

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

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

We have very limited parking on the school site and the safety of our school community is paramount. We also need to facilitate the safety of our deaf children who arrive and depart school by taxi.

The staff car park is closed between 8.30am and 3.30 pm to reduce the risk posed by moving vehicles during the times that our children are on site. This is a staff only car park.



The speed limit on school premises is **strictly 5MPH**. This is for safety reasons and we ask that you abide by this. Please only park in a marked bay either along the school drive or by KS1. Do not park where the taxi's need to pick up the children from the RBD.

Could we also ask that parents ensure that the children keep to the pavements and DO NOT allow children to wander on to the car park.

Attendance / Lates

Please inform school on the **first day** of your child's absence by phoning 01384 818545 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 in case of an emergency.

Battery Recycle

On average 600 million batteries are thrown away in UK homes every year! Batteries can take 100 years to decompose.

With this in mind, the school are taking part in the Duracell Big Battery Hunt which is a nationwide programme to help educate and inspire young people to recycle more used batteries. The initiative to date has recycled over 13 million batteries with a current 2023 total across all the schools participating of 294,785. It would be great if everyone at Ashwood Park could be part of increasing this year's total and stopping so many batteries going to landfill unnecessarily.

For the school that recycles the most batteries, there are some fantastic prizes to be won including £3,500 towards garden and outdoor equipment for the winning school and a Nintendo Switch for the winning pupil plus a certificate and trophy.

Taking part is easy! Just get collecting and send the batteries into school with your children to place in the class battery recycling box.



Praise Awards

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

W/C 30th January 2023

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Jenson
RT Hedgehogs	Niya
1/2B Squirrels	Jacob
1/2D Moles	Isla
2W Badgers	Merin

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Freya
3/4R Oak	Clara
4D Chestnut	Max
5E Beech	Jessica
5/6H Holly	Joe
6RB Rowan	Louise & Evie

Menu

WC 06.02.23 (Week 3)

Monday

Fish fingers
Quorn & sweet potato curry with naan bread
Potato wedges, boiled rice, sweetcorn, peas
Carrot cake & custard

Tuesday

Homemade meat & vegetable pie
Mac & cheese
Fish fingers
Creamed potatoes, broccoli & mixed veg
Sticky toffee pudding & custard

Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken
Halal chicken
Quorn fillet
Fish goujons
Baby boiled potatoes, carrots & peas
Apple sponge & custard

Thursday

All day brunch
Tomato pasta bake
Fish bites
Hash brown potatoes, baked beans, & country veg
Chocolate cracknel

Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza
Salmon bites
Chipped potatoes, spaghetti hoops & sweetcorn
Fruit & 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

All dinners must be booked through School Money, the day before they are needed. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues.



6 - 12 February 2023 is **Children's Mental Health Week**. The week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect. We will be supporting this in school.

Here are a few simple ways you can connect with your child and help them to make meaningful connections

1. Connect with your child in everyday ways
2. Talk to your child about important connections
3. Talk to your child about their friends
4. Connect by taking an interest in your child's world
5. Find time to connect as a family
6. Try to resolve conflict and re-connect after arguments For more information on these tips and advice explore www.childrensmentalhealth.org.uk

RBD News

There have been so many amazing activities that the children have enjoyed over the last week – all RBD children embraced being part of the Big Bird Watch and making their own bird feeders. Nursery have enjoyed being on the balance bikes and it has been super to see their confidence grow. We have also loved seeing our Y1 Base group creating their own houses and describing them so confidently. Well done everyone! Please can we remind all parents to pack your child with a fully charged spare battery or a pack of disposable batteries in case theirs run out. Unfortunately we are finding it more and more difficult to get hold of implant plus batteries in school meaning soon (hopefully just for the short term) we won't be able to offer them to the children. Thank you for your understanding.



This week's sign of the week: **Rugby** (courtesy of NDCS) We have created a YouTube video about The Six Nations Rugby Tournament for you to see. Please click on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fwq9zMuqx0Q>

Early Years News

This week Nursery have had another really successful time on the balance bikes! Reception have been learning about their school and doing early Geography skills.

Next week in toddlers it is our Forest school session so we will be meeting in the hall at 9a.m. There will be outdoor refreshments and bird themed activities. Please dress for the weather.

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs Hodgkiss a very happy birthday for tomorrow!



Key Stage One News

This week in Key Stage 1 we have been creating descriptions about butterflies. We have looked at their appearance and tried to write interesting sentences using a range of adjectives. We have also been creating a diary of Christopher Columbus' journey in the Santa Maria. The children enjoyed finding out about his voyage and the things that went wrong!

Next week we will be finding out more about Africa and looking at what life is like in the Gambia.



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 14th February
Wednesday 15th February
Parent consultations & Book Fair
(Details to follow)

Thursday 16th February
HSA Half Term Disco
4.30-6.00pm

Friday 17th February
School closes for half term

Monday 27th February
School reopens to pupils

Tuesday 2nd March
World Book Day

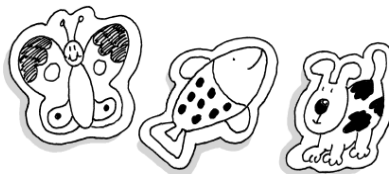
Thursday 30th March
School closes for Easter

Friday 31st March
INSET Day School closed for pupils

Monday 17th April
School reopens to pupils

Stickers

The twins collected some animal stickers. They each had the same total number.



Winston had 3 full sheets and 4 loose stickers.
Wendy had 2 full sheets and 12 loose stickers.

Every full sheet has the same number of stickers.
How many stickers are there in a full sheet?

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TT Rockstars
This weeks Rockstars are;
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★ 2nd Karoline
★ 3rd Scarlett
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Key Stage Two News

Years 5 and 6 had a visit this week from the team at Stourbridge Fire Department. They talked to the children about the dangers of fire and how to stay safe. The team also discussed the idea of fire curiosity and how peer pressure to become fire curious can have serious consequences. Year 4 have also been visited by the team, where they have learnt about fire safety procedures at home and what they can do to stay safe. Also, in Years 3 and 4, the children have continued their work on Naples and Campania and produced some amazing holiday brochures.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

This year we will **NOT** be dressing up for World Book Day. This year children will be making a 'Book Box'.

