

NEWSLETTER

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Article 28

Every child has the
right to an education

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Message from Mr Butler

Menu change

Pizza will be served on Thursday
20th January

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. Thank you for your co-operation and patience at this challenging time.

We are awaiting updated guidance from the Local Authority about the Government's changes in Covid restrictions which are coming into force on Monday 17th January.

Ventilation

We are following guidelines from Public health and the government in ensuring our classrooms are well ventilated. We have CO2 monitors around school and can adjust the ventilation when required. During colder weather, please ensure that the children wear another layer to keep warm. Many thanks!

Parking on School Grounds

Please use allocated bays and NOT the centre of the staff car park. Thank you.

Attendance

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

It is very important in the current climate that we know the reason for a child's absence as soon as possible. This will enable us to keep everyone informed of any requirements for lateral flow testing in classes that have reported COVID cases.

Thank you

The target for school attendance is
96.5 %

Please see the table below for the class attendance percentages

Class	From 2 Sep	W/C 4 Jan
RER	93.56	90.58
RR	91.10	84.85
1/2B	94.95	100
1/2D	94.15	94.30
2W	94.47	91.67
3/4D	92.99	89.66
3/4H	95.58	94.44
4LR	96.10	91.25
5/6GS	95.33	96.43
5/6T	95.66	89.29
6AB	94.52	82.80
Whole School	94.46	91.35

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.

PRAISE AWARDS

Children who gained badges and certificates deserve our special congratulations:

W/C 10 JANUARY 2022

Key Stage One

RER Hedgehogs	Luna
RR Foxes	Bourne
1/2B Squirrels	Cicero
1/2D Moles	Chloe
2W Badgers	Annabelle

Key Stage Two

3/4D Elder	Dexter
3/4H Oak	Maisie
4LR Chestnut	Harry
5/6GS Beech	Callum
5/6T Holly	Amelia
6AB Rowan	Ellie-Grace

WELL DONE ALL !

Weekly Maths Problem

Pick a pair

Choose from these numbers.



1. Pick a pair of numbers.
Add them together.
Write the numbers and the answer.

Pick a different pair of numbers.
Write the numbers and the answer.

Keep doing it.
How many different answers can you get?

2. Now take one number from the other.
How many different answers can you get now?

CHALLENGE: Make it harder by changing the numbers in the snowflakes.

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 17th January (Week 3)

Monday

Fish goujons
Vegan cottage pie
Homemade wedges, peas and sweetcorn

Carrot cake

Tuesday

Steak pie
Veggie ball sub roll
Battered white fish
Mashed potato and mixed vegetables

Chocolate cake

Wednesday

Chicken and stuffing
Halal chicken
Quorn and sweet potato tikka curry
Cod bites
Boiled, roast potatoes, rice, carrots and cabbage

Shortbread

Thursday

Baked fish
Cheese and tomato pizza/ vegan option available
Chipped potatoes, spaghetti hoops and sweetcorn

Ice Cream

Friday

All day breakfast
Mac and cheese with tomato bread
Fishcake
Hash brown potatoes, baked beans and peas

Sponge

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.

Early Years News

We have been learning about Winter this week! The children have loved learning about ice and making some themselves!

Nursery made some igloos using sugar cubes and learned about cold places. The weather certainly helped us out this week!

31st January Reception children are having their vision screened. If you **do not** want your child to be screened please complete the form and return to their teacher by 28th January.

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.

Key Stage 1 News

We have enjoyed learning to sew a running stitch in Year 1 and 2 this week. The children have learnt how to thread a needle and are going to be making their own textile pouches. We have created class Artwork based on the artist Bridget Riley using different lines in chalk and pencil. Next week we will be creating another class piece of art inspired by a piece of music! We have also enjoyed the story Tyrannosaurus Drip, by one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson.

Key Stage 2 News

Brrrr. It's cold again! Please make sure that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear for these frosty days. The children in KS2 have started with their new topics this week and are enjoying a range of experiences. Year 3 and 4 children have been sketching animals, whilst Year 5 and 6 have been discussing observational drawings. They have thought about the importance of observation by trying to draw their front doors from memory! Could you do this??

RBD News

The EYFS and KS1 withdrawal groups have been learning all about houses and looking at members of their family. The Y3/4 withdrawal groups have really enjoyed learning about dinosaurs and this week have made amazing prehistoric landscapes! Some of the children are very excited to go and see the Circus Starr show this evening – please do let us know what a great time you all had so that we can try and secure funding for other future events.

Sign of the week:

winter

