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## **Dear Parents, Carers and Friends**

## Message from Mr Butler



## 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.

## 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.

### **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.

## 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.

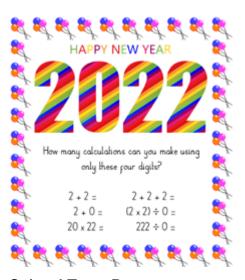
This will enable us to keep everyone informed as soon as possible of any requirements for lateral flow testing in classes that have reported COVID cases.

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 13 Dec
RER	93.70	96.02
RR	91.39	99.07
1/2B	94.72	95.93
1/2D	94.15	96.30
2W	94.59	87.18
3/4D	93.14	93.01
3/4H	95.64	99.05
4LR	96.31	89.51
5/6GS	95.28	98.00
5/6T	95.96	96.79
6AB	95.03	96.21
Whole School	94.60	95.12

# Weekly Maths Problem



School Term Dates 2022 Spring Term 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



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.

### **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 10th January (Week 2)

#### <u>Monday</u>

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

Flapjack

### <u>Tuesday</u>

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

Chocolate cake

#### Wednesday

Roast pork and apple sauce Vegan meatballs with pasta in tomato sauce Fish cake Boiled, roast potatoes, broccoli and mixed vegetables

### Shortbread

# Thursday

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

Lemon drizzle cake

#### <u>Friday</u>

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.

### Early Years News

The children in Early Years have all come back to school brilliantly and have enjoyed telling us all about their Christmas holidays. We have enjoyed making New Year's resolutions and thinking about the coming year ahead. Finally, we all wish Mrs Vickery a very happy special birthday for this Monday!

# 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 been so happy to welcome the children back in the Year 1 and 2 and wish everyone a Happy New year! The children are very excited to be back and start a new timetable of lessons. They have already started with some abstract Art, and we will be learning about Mary Seacole in History and The Isles of Scilly in Geography. Next week we will also start learning to sew in Design Technology.

## Key Stage 2 News

Happy New Year to all of our families. We hope that you have had a nice time over the break. Well done to all of our children, they have settled back into school well and are already really trying hard.

This term your children will be learning some exciting new topics, including 'South Wales' in Years 3 and 4 and 'Global Citizen' in Years 5 and 6.

### RBD News

The children have come back and settled into the school routine so well. It has been a delight to hear about their holidays and the adventures they have been on! As we start a new term, the children will be given new reading books and spellings. Please do keep up the good work with practising these at home!

For parents who would like to learn British Sign Language there is a class each Thursday morning run by the HI team. Please get in touch with Mrs Straw for more information!

