

24th November 2023
Newsletter No. 9
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Article 28
Every child has the
right to an education

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Can we remind parents that school starts at 8.45am. We are seeing an unacceptable amount of late arrivals. Anyone arriving after this time need to go via the school office to sign their child in. We will be monitoring persistent 'lates'.

Christmas Dinner

Our School Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 20th December, please book by 13th December so our amazing cook can order sufficient supplies.



On Friday 16 December we will be supporting "Save the Children" and invite the children to wear a Christmas Jumper in return for a donation to this very worthwhile charity. Please can they wear their uniform with their Jumper.

Additional INSET Day

Children break up from school on **Thursday 21st December @ 3.15pm.**

Mayoral Visit



On Tuesday the Mayor of Dudley, Andrea Goddard visited the school and spent some time talking to our School Council. Visiting the Resource base for the deaf children and said hello to the classes.

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Children in Need



Thank you for raising a whopping £295.66 last week.

WOW - Walk to School Challenge

WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive WOW Travel Tracker. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.



There are 9 badges for your child to collect.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00am

The last Toddlers and the Christmas Party will be December 6th.



TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars are;

1st Freya P
2nd Dylan N
3rd Lydia W



Well done to everyone.

Menu

WC **27.11.23** (Week 1)

Monday

Cheese and tomato pasta bake
Quorn Nuggets
Salmon Nibbles
Baby new potatoes & sweetcorn
Fruity flapjack

Tuesday

BBQ chicken wrap
Halal BBQ chicken wrap
Cheese & Onion lattice
Fish finger
Wedges, carrots & peas
Fruit crumble & custard

Wednesday

Traditional roast chicken
Halal chicken
Quorn chicken fillet
Fish goujons
Roast & boiled potatoes, peas, carrots and green beans.
Chocolate surprise & chocolate custard

Thursday

Chicken curry, rice and naan
Cheese & potato pie
Fish nuggets
Saute potatoes, broccoli and carrots
Lemon Drizzle & custard

Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza
Battered fish
Chipped potatoes, baked beans & sweetcorn
Artic roll & fruit

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.



Praise Awards

Children who gained badges and certificates in Praise assembly deserve our special congratulations:
W/C 20.11.23

Key Stage One

RR Foxes Jesse M
RT Hedgehogs Rory A
1/2B Squirrels Poppy S
1/2D Moles Carter W
2W Badgers Teddy W

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder James G
3/4R Oak Lilliana D
4D Chestnut Zoey B
5E Beech Miley W
5/6SB Holly Connor H

EYFS News

Children have begun preparing for their Christmas play this week. We are very excited to learn our songs and dances. Everyone has come home with a letter this week to tell you what their part will be and ask for support with a costume please. Costumes must be in school as soon as possible and by **7th December** please. The Early Years Christmas play (Reception and Nursery) will be on Thursday 14th Dec at 2pm and Friday 15th Dec at 9.15a.m.

Due to hall numbers 2 people will be able to attend and watch each performance that their child is in. If they are in Reception or do all day on a Thursday and Friday in Nursery you will be able to send 2 people for each performance. If your child does just mornings or afternoons in Nursery then please just send 2 people to the performance that your child is in. Thank you for all your support!

KS1 News

This week in Key Stage 1 we have been working on our textile pouches in Design Technology. We have cut out a template and pinned the material ready to sew with a running stitch. The children have been really resilient and worked hard at the new skills they have learnt. We have also been writing a non chronological report on our class animal- badger, squirrel or mole. We have found out so much information and are now animal experts! Next week we will be working on a new story called caterpillar shoes.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Disco
(Details to follow)

Wednesday 13th December

Carol Concert
Holy Trinity Church 6pm

Friday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 21st December

Break up at 3.15pm

Tuesday 9th January

School re-opens at 9.15am

2023-2024 INSET Days*

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Thursday 2nd May 2024 (VOTING)

Friday 3rd May 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

**Please note these are provisional.*

RBD News

Mr Molony's ENT clinic is on **Tuesday 28th November** in the afternoon. All parents should have received a text message about this. For parents who would still like an appointment a reminder to come to school from 2:15 onwards. Please do let Mrs Straw know if you no longer require an appointment.

We have had a few illnesses this week in the RBD – thank you to all parents who have called in to let us know their child is absent. Please can request all parents call the school office if your child is going to be absent from school thank you.



Well done!

Well done to William this week for excellent effort and attitude in all he does. We are very impressed with his reading skills and how hard he is working to decode new words! Well done!

Signed Video:

Did you know Dr Who is 60? Sign of the week is: Who? We have created a signed video celebrating this and looking at the adventures he/she has had. Please go to the Ashwood Park RBD YouTube channel or follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIF4rDL04jM>



KS2 News

Our year 5 and 6 children have all enjoyed their visit to Wordsley Library this week. We have been reminded about the organisation of the books in the library using the Dewey Decimal system, and have enjoyed looking at the range of books available. With the weather turning colder, the library can be an easy (and dry!) trip out of the house. Why not try to pop along with your children and support developing their love of reading. Look out for the planned visits for years 3 and 4 in the Spring Term.

Our year 3 and 4 children have been learning about Ordnance Survey maps and have been using 4 and 6 figure grid references. You could take a look at some local area maps online and consider the changes over time - <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/#zoom=14.0&lat=52.47847&lon=-2.17262&layers=1&b=1>

PE and Swimming

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

6RB and 5/6SB - Monday and Wednesday

5/6E - Monday (swimming) and Wednesday (PE)

Children in 3/4 can come to school in their PE uniform on Tuesdays

Children in 5/6 can come to school in their PE uniform on Wednesdays.

This month, we are participating in **BARVEMBER**. The children will complete a maths challenge every day that requires them to solve it by drawing a bar. Try this one out at home!

Thurs 23rd Nov

BARVEMBER
2023

White Rose
MATHS

5 6 scooters and 5 bicycles have a total mass of 223 kg.

The mass of 2 scooters is 13 kg more than a bicycle.

What is the total mass of 1 scooter and 1 bicycle?

The Daily Challenge

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUBS

NEW

Cost of Living Hubs are located at:

Pensnett, Grace Community Church, Tiled House Lane, Pensnett
Open Tuesdays from 28th November 9:30am - 3:30pm

NEW

Brierley Hill, Brierley Hill Methodist Church, 24 Bank Street, Brierley Hill
Open Alternating Wednesdays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Halesowen, Halesowen Library, The Cornbow Centre, 7th Floor, Halesowen
Open Alternating Wednesdays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Stourbridge, Christ Church, High Street, Lye
Open Thursdays from 28th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Dudley, Provision House, 80-81 High Street, Dudley
Open Fridays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Winter Ready Criteria

Updated for the upcoming season, recognising the added financial strains. We are here to help!
WE ARE OPENING A NEW HUB IN PENSNETT ON 28th NOVEMBER 2023!!

The criteria for visiting the Cost of Living Support Hubs has also changed.

**FROM THE W/B 20TH NOVEMBER, HOUSEHOLDS CAN NOW VISIT
THE COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUBS 3 MORE TIMES.**

Attendance history will be wiped. It doesn't matter if you've attended a Hub before.

Households are permitted to attend up to 3 times starting from the week beginning 20th November.
This means 3 visits across any of our Hubs and not each Hub.

Please remember there must be a minimum of 12 days between each appointment.

Households must reside in the Dudley Borough.

Assistance Available

Insightful presentations on ways to save money on utilities
and how to make your money stretch further.

Practical help relating to access to food, fuel, energy,
available benefits, grants and funds based on qualifying criteria.

Issuing a voucher per household to purchase essentials
(NB: these vouchers can only be issued in a crisis, and are subject to availability)

Issuing a fuel bank voucher
(NB: subject to eligibility)

Identifying other organisations that can help with the struggles being experienced.

How to Book

To see available dates and book an appointment visit our Eventbrite page:
https://CA_DudleyandWolverhampton.eventbrite.com

Support is only offered by attending a pre booked appointment.
Appointments cannot be booked directly at the venues.

Appointments can only be booked via visiting our Eventbrite page.

Only one appointment per household is required, regardless of how many members of the
household are attending on the day.

If you are not eligible your appointment may be cancelled
or you will be refused entry on the day.

ID Evidence Required

On the day of your appointment, you must bring with you 2 forms of ID:

1 form of ID with your Full Name (passport, travel pass, debit card, driving license etc)

AND

1 recent letter/bill dated within the last 3 months including your name and address
to prove you're a Dudley Borough resident.
(e.g. a recent council tax bill, gas/electric/water bill, benefits awards letter, letter from Dudley
Council, letter from the Government, PIP or DLA letter, TV license etc)

We reserve the right to request photo ID when you are at the hub to authenticate your ID.

We reserve the right to cancel the appointment should we feel the ID is not that of the appointment
holder or that the ID is not authentic.

For more information on Cost of Living support, go to:

<https://DudleyWolverhamptonCA.eventbrite.com>

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/costofliving>

<https://www.facebook.com/CitizensAdviceDudleyAndWolverhampton/>

Please share this information with the community to ensure we can support as many individuals
and families as possible in the coming months.