



8th March 2024 Newsletter No. 21 Tel: 01384 818545 email: info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk

#### New Lunches

As of Monday 8th April our School Kitchen will be run by <u>Shire Services</u>. There will be an exciting new <u>menu</u>\*, and although we have had to increase the price to £2.50 per meal we are pleased that this will be one of the cheapest school lunches in Dudley. You will still be able to order your child's meals in exactly the same way that you currently do.



If you have any outstanding lunch debt on the School Money app please pay before 22 March to avoid your debt being passed on to Dudley MBC Debt Collection team. \* to be confirmed

#### **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-andadvice/parents-and-carers

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-andresource/parents-and-carers

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/online-safety/

### Praise Awards

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

#### W/C 04.03.24

Key Stage One	
RR Foxes	Isla-Rae C
RT Hedgehogs	Mason R
1/2B Squirrels	Alfie D
1/2D Moles	Alfie-James J
2W Badgers	George J
Key Stage Two	
3/4H Elder	Emilia E
3/4R Oak	Finlay B
4D Chestnut	Evie J
5E Beech	Ava N
5/6SB Holly	Hollie W
6RB Rowan	Holly F
Well done everyone!	

#### Attendance

#### Last week's top attenders were: Key Stage 1: 2W Badges 97.59% Key Stage 2: 5/6SB Holly 98.21%

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/



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

Thanks for all the wonderful creations sent into School this week. There were some fantastic little characters, some of which we will be displaying around School. See our gallery on **Page 4** 

#### Parent/Carer Evenings

Thank you for attending our Parent/Carer evenings this week and supporting your child with their learning. It was great to see so many of you here. In addition thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week.

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

#### 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.



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<u>Menu</u> WC <u>11.03.24 (</u>Week 1)



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

#### <u>Tuesday</u>

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

Wednesday

Roast Chicken Dinner Quorn Chicken Fillet Fish goujons Roast & boiled potatoes, peas, carrots and green beans. Chocolate Surprise Cake & Sauce

#### <u>Thursday</u>

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, spaghetti hoops & sweetcorn. Arctic Roll & 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.

#### 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 <u>nut free</u> school please do not send in Nutella sandwiches or any other nut products.

#### EYFS News

We have done lots of Mother's Day crafts this week, please check book bags for some special things for Mothers and Others.





World Book Day has been lovely this week and we have celebrated the

wonderful world of books. Thank you for your super toilet roll character creations! It was really lovely to see parents at parents evening this week and thank you for all your support!

#### KS1 News

This week in Key Stage One we have been working on our dinosaur fact files. The children have been

writing their own reports on a range of dinosaurs and including all of the features they have learned about.



We have also celebrated World Book Day by completing some great activities about the book Flotsam!

We were so impressed with the characters that the children had made at home to celebrate the day. They will be proudly displayed in the Library. Well done to everyone who took part!

Next week we will be starting work on a brandnew story - Owl Babies.



#### 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

#### After School Sports Clubs

After Easter we will be offering the following:

- **Tuesday** Years 3 and 4 Tennis
- Wednesday Years 5 and 6 Gymnastics
- Thursday Years 1 and 2
  Target Games

Letters will be sent home next week





#### **RBD News**

We have loved seeing the children's World Book Day contributions. Well done to everyone who worked hard on their creation and thank you for supporting the school with this.

Thank you for coming to Parent/Carers' Evening appointments this week. It has been a lovely experience sharing the children's work with you.

Community: As part of our Personal Understanding of Deafness modules some children have been watching BSL Zone. Some children have wanted to watch signed programmes at home. Please follow the link to have a look at the children's programme

#### https://www.bslzone.co.uk/children



Well done to Lilly for being an excellent friend and including her peers in different activities.

#### Signed Video

As this Sunday is Mother's Day we have filmed a video about Mother's Day. Please see the Ashwood YouTube channel for this by following the link. <u>https://</u> www.youtube.com/channel/UCb3VQs9sta-1QwEYfprn19Q



13.3.24 Usual Toddler Activities 20.3.24 Easter Craft and Hunt

#### Dates for the Diary

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 Wear something RED Mufti day Voluntary contribution of £1 for the charity 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 Thursday 2nd May Local Elections-School Closed Friday 3rd May **INSET**—School Closed Monday 6th May Bank Holiday-School Closed Friday 24th May Break up at 3.15pm for Whitsun Monday 3rd June School re-opens at 8.45am Friday 19th July Break up at 3.15pm for Summer

#### KS2 News

#### 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.

This week we have celebrated World Book Day. The children have made some amazing characters from their rolls, we are so impressed with their creativity.

Also as part of World Book Day, we have all been looking at a picture book called Flotsam. In years 5 and 6, the children have enjoyed creating their own



sequel to the story, whilst our children in years 3 and 4 have been thinking about using precise vocabulary to describe and also retelling the story from the main character's perspective. You could take a look at Flotsam at home -

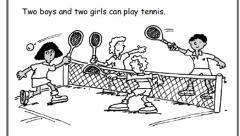
#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MTKWnxzqvM

It was great to see so many of our families at our parent/carer evenings this week. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend. We really appreciate your support.

#### <u>PE KIT</u>

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.

#### Anyone for tennis?



Ali said: 'I will only play if Holly plays.' Holly said: 'I won't play if Ben is playing.' Ben said: 'I won't play if Luke or Laura plays.' Luke said: 'I will only play if Zoe plays.' Zoe said: 'I don't mind who I play with.'

Which two boys and which two girls play tennis?

#### 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/councilcommunity/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

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Treasurers: Miss Amy Farley

1st March 2023

#### 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.

Secretary: Mrs Sarah Hill

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 12<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Kate Blunt

HSA Chair

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## EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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

## HOW TO SIGN UP

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- Register on the NEW Dudley HAF
  Website! You must be registered to book activities.
  - Once FSM status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will receive an email with login details.
    - 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.

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www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register

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#### ACE COACHING PRESENTS

# FOOTBALL & INVASION GAMES EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

## COURSE 1

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### **COURSE 2**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April Please enquire if your child is 4 years old as session times may differ. (Focusing primarily on the sports Football, Dodgeball, Netball and Handball)

**CRESTWOOD SCHOOL &** 6th Form, Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, DY6 8QG

ONLY £85 IF YOU BOOK ALL WEEK OR £25 PER DAY

Each day 9.00am – 3.00pm

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#### **MULTI SAVER** Book both courses for only £130 PER CHILD If booked by Monday 18th March