



NEWSLETTER



1st March 2024
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Article 28
Every child has the
right to an education

Parent/Carer Evenings

On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March we will be holding parent/carers teacher consultations. Please return your letter with your appointment requests to your child's Class Teacher. Look out for your appointment time slip in your child's bag on Monday 4 March. Parents' evening for 5/6SB has been postponed. We will be in touch with a new date in the summer term.

Online Safety

We have had an increase in the number of parents making enquiries about online safety. We are looking at options to provide some workshops in school. You may find the following are useful websites. Excellent advice for keeping children safe online can be found on these websites:
<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Easter Raffle

Our HSA are organising their popular Easter Raffle. Please send in donations of Easter chocolate by Friday 8th March. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 12th March. See the flyer on page 4 below for more details.



Praise Awards

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

W/C 26.02.24

Key Stage One

RR Foxes	Joel W
RT Hedgehogs	Sheldon D
1/2B Squirrels	Noah R
1/2D Moles	Freddie C
2W Badgers	Ilyaa-Rae C

Key Stage Two

3/4H Elder	Luke R
3/4R Oak	Erin J
4D Chestnut	Joe H
5E Beech	Sebastian W
5/6SB Holly	Frankie R
6RB Rowan	Mary M

Well done everyone!

Attendance

Last week's top attenders were:
Key Stage 1: RT Hedgehogs 98.24%
Key Stage 2: 5E Beech 97.86%
Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.
More information can be found here:
<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2023/05/18/school-attendance-important-risks-missing-day/>

World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 7th March**. This is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.



Instead of dressing up we are inviting all children to make a toilet roll/ kitchen roll book character at home. Please bring the toilet roll characters into school on **Thursday 7th March** for us to share and enjoy. We can't wait to see what great ideas the children come up with and which story characters are loved best!



Please send your child to School in their uniform.

Please could you also send in photographs of the children reading in fun places. This could be anywhere, the stranger, the better! Please send these to squirrels@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk

This year, we will be sending World Book Day vouchers out early. This is so that you can have more chance of getting the books you really want before they sell out. The World Book Day vouchers can also be used at our **School Book Fair** which takes place on Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March.

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★ **TT Rockstars** ★

★ This weeks Rockstars* are: ★

★ 1st **Alfie W** ★ 

★ 2nd **Kyrian S** ★

★ 3rd **Kaitlyn G** ★

★ **Well done to everyone!** ★

★ *based on most minutes played ★

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Menu

WC [04.03.24](#) (Week 3)



Monday

Fish fingers
Vegetarian Meatballs in tomato sauce
Potato wedges, pasta, sweetcorn & peas
Iced sprinkle sponge.

Tuesday

Sausage & Gravy
Vegetable Fingers
Salmon Bites
Mashed potatoes, broccoli & mixed vegetables.
Melting moments & custard.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

All day brunch
Veggie all day brunch
Cod bites
Hash browns, baked beans & country vegetables.
Marble cake & custard.

Friday

Cheese and tomato pizza
Battered fish
Chipped potatoes, spaghetti hoops & sweetcorn.
Fruit & ice cream.

Available Every Day

Grab bags which contain a sandwich either cheese, tuna or ham filling.

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.

Lunches from Home

If you are sending your child with a packed lunch, can we ask that you cut grapes, cherry tomatoes and similar in half please. Also, as a **nut free** school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products.

EFYS News

We have enjoyed learning about different musical instruments this week in Reception. Next week it is parents evening so please ensure you have returned your slip. An appointment time will be sent home on Monday. It is also World Book Day on Thursday, children need to bring in a crafted toilet roll book character and send in a photo of them reading somewhere unusual!



We are desperate for pants and trousers, if you have any from School or that you no longer need, please could you donate to nursery. Thank you.

In Tree Tops Toddlers next week we are making a hand painted mug for our Mothers and Others.



KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been working hard completing our assessment booklets in Reading and Maths. The children have worked really hard to show us how much they have learnt so far this year and really gave it their all! They are really excited for you to come and see their work next week at Parents Evening.

We will also be continuing with our Ferris wheel models and ensuring the wheels and axles work well.



Don't forget to visit the book fair next week on Monday or Tuesday evening in the Key Stage 2 Hall.

We are also looking forward to seeing your amazing designs of characters for World Book Day!

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 8th March

Deadline for Easter Raffle Donations

Monday 11th March

Y4 Times Tables Meeting 3.20 pm

Tuesday 12th March

Understanding Autism Workshop

9 am–10.30 am

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Thursday 21st March

Easter Raffle Draw

Friday 22nd March

Break up at 3.15pm for Easter

Monday 8th April

School re-opens at 8.45am

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

RBD News

We have had an incredibly busy week. We would like to say well done to all the Year 5 children who did brilliantly with their Level 2 Bikeability Course this week.

Well done also to the Year 3 and 4 children who behaved beautifully at the Library.

Next week is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March – we look forward to seeing the children's creations.

Community: Black Country Living Museum have a number of BSL tours over the next few months. The next one is on Saturday 9th March and is on the topic of 'Black Country Women'. Please see their website for further details and upcoming dates.



Well done to Hoor-Ain for overcoming her worries during the Bikeability course. She listened well and followed advice to be safe on the road, well done!

Signed Video

As next week is World Book Day, we have filmed a version of the story 'Elephant and the Lost Blanket'. Please follow the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHnXO-xzXY4>



PE and Swimming

The children will have the following PE days:

- Years 3 and 4 - **Monday** (4D bringing swimming kit)
- Years 5 and 6 - **Friday**
- Years 3 and 4 can come to school in their kit on **Tues only**
- Years 5 and 6 can come to school in their kit on **Wed only**

Please note that swimming will move to 4D on 04.03.24.

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Wednesday 9.00 - 11.00am

KS1 Hall

06.3.24 Mothers and Others Day Craft

13.3.24 Usual Toddler Activities

20.3.24 Easter Craft and Hunt



Dogs

School policy is that **no dogs** are allowed on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by **not** bringing your pet to school.



KS2 News

What a busy week!

Our year 3 and 5 children have enjoyed their Bikeability lessons this week. They have all tried really hard and it has been great to see them developing a different, and very important, skill. They have all received either Level 1 or 2 Certificates. Congratulations!



All of our children in years 3 and 4 have visited [Wordsley Green Library](#). It is great to have such a lovely library so close to our school. You can always find something to do there on a rainy Saturday.

Parents' evening for 5/6SB has been postponed. We will be in touch with a new date in the summer term.

Thank you

Many thanks to all of our families who were able to attend our year 6 SATs Information meeting. We will send you a copy of the slides via email, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Multiplication Times Table

Information Meeting - Year 4 only

11.03.24 at 3:20 pm in the KS2 hall

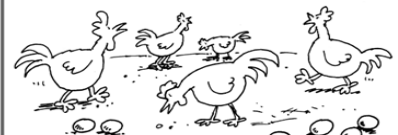
We look forward to seeing all Year 4 Parents/ Carers on Monday 11th at 3.20 pm.

PE KIT

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green shorts / black joggers and their green Ashwood Park jumper or cardigan. Hoodies and gilets are **not** permitted. Please support us to ensure that all of our children are in the correct uniform and feel part of our Ashwood Park team.

Eggs

Mrs Choy spent exactly £10 on 100 eggs for her shop.



Large eggs cost her 50p each.
Medium eggs cost her 10p each.
Small eggs cost her 5p each.

For two of the sizes, she bought the same number of eggs.
How many of each size did she buy?

Cost of Living

There are many ways you can find support to help yourself and your family as household costs rise, including the household support fund. Find out more on the Dudley MBC website:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/>

Privacy Notice

Please note that our Privacy Notice can be found on the Ashwood Park Primary School website:

<https://www.ashwood.dudley.sch.uk/policies/>



UNDERSTANDING AUTISM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Would you like to learn more about autism and how to support your child?

Come along to our FREE workshop, run by Autism Central, a Peer Educator programme supporting parents, carers and PA's of autistic people across the Midlands

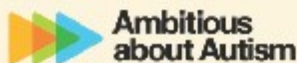
What is autism? | Sensory differences | and more

Tuesday 12th March 2024 | 9am-10:30am

Ashwood Park Primary, Bells Ln, Wordsley, Stourbridge DY8 5DJ

All our workshops are delivered by people with lived experience of autism

Visit: autismcentral.org.uk/midlands for online workshops & 1:1 support





Chair: Mrs Kate Blunt

Vice Chair: Mrs Jean Downie

Treasurers: Miss Amy Farley

Secretary: Mrs Sarah Hill

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DONATIONS FOR EASTER RAFFLE



Spring is in the air and that means it is time for our popular Easter Raffle!

To help us provide more prizes, we kindly ask if you could make an Easter themed donation e.g. Easter eggs or Easter chocolates.

If you are able to make a donation, please bring it into school by Friday 8th March 2024.

Members of the HSA will be selling raffle tickets after school starting Tuesday 12th March until Wednesday 20th March.

The winning tickets will be drawn during on Thursday 21st March.

As always, all monies raised will go towards funding for equipment and projects to enhance your child's / children's education.

Many thanks for your continued help and support.

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EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Dudley Holiday Activities provides free activities in the school holidays for children aged 5-16 who receive benefits related Free School Meals



HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Register on the **NEW Dudley HAF Website!** You must be registered to book activities.
2. Once FSM status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will receive an email with login details.
3. When bookings open for Easter – usually a couple of weeks before the holiday, you can log in and book up to 4 sessions for each of your children.



www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register

