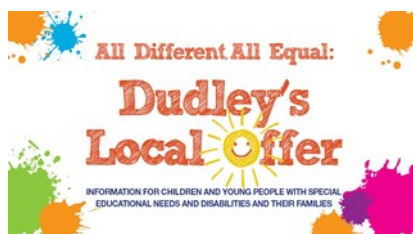
There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-to-date public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

<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/>

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.

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

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.

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>

Happier Minds

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.

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



Starting secondary school in September 2025

Why not apply for a place online?

If your child is due to start secondary school in 2025 then you will have to apply for a school place before 31 October 2024.

You **MUST** complete an application form either online at www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions or by completing the application form provided by your home local authority. You can include six school preferences on the application form; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference.

Benefits of applying online

- E-mail decision received by 2pm on day of offer
- It's quick and easy to use
- You can apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- There's no risk that your application will be lost in the post
- You will get email confirmation that your application has been received
- It's safe and secure

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 September 2024 until the closing date for applications on **31 October 2024**.

You should not assume that your child will get a place at a secondary school without you having to apply, even if you have an older child already attending the same school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

For further information please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on **0300 555 2345**.



one click ... makes it quick
www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions





We have arranged another collection with the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items which we can use towards School resources and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge.

We have a collection booked on Wednesday 23 October so please keep good clothing to donate to us by:

Tuesday 22 October

Clean and reusable items that can be donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

Items that cannot be reused:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.
Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.
Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit

If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then

STOP AND THINK - WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?

If it isn't something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend, then no-one else will want to buy and wear it so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Donated clothes and accessories are sent to Europe, Africa and even further away to be sold at market stalls as affordable items for those in real need of clothing.



SHOPPING LIST

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- **TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES**
- **TINNED POTATOES/MASH**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING**
- **TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/CHILLI/MAC AND CHEESE)**
- **TINNED MEAT (HAM/CORNERED BEEF)**
- **TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES**
- **TINNED FISH**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
- **BREAKFAST CEREAL**
- **PASTA SAUCE**
- **SAVOURY RICE**
- **INSTANT NOODLES**
- **ROLL ON DEODORANT**
- **SHAMPOO**
- **SHOWER GEL**
- **TOILET ROLL**
- **BARS OF SOAP**



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY

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Health & Wellbeing Marketplace and Networking Event for Dudley Schools

Hosted by the Children and Young People's Public Health Team, Dudley Council

Discover what is on offer to schools across Dudley Borough to support the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families. Meet the providers and find out more about:

- Relationship, Sex & Health Education support for schools
- Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire (HRBQ)
- West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership
- Educational Psychology & Counselling Service
- Emotional health & wellbeing / mental health
- Health & Wellbeing resources for schools
- Phases physical activity programme
- Dudley Young Health Champions
- Theatre in education programme
- Family Healthy Lifestyle Service
- Poverty / Cost of Living support
- Dudley School Nursing Service
- Dudley Family Hubs Network
- Sycamore Adventure Centre
- Active Travel Programme
- Youth Justice Service
- Active Black Country
- Asthma Friendly Schools
- Cranstoun Here4YOUth
- Parenting support team
- Brook Sexual Health
- Health Protection
- Leisure Centres
- Food in schools
- Virtual School
- Living Streets
- Young Carers
- Phase Trust
- Oral Health
- WYSA
- Kooth
- and more...

To find out more about the event,
email us at cypteam@dudley.gov.uk



Audience: Support and Pastoral Staff, Teachers, PSHE and P.E leads, DSL's, Headteachers, SLT & Governors



Venue: Dudley & Kingswinford Rugby Club, Swindon Road, Wall Heath, Kingswinford, DY6 0AW



Date & Time: Tuesday 8 October 2024
Drop in anytime between 12.30 - 15.30

Register
via MS Forms:

<https://forms.office.com/e/G1smtiUEsp>

**Dudley**
Metropolitan Borough Council

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

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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