



NEWSLETTER

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Every child has the right to an education

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

After over 23 years working at Ashwood Park, today is Mrs Lester's last day in the School Office. I am sure that you will join us in wishing her a very happy retirement. Thank you Izzy from all the staff, parents and children for all your hard work, patience and support over the years. You will be greatly missed.

Strike Action

At the time of writing, school **will not** be affected by the upcoming strikes proposed by the teaching unions. We will let you know as soon as there are updates.

Thanks

KB

Thank you from Izzy

I have been totally overwhelmed today by the good wishes, cards and presents I have received from the parents, grandparents children and staff.

The special Assembly was so amazing, to see the children singing and signing for me will be a memory I will treasure. Their class cards will have pride of place at home.

It has been such a pleasure to be part of the Ashwood Park family since 1985 when my children started at Ashwood Park Playgroup. I have been so very fortunate to meet such fantastic, children, families and staff.

Ashwood Park has always been very special to me and I'm going to miss everyone. **Thank you again**

Attendance / Lates

Please inform school on the first day of your child's absence by telephoning 01384 81854 or emailing

info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk

Medical appointments should be reported to the school office prior to the absence.

If your child arrives late please take them in via the school office. This is to ensure they are added to the register.

Cars on School Grounds

Thank you to everyone who has asked to renew their permission to drive onto the school grounds. We are reviewing the applications and will be in touch soon.

Reminder the speed limit on school premises is strictly 5MPH. This is for safety reasons and we ask that you abide by this.

Visitors cars are not allowed to park on the Staff Car Park. Staff only.

Please only park in a marked bay either along the school drive or by KS1.

School Dates

2023 Spring Term

Half Term Mon 20th to Fri 24th Feb

Term Ends Thu 30 March

Fri 31st March INSET day School closed

2023 Summer Term

Term starts: Mon 17th April

Mon 1st May May Day Bank Holiday

Thu 4th May Local Elections school closed

Fri 5th May INSET school closed

Mon 8th May Bank holiday

Half Term Mon 29th May to

Fri 2nd June

Term Ends Tues 25th July

PRAISE AWARDS

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:

W/C 23rd January 2023

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Kayla
RT Hedgehogs	Noah
1/2B Squirrels	Joby-Jai
1/2D Moles	Teddy
2W Badgers	Orla

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Harriet
3/4R Oak	Theo
4D Chestnut	Isaiah
5E Beech	Zak
5/6H Holly	Logan

WELL DONE ALL !

School Lunches Dinner Information

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

Please contact the school office if you are having any issues with the booking process.

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 child is in Year 1, 2 and Reception.

Menu

WC 30th January (Week 2)

Monday

Cheese and tomato pinwheel
Battered fish
Herby diced potatoes, spaghetti hoops in tomato sauce, mixed vegetables
Fruit cheesecake

Tuesday

Spaghetti bolognese & garlic bread
Vegetable fingers
Fish finger
Creamed potatoes, sweetcorn & peas
Chocolate crunch & mint custard

Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken
Halal chicken
Vegetarian meatballs with pasta in tomato sauce
Fish goujons
Roast & boiled potatoes, broccoli & mixed veg
Apple shortbread & custard

Thursday

Mediterranean chicken wrap
Halal Mediterranean chicken wrap
Cheese & potato pie
Fish bites
Potato wedges, baked beans, sweetcorn & coleslaw

Pineapple upside down cake & custard

Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza
Battered fish
Chipped potatoes, baked beans & peas

Strawberry mousse

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

Early Years

Nursery were cycling superstars this week and did brilliantly on the balance bikes with the Bikeability team. Reception have been enjoying learning about their homes, junk modelling them and designing and making their own structures with construction materials.

All of Early Years would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs Lester who retires today. Ashwood Park will always be a special place because she worked here, and we wish her a very happy retirement.

Key Stage 2 News

The Key Stage 2 staff and children would all like to wish our wonderful Mrs Lester a fond farewell. We are all grateful for everything you have ever done to support the smooth running of our key stage and the kindness that you have always shown to all of our children and families. We will really miss you! We hope that you come back from time to time to tell us all about your amazing adventures.

The children in years 5 and 6 have continued their still life work in art, by drawing their 5 chosen objects using different media to create a range of effects. Please continue to send your child in to school with their 5 objects on the day that they have art (6RB - Tues, 5/6H - Thurs, 5E - Fri). We have also started to look at a new story in English, called 'Tuesday', where an army of frogs begin to fly and cause mischief around the town. You can watch the accompanying video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6Uvxjs0oik>

In praise on Monday, the praise children in years 3 and 4 were celebrated for their hard work in English, where they were trying to write from a different perspective. The children have enjoyed their work using the book 'My name is not refugee' and have gained an insight into the struggles of others across the world.

Reminder

There is an increasing number of children in years 5 and 6 who do not have their PE kits on the required days. Please support your child to bring their PE kit in on the days that they have PE.

3/4R, 3/4B and 4D - Tuesday and Friday

6RB and 5E - Monday and Wednesday

5/6H children will need to have their swimming kits on Monday and their PE kits on a Wednesday.

3/4TTRS

1st Karoline P

2nd Scarlett P

3rd Jacob W



KS1 News

This week in Key Stage 1 we have been learning all about Africa. We have found out lots of facts and have some books from the local library to help us research. We have also been working on creating a non-fiction report on meerkats in English. The children have made their own fact pages and have become animal experts!

Next week we will be starting to make our own moving story books in Design technology. We have also said farewell to our beloved secretary Mrs Lester, who is retiring, and the children performed one last song for her in assembly. We will miss you!

RBD News

We would like to say THANK YOU to two great women today. The first is Dorothy Miles and we have produced a YouTube video about how she has influenced the Deaf word. Please follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zfc47pXO5UY>

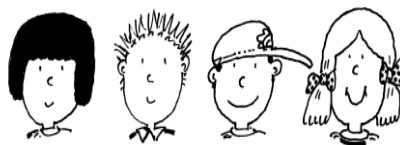


Thank you

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Lester who retires today. Thank you Mrs Lester for everything you have done to support the RBD, love from the staff, children and their families.

Nick-names

Dawn, Mark, Josh and Tina are friends.



They each have a nick-name.

Their nick-names are Spider, Curly, Ace and Fudgy, but not in that order.

What is the nick-name of each of the friends?

Clues

- ◆ Josh plays tennis with Curly and goes swimming with Ace.
- ◆ Tina has been on holiday with Curly but travels to school with Fudgy.
- ◆ Spider, Curly and Dawn play in the football team.
- ◆ Spider sometimes goes to tea with Josh.