

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

On Site Car Parking

Thank you for supporting the changes to the car parking arrangements on our school site.

Bikeability

Despite the cold weather this week, children in Year 3 and Year 5 have been taking part in the Bikeability Programme. Our children have been successful in completing Level 1 and many children in Year 5 have completed their Level 2 which involves riding on the road. Well done to all of those that have taken part and we look forward to presenting you with your certificates.

Snow Day

Thank you for your support on Friday when we were forced to close the school due to heavy snow. The safety of the children and our parents is paramount.

A text message, via [Teachers2Parents app](#) was sent out as soon as the decision was made. If for any reason you did not get the message please check we hold the correct number at the school office.

Absence Reporting

If your child is not attending school, you must advise us **before 9.00 am** of the reason for the absence. Please call us on 01384 818545 or email info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk.


Please **DO NOT** email the class email as teachers may not pick it up in time.

If we **DO NOT** receive a message it will be recorded as unauthorised and we may conduct a 'safe and welfare check'. Repeated unauthorised absences may be referred to Education Support Services and could result in a fine.


If the child has been unwell in the morning and shows signs of recovery school encourages parents/carers to return their child to school later in the morning or after lunch.

Sickness & Diarrhoea


If a child is unwell with sickness or an upset tummy they **MUST** remain off school for 48 hours from the last 'episode'.

Please ensure this rule is followed to help us control the spread of germs. 

Red Nose Day / HSA Raffle

This year we are supporting **Red Nose Day** with a mufti day. 

On **Friday 17th March** children may come to school dressed in mufti, in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief.

On Friday we will also be collecting Easter Eggs on behalf of the **Home & School Association**. They are planning to use them in an Easter chocolate raffle. 

Thank you for your support.

Menu

WC **13.3.23** (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.

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.



Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:
W/C 6th March 2023

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Maci-Jane
RT Hedgehogs	Miyah
1/2B Squirrels	Cicero
1/2D Moles	Harrison
2W Badgers	Harry

Key Stage Two

3/4B Elder	Evie
3/4R Oak	Joe
4D Chestnut	Owen
5E Beech	Ella
5/6H Holly	Alex
6RB Rowan	Ellie-Mae

RBD News

Well done again to the children who completed their Bikeability Awards this week – you listened really well and improved with your skills! We are very proud of you!

Please can you make sure you phone school if your child is going to be absent. It is really important that we know why your child is not in school. Thank you.

Monday March 20th is the confirmed date for Mr Molony's ENT clinic. Letters have gone out this week. If you have not received one please let the RBD know. Thank you

Our sign of the week is: British Sign Language



Please follow the link to learn about how BSL has become a recognised language in law: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBxLOEonh9Y>

EYFS News

This week Reception and Nursery were learning about Spring!! We managed to go for a Spring walk, plant our own flowers and make some Spring artwork before the snow came!!

We have had many children off school this week in Early Years. Please ensure you contact school to tell us the reason your child is absent and if your child has been sick please ensure they are off for a period of 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.



KS2 News

In years 5 and 6 this week, the children have started their new topic in art - photography. They have started by looking at all of the magazines that have been sent into school and have selected the images within them that they would want to use for a photomontage. The children have really enjoyed this.

The children in years 3 and 4 have also enjoyed their art this week. They have started to look at making sculptures from recycled materials. Thank you for all of the recycling you have sent into school for all of our year groups.

In years 3 and 5, a number of our children have also enjoyed their Bikeability lessons this week. The children have developed their confidence to ride in different directions and our older pupils have also been learning signals for riding on the road. Well done everyone! It's British Science Week next week. Find some activity packs here: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/activity-packs/>

KS1 News

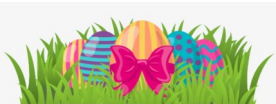
This week during English the children have been reading and comparing some different free verse poems, and especially enjoyed performing 'Louder!' by Roger Stevens. The children really got into character and were very confident.

In P.E. we have been learning about being an attacker or a defender as part of our unit on invasion games.

We were disappointed to cancel our information session on phonics for parents. Please see the email about the new date (Thursday 16th March).

Dates for the Diary

Friday 17th March
Mufti Day - **Red Nose Day & HSA**
Easter Egg collection.



Thursday 30th March
School closes for Easter

Friday 31st March
INSET Day School closed for pupils

Monday 17th April
School reopens to pupils

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday School closed for pupils

Thursday 4th May (Voting)
INSET Day School closed for pupils

Friday 5th May
INSET Day School closed for pupils

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday (Kings Coronation)
School closed for pupils

Calling Ashwood Scientists

British Science Week is from 10th - 19th March and we will be celebrating at school by taking part in live lessons based on a farm and having some visitors to classes who have jobs involving science. The theme this year is 'connections'.



We would like children to take part in a poster competition run by British Science whereby they can present about any 'connections' that appear in the world of science. This could be about:

- *exploring how our body parts are all connected and work together
 - *the connection between our actions and the impact on our environment
 - *how internet connection has changed the world
- Five entries will be sent off and the deadline is **Friday 31st March**.

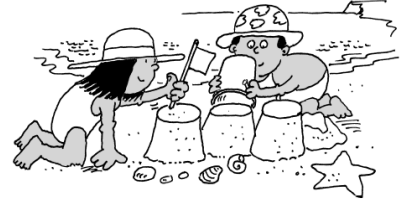
Happy Birthday to Mr Thornton



Maths Challenge

Sandcastles

Lisa went on holiday.



In 5 days she made 80 sandcastles.
Each day she made 4 fewer castles than the day before.
How many castles did she make each day?

Lisa went on making 4 fewer castles each day.
How many castles did she make altogether?



TT Rockstars



This weeks Rock-stars are;

- ★ 1st Jacob W
- ★ 2nd Kaitlyn G
- ★ 3rd Hoo—Rain

