



# NEWSLETTER

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## Article 28

Every child has the right to an education

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends



### Covid Update

We have been advised by Public Health to highlight the following:

**All children aged 5-18 identified as a contact of someone with Covid 19 should lateral flow test every day for 7 days.**

**Also please wear masks when coming into school or if you are in close proximity to others when picking or dropping the children up.**

### 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.

### 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 13 December 2021**

#### Key Stage One

RER Hedgehogs	Nancy
RR Foxes	Sean
1/2B Squirrels	Riley
1/2D Moles	Harrison
2W Badgers	Charlie

#### Key Stage Two

3/4D Elder	Caitlyn
3/4H Oak	Max
4LR Chestnut	Jack Sc
5/6GS Beech	William
5/6T Holly	Evie
6AB Rowan	Ethan

**WELL DONE ALL**

### Primary Applications

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

### Message from Mr Butler

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year! Stay Safe! Children return to school 5th January.

### Christmas Presents

A huge thank you from all the staff for their presents. You are very kind. Thanks for all your support especially during the pandemic!

### 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. We raised £357.04. Thanks all!!



### 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 6 Dec
RER	93.51	84.96
RR	90.76	85.45
1/2B	94.63	96.21
1/2D	93.98	93.01
2W	95.13	97.95
3/4D	93.33	87.33
3/4H	95.39	94.92
4LR	96.86	94.81
5/6GS	95.08	99.29
5/6T	95.89	90.71
6AB	94.94	93.99
Whole School	94.57	92.74

Please inform school on the first day of absence by either emailing [info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk) or by telephoning 01384 818545

### A message from Genie-Jo's mum

Genie-Jo has decided to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust, she's never even had her cut until Monday so this was a massive thing for her to do and also a wonderful thing to do. She brought her hair in to show the other children. She is donating 25cm of hair, a massive amount to Little Princess Trust.

**Well done Genie-Jo, what an excellent thing to do, from everyone Ashwood Park**

### 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 3rd January (Week 1)**

#### Tuesday

### INSET DAY

**School closed to pupils**

#### Wednesday

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

Sponge

#### Thursday

Chicken tikka wrap  
Halal Chicken tikka 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

Jelly 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.**

### Early Years News

We have had a lovely Christmassy week in Early Years! The children have loved making Christmas cards and calendars, eating Christmas dinner and partying! Thanks to everyone for your kind gifts and cards. We've had a super first term, thanks for all your support, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

### Key Stage 1 News

We have had a wonderful week in Years 1 and 2 celebrating all things Christmas. We have made beautiful cards and calendars for our special people at home and enjoyed Christmas themed Maths and English. The children have been fantastic in their class parties and enjoyed some much-needed singing and dancing, alongside a visit from Santa! We hope all of our families have a wonderful and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in January.

### Key Stage 2 News

Key stage 2 have had a festive week this week. We have been making decorations by sewing, painting, sticking and crafting. They have come to school dressed in some wonderful outfits for our class parties and had a great time with their friends. The staff have also thoroughly enjoyed chatting with the children about the Christmas traditions they have at home and the things that they would like from Father Christmas.

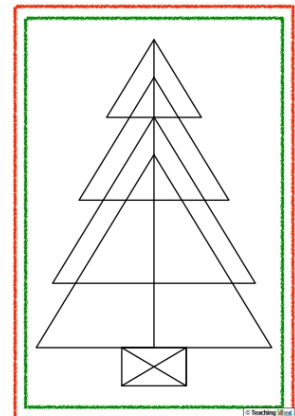
We hope all of our families have a wonderful time over the break and enjoy some time at home with their loved ones.

Merry Christmas.

Thank you for your support throughout 2021.

### Weekly Maths Problem

How many triangles are there in the Christmas tree?



### 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](http://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.