

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Message from Mr Butler

Cars on Site

Only visitors to school who have obtained permission can come down the drive. **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.

Christmas Activities

Christmas lunches...Wed 15th Dec please book on School Money. Turkey, Quorn, halal turkey baps with all the trimmings, sausage wrapped in bacon or veggie sausage, roast potatoes, etc Christmas parties...Thursday 16th Dec. We break up for Christmas on Friday 17th Dec normal finishing time.

Our Christmas Appeal

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Jumper Day...This year the proceeds will go to one of our families who are dealing with very challenging medical issues. The amount we raised will be reported in next weeks newsletter.



Covid Update

We have been advised by Public Health to wear masks when coming into school or if you are in close proximity to others when picking or dropping the children up. Let's keep safe!

Bikes and Scooters

Please no riding of scooters or bikes on school site. E scooters are illegal to use in public unless as part of a recognised trial scheme.

Christmas Presents

It is so kind that you think of the staff at this time of year and we are so grateful for your gifts and cards! If you are sending in a gift, please do so by Tuesday so they can be isolated for 72 hrs. Thank you so much .

Attendance

The target for school attendance is 96.5 % Please see the table below for the class attendance percentages

Class	From 2 Sep	W/C 29 Nov
RER	94.26	96.96
RR	91.24	89.91
1/2B	94.49	94.62
1/2D	94.06	94.89
2W	94.90	98.44
3/4D	93.86	93.00
3/4H	95.43	94.17
4LR	97.04	99.26
5/6GS	94.71	95.65
5/6T	96.35	96.76
6AB	95.02	94.06
Whole School	94.73	95.28

Please inform school on the first day of absence by either emailing info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk or by telephoning 01384 818545 **School Term Dates**

2021 Autumn Term Term Ends Fri 17th Dec 2022 Spring Term Term starts: Tues 4th January Inset Day Wed 5th January Children return to school Half Term Mon 21st Feb to Fri 25th Feb Term Ends Fri 8th April

2022 Summer Term

Term starts: Mon 25th April Mon 2nd May May Day Bank Holiday Half Term Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June

Term Ends Thurs 22nd July

PRAISE AWARDS

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

W/C 6 December 2021

Kev Stage One

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RER Hedgeho	ogs Austin	
RR Foxes	Freya	
1/2B Squirre	ls Finlay	
1/2D Moles	Emilia	
2W Badgers	Skye	

Key Stage Two

3/4D Elder 3/4H Oak 4LR Chestnut 5/6GS Beech 5/6T Holly 6AB Rowan Brody Hoor-Ain Ruby-Lea W Amelia-Rose Sophie Ashley

WELL DONE ALL

Primary Applications Reminder the closing date for primary applications is 15th Ja

primary applications is 15th Jan 2022 please see the reverse of the newsletter for details of how to apply.

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 6 December (Week 2)

Monday Spaghetti bolognaise and garlic bread Southern style Quorn burger Cod fish finger Pasta and mixed vegetables

Flapjack

Tuesday Chicken wrap Halal chicken wrap Cheese wrap Gluten free bubble fish Baked wedges, sweetcorn and peas

Chocolate cake

Wednesday

Christmas lunch day Turkey, Vegan Quorn, Halal turkey baps with all the trimmings Sprouts, roast potatoes and vegetables, etc

Christmas biscuit/ cake

Thursday

Beef burger Halal beef burger Cheese savoury Salt and vinegar goujons Mashed potatoes, baked beans and cauliflower

Sponge

Friday Santa boxes

Battered fish Cheese and tomato pizza/ vegan option available Chipped potatoes, baked beans and peas

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

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.



Please can you find time to encourage your children to practise their learning on TT Rockstars or Numbots and Spelling Shed. The published leader boards will return soon! Thank you



Starting Primary School in September 2022

Why not apply for a place online? If your child was born between 1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018 they will be due to start primary school in September 2022.

You **MUST** complete an application either online at www.dudley.gov.uk/ admissions or by completing an application form from your home local authority by 15 JANUARY 2022. You can include five 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 Oct 2021 until the closing date for applications on 15 JANUARY 2022 Attendance at a nursery attached to a primary school will not guarantee admission to that particular primary school or give any advantage to the

pupil in the admissions process.



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
Sewing
Computers
Construction toys

Board games Puzzles Outdoor play 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