



# NEWSLETTER

17 September 2021

Tel: 01384 818545 email: [info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk)

## Article 28

Every child has the right to an education

## Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

### Message from Mr Butler

#### Inset Days

Friday 22nd October, Monday 1st November and Tuesday 4th January school will be closed to children for staff training.

#### Medical / Dental appointments.

Where possible, please make appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruption to learning in school. Thank you.

#### Covid-19 update

We are following Dudley LA's advice to continue with the same procedures in school until October half term. Cases of Covid are rising at 20% per day in Dudley schools and we want to keep everyone as safe as possible. If your child develops a new persistent cough, has a high temperature or loses their sense of smell or taste please obtain a PCR test and report the result to school. If anyone in your household tests positive for Covid please arrange a PCR test for your children and await a negative result before sending them to school. Thanks for your understanding and support!

#### PE

Earrings cannot be worn in PE and must be removed before lessons. We cannot take the children's earrings out and plasters can not be placed over them for PE. Children cannot do PE in their school shoes so please ensure that the children have appropriate footwear and their PE kit for PE. Many thanks.

#### Cars on Site

Only visitors to school who have obtained permission can come down the drive. Please do not tailgate, **do not use your mobile phone while driving on school premises**, remember the speed limit is **5mph**. If you are driving on site please be mindful of others. It is very busy and we need to minimise the risks. Do not park on the staff car park. Many thanks.

#### Parking

Please respect our neighbours when dropping off the children, don't block driveways and be aware of the children at busy times – thank you.

#### Fluex Nasal Vaccinations

These will be given in school on Monday 27th September. Please return the consent forms ASAP even if you do not consent to your child having the vaccination. Thanks

#### School Day Start and Finish Times

Reminder for the rest of this half term the start and finish times for school sessions are:

Nursery AM 8.30am to 11.30am  
Nursery PM 12.30pm to 3.30pm  
Reception 8.50am to 3.15pm  
Years 1 & 2 8.40am to 3.05pm  
Years 3 & 4 8.40am to 3.05pm  
Years 5 & 6 8.50am to 3.15pm

**Children should arrive on school premises no more than 10 minutes before their session starts. Several children are arriving too early and are not supervised.**

## Starting Secondary School in September 2022

Why not apply for a place online? If your child is due to start secondary school in 2022 then you will have to apply for a school place before 31 October 2021.

You **MUST** complete an application 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; there is nothing to gain by only putting one preference.

The online system will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from 1 Sept 2021 until the closing date for applications on **31 OCTOBER 2021**.



Information about our childcare provision is on the rear of the newsletter.

If you wish to book sessions for your child please collect a registration pack from either the school office or Mrs Oakes the OSCA manager (she is available before and afterschool in the KS1 Hall). This must be completed before your child attends.

All sessions are booked through School Money.  
Thank you

## Starting Primary School in September 2022

The online system will open from 1st October. More details will be included in the newsletter towards the end of September.

### PRAISE AWARDS

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

**W/C 6th and 13th September 2021**

#### Key Stage One

RER Hedgehogs	Esmail
RR Foxes	Savannah
1/2B Squirrels	Tyler-Jai
1/2B Squirrels	Maisie
1/2D Moles	Cody
1/2D Moles	Nile
2W Badgers	Alfie
2W Badgers	Evie

#### Key Stage Two

3/4D Elder	Kian
3/4H Oak	Thomas
4LR Chestnut	Jack St
5/6GS Beech	Alfie
5/6T Holly	Cory
6AB Rowan	Michael

### WELL DONE ALL

#### Dinner Information

All dinners must be booked through School Money. **Dinners must be booked on School Money the day before they are needed.**

If you are having problems saving your child's menu choices please search for school money using Google and login through that link rather than through the app.

Thank you

#### Menu

**WC 20th September (Week 1)**

#### Monday

Chicken curry  
Fishless fish fingers  
Savoury rice, peas and sweetcorn

Sponge

#### Tuesday

Pork or Quorn sausage and onion gravy  
Homemade cheese plait  
Cod bites  
Mashed potato, baked beans and broccoli

Brownie

#### Wednesday

Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding  
Quorn mince and pasta bake  
Fish goujons  
Boiled, roast potatoes, cauliflower and green beans

Shortbread

#### Thursday

Chicken wrap  
Vegan sausage  
Homemade fishcake  
Mashed potatoes, carrots and cabbage

Lemon drizzle cake

#### Friday

Salmon fish fingers  
Cheese and tomato pizza/ vegan option available  
Chipped potatoes, baked beans and sweetcorn

Chocolate muffin or ice cream

#### Available every day

Grab bags which contain a sandwich either cheese, tuna or ham filling.  
Salad bag.  
One from a cake, biscuit or yoghurt.  
Fresh fruit  
Water

Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.

Fruit jelly, yoghurt

To apply for **Free School Meals** please complete the online form at [www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals)

Please apply even if your children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as children who are entitled to benefits assessed free school meals attract more funding for the school

Unfortunately there may be some late changes due to the availability of the menu items.

# O.S.C.A.

#### Breakfast at School

**Why not come along and have breakfast with us?**

7.30am-8.45am

£3.50 per session

All cooked breakfast food needs to be ordered by 8.00am.

One of the following will be available each day on a rota basis:  
Beans on toast, crumpets, pancakes, bagels, croissants.

Available every day:-  
cereals, toast with butter or jam, fruit, milk or water.

Activities available every day include toys, colouring etc.

# O.S.C.A.

#### Afterschool Club:

3.15pm-4.30pm

£3.50 per session

3.15pm-6pm

£7.00 per session

(Healthy snack/drink included)

4.30-6.00pm( after sports clubs)

£3.50 per session

#### Activities include:

Colouring & craft	Board games
Sewing	Puzzles
Computers	Outdoor play
Construction toys	Group games

To register for OSCA please collect an information pack from Mrs Janet Oakes before or after school in the KS1 block.

#### **BOOKINGS**

**Due to safeguarding requirements all bookings must be made at least a week in advance via School Money**

**No last minute bookings will be accepted except in a dire emergency.**

**Places are very limited due to Covid restrictions**