



# NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter No. 07  
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Article 28  
Every child has the  
right to an education

## Messages from Mr Butler

**Good Luck**—Good luck to the Year 6 pupils competing in the School Games Boccia Tournament on Friday 25th October at David Lloyd Leisure Centre. Boccia is a precision ball sport similar to bowls requiring a high level of skill and accuracy. We are sure the children will enjoy representing our school in this exciting event.

**Rags 2 Riches** - Please bring your donations to the School Office by Tuesday 22 October. See page 6 below for more details.

**Monster Mash Disco** - Wednesday 23 October. Please buy your tickets ASAP so we can plan staffing and refreshments.

**Trick or Treat Hamper** - Raffle tickets will be sold by Year 6 children on a daily basis during School, £1 per strip. If you would like to buy some please send the correct money in with your child and they will be able to purchase them when Year 6 visit their class. The draw will take place on Wednesday 23 October.

**Dinners** — Look out for the fishy additions to our School Menu. Our School Cook is always working hard to dish up delicious meals for the children and has now added a few fishy favourites, have a look on the SchoolMoney App.

### Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.30-7pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.30-6pm

Details and booking forms will be sent home after half term.

**Reflexions**—Matt from Reflexions will be attending our Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions on the 12th and 13th November. Parents can stop by for a chat and find out more about the Reflexions service. Matt will also have a Drop-in Session on Thursday 21st November between 9 and 11am. If you have a particular query or concern related to your child or you want to find out more about what Reflexions can offer, please contact the Office to book a 10-15 minute drop-in appointment with Matt.

K Butler

## Attendance

Last week's (07/10–11/10) top attenders were:

**KS1: 1/2B Squirrels 99.09%**  
**KS2: 4D Chestnut 99.33%**

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 14.10.24

### Key Stage One

RR Foxes Alfie  
RT Hedgehogs Robyn  
1/2B Squirrels Finley  
1/2D Moles Reuben  
2W Badgers Poppy

### Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder Rebecca  
3/4R Oak James  
4D Chestnut Freddie  
5P Beech Joe  
5/6B Holly Oscar  
6RB Rowan Seb

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 21st October**

Flu Vaccinations

**Tuesday 22nd October**

Rags2Riches Deadline

**Wednesday 23rd October**

Monster Mash Disco

**Friday 25th October**

Break up for half term 3.15 pm

**Monday 4th November**

Return to School

**Monday 11th November**

School Photos

**Tuesday 12th November**

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations

**Wednesday 13th November**

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations

**Friday 20th December**

Break up for Christmas holiday 3.15pm

## Menu\*

WC 21.10.24 (Week 2)



### Monday

Fish Stars  
Chicken Goujons  
Halal Chicken Nuggets  
Vegetable Lasagne (V)  
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling  
Potato Crunchies  
Mini Doughnut

### Tuesday Mexican Festival

Chicken Fajitas  
Vegetarian Burritos (V)  
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling  
Rice or Diced Potatoes  
Sweetcorn and Carrots  
Cinnamon Doughnuts

### Wednesday

Fish Cake  
Roast Pork  
Halal Roast Chicken  
Shepherdess Pie (V)  
Gravy  
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling  
Roast Potatoes  
Chocolate Shortbread

### Thursday

Fish Fingers  
Pizza  
Cauliflower & Sweet Potato Curry (V)  
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling  
Chips  
Ice Cream

### Friday

Battered Fish  
Chicken Tikka Masala  
Quorn Burger (V)  
Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling  
Diced Potatoes  
Fruit Jelly

### Available Every Day

Sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling.  
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

Early Years children are continuing to settle and have nearly completed their first half term in Reception! Please continue to support us with reading books and sound books.



We desperately need children's underwear for our Changing Station for when children have accidents. If anyone has any clean, good condition spare pants and socks please donate them to Early Years! Thank you.

The Monster Mash disco is on 23 October, it will be in the KS1 Hall with the older KS1 Children, children will be dressed up and there will be loud music playing, so please ensure your Reception child is ready and happy for this experience if you buy a ticket!



Letters have been sent home with more details.

## Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9.00 -11.00am  
KS1 Hall



### 23 October Forest School

Please arrive promptly at 9 am

We will spend roughly an hour making Autumn crafts, then back to the Hall for snack, toys and singing.

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 been designing our own playground as part of our Geography topic 'What is it like here?'

The children have completed a survey about our current playground and thought of different ways it could be improved.

We have also been looking at the best materials to use for the curtains in a space rocket! The children enjoyed using torches to see which materials were transparent and which were opaque.



Next week we are looking forward to coming to the Monster Mash disco and reading our new story - What made Tiddalick laugh?

## 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.



## RBD News

The children have all tried so hard this week – it has been lovely to hear of their achievements in class.

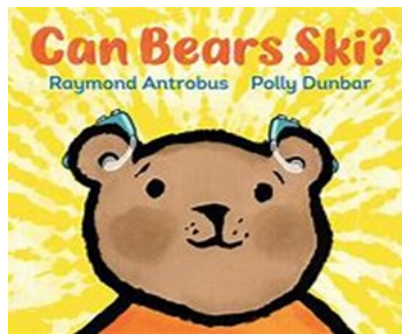
Please can we ask all parents to support the children to put their hearing aids or processors into the dry box at home. We have been having a lot of issues with technology having intermittent faults at school. As the weather is starting to get wetter please can you ensure your child's equipment is placed in the dry box at night. If you do not have one then please do contact your audiology centre. Thank you.



Well done to Noah for amazing reading this week. We are very proud of how well you are listening to the sounds in words to try and say the word.

## Signed Videos:

This week we have filmed another story called 'Can Bears Ski?' for you to share with your children at home.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXEvjP87BRo>

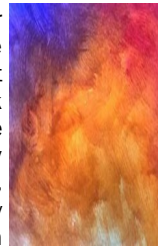
## KS2 News

All of our children have been really enjoying their art lessons this week.



In years 5 and 6, the children have been thinking about Zentangle designs for a few weeks and have made some amazing prints this week using printing ink. We hope to have them displayed by parents' evening so that you can also enjoy looking at them like we have!

In years 3 and 4, our children will be spending the next week thinking about wax colourings using a back wash effect, which can be really effective. You could try these really easily at home, and would look particularly good as firework pictures in the lead up to bonfire night.



### 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

### Jack and the beanstalk

Jack climbed the beanstalk.  
He always went upwards.



He first did it like this: left, right, left, right.

Find five other ways that Jack can climb the beanstalk.

## TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars\* are;

1st Marnie  
2nd Ellie-Mae  
3rd Felicity

Well done to everyone!

<https://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** [SEND Improvement Programme - September 2024 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com) 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](https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-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

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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/>

### Peanut Allergy Advice

Allergy UK has received an urgent statement from the Foods Standards Agency (FSA) regarding a potential allergen contamination issue affecting anyone with a peanut allergy. The FSA is advising people with a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder, or mustard flour due to potential contamination with peanuts. These mustard ingredients are often found in food such as dips, sauces, salads and pre-packed sandwiches. The FSA is taking a precautionary approach and is advising any individual living with or caring for anyone with a peanut allergy, to avoid eating any product that contains or may contain mustard until the specific affected products are identified.

[Urgent Peanut Allergy Advice | Allergy UK | National Charity](https://www.allergyuk.org/urgent-peanut-allergy-advice)

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### 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

your child, and also to gain practical advice for everyday routines.

[See More Details Here](#)

### 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/carers 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](http://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**.



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[www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions)





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**Please note:** Even if your child already attends a school nursery or has an older sibling at school, do not assume that your child will automatically gain a place at that school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

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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.

# Dudley Parent Carer Forum Annual Survey - 2024



Dudley Parent Carer Forum are currently running their annual survey regarding SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities) services in Dudley.

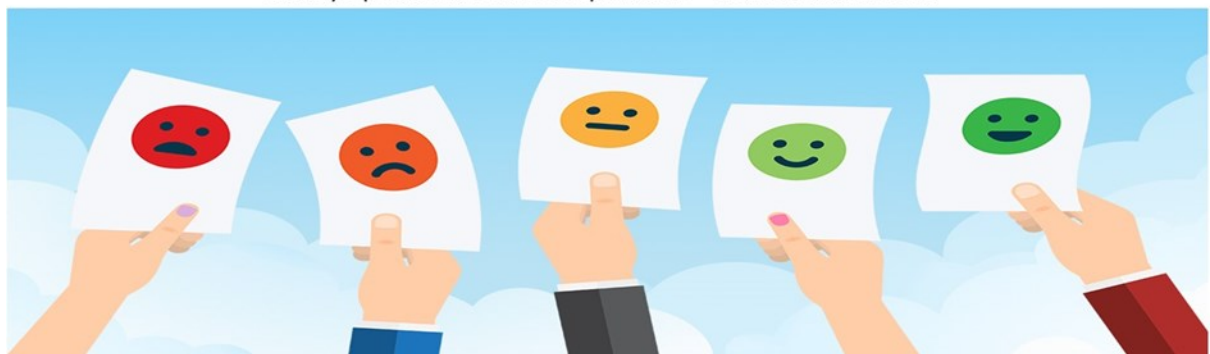
The survey is designed for parent carers of children/young people with SEND between the ages of 0-25 and living in Dudley. The results are completely independently evaluated by the parent carer forum.

The survey takes around 10-15 minutes to complete and enables us to capture the true feelings of parent carers in the borough. The results of this are vital to our work and to ensure that we focus on the things that really matter to you.

Scan the QR code to complete:



Survey open between 1st September - 3rd November 2024







ACE COACHING  
PRESENTS

WIN A  
PRIZE  
FOR BEST  
DRESSED  
FOR HALLOWEEN  
Thursday 31st

# OCTOBER HALF TERM SHOOT & SCORE SPOOKTACULAR

## WHEN

(Open to boys & girls aged  
Reception to Year 6)

**MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER -  
FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

(Focusing primarily on the sports Football,  
Dodgeball, netball and Handball)



## ACE OFFER 1

Bookings & payments received by  
Friday 25th October will receive a

**£20 DISCOUNT!**

Offer only applies when booking  
a full week on an Ace Coaching  
football & invasion games  
course.

## WHERE

**CRESTWOOD SCHOOL &  
6<sup>th</sup> Form, Bromley Lane,  
Kingswinford, DY6 8QG**



## ACE OFFER 2

Family & friends - Enrol two  
children for the week, bookings  
received by Friday 25th October

**FOR ONLY £140**

Offer only applies when booking a full week  
on an Ace Coaching  
football & invasion games course.  
Please note that the £20 discount in  
Ace offer 1 is not available to use in  
conjunction with Ace offer 2.

## COST

**ONLY £100 FOR ALL WEEK  
OR £25 PER DAY**



## ACE BIRTHDAYS

Did you know that we offer birthday  
parties for your rising stars?

For more information, please email us at  
AceCoaching.CourseEnrolments  
@hotmail.com

## TIME

**Each day 9.00am - 3.00pm**



PLEASE ENQUIRE IF YOUR CHILD IS 4 YEARS OLD AS SESSION TIMES MAY DIFFER



Is your child neurodivergent?  
Do they have SEND?  
Then please come along to our

# Parent Carer Coffee Morning

Aiming for Brighter Futures



19th  
November  
9:00 am



We want to  
hear your  
views and  
experiences

Be part of an  
amazing  
project about  
neurodiversity

This group is being hosted by Dudley Parent Carer Forum as part of the PINS project (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). We are independent parent carers of SEND children in Dudley. We want to hear your views on all things SEND and Neurodiversity in your child's school. Your individual contributions will be kept confidential but the key themes will help guide the PINS project and Ashwood Park to support neurodiverse children.



For more information contact us at  
[pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk](mailto:pinsdudleypcf@dudleyparentcarerforum.co.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

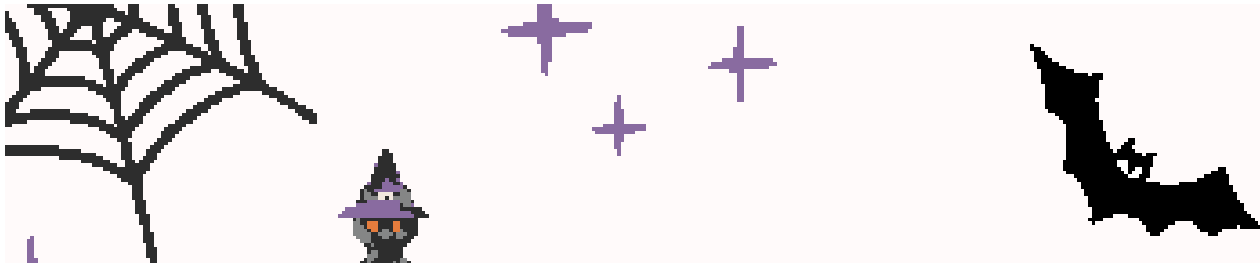


Email – [freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk)




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





# SPOOK YOUR WORRIES AWAY

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER KS1  
TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER KS2  
WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER KS1  
THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER KS2  
**1PM - 3PM**

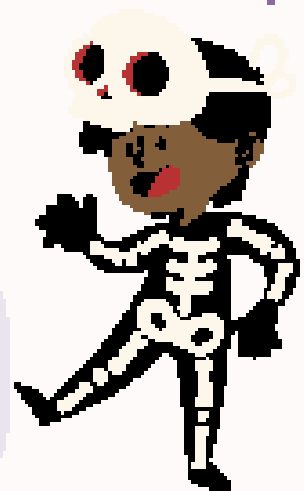


**BOOK ON TO AVOID  
DISSAPOINTMENT!**

To book please email:  
[bchftreflexions@nhs.net](mailto:bchftreflexions@nhs.net)

**28th & 29th:** St Thomas Church, Market  
Street Parish Church Of Street, Stourbridge,  
DY8 1AQ

**30th & 31st:** DY1 Building, Stafford  
Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT





YOGABRIDGES  
PRESENTS

BRITISH WHEEL OF YOGA CERTIFIED

SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS OF ABILITY



**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:**

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