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Article 28
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right to an education

Message from Mr Butler

I met with our PCSO's on Wednesday to discuss recent antisocial and inappropriate behaviour in the area. They have assured me that they will be making more frequent patrols of the Kinver Street Park and local canal towpaths. If you witness anything worrying please call 101 or 999 if an immediate response is required. Or go on to the West Midlands Police website to report a crime.
<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/incident-report#>

Retirement News

Mrs Lister, our amazing deputy head has decided to retire after 22 years at Ashwood Park. She will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term for new adventures. Your child should have brought a letter home but a copy is attached at the end of this Newsletter in case you missed it.



Menu* WC 22.04.24 (Week 3)



Monday

Mac 'n' Cheese
Meat free Balls in
Sweet & Sour Sauce V
Crusty Bread or Pasta
Vegetable selection
Mini Ring Doughnuts

Tuesday

Cottage Pie
French Bread Pizza V
BBQ Veggie Hot Dog & Onions V
Potato Crunchies
Vegetable selection
Iced Cake

Wednesday

Big Breakfast
(Halal and Vegetarian Breakfasts available)
Hash Browns
Vegetable selection
Waffle

Thursday

Beef Burger
Halal Beef Burger
Mediterranean Quorn V
Rice or Potato Wedges
Vegetable selection
Ice Cream Tub

Friday

Fish Fingers
Pepperoni Pizza
Margherita Pizza V
Chips or Pasta
Vegetable selection
Fruity Friday: a selection of chilled, frozen or fresh fruit desserts

Available Every Day

Sandwich, cheese, tuna or ham filling.
Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, beans or cheese and beans.
Salad, crusty bread, fresh fruit, 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.
* Subject to change

Attendance

Last week's (08.04–12.04) top attenders were:

Key Stage 1: RR Foxes 97.06%
Key Stage 2: 5/6SB Holly 96.42%

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/>

Request from Nursery

We are in need of lidded storage boxes and colourful plants for the Nursery outdoor area. We would be very grateful if you could donate any spare boxes or plants. Please bring to School Office.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2nd May

Local Elections—School Closed

Friday 3rd May

INSET—School Closed

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday—School Closed

Monday 13th May

Year Six SATs week

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

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.

Praise Awards

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

W/C 18.03.24

Key Stage One

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|----------------|------------|
| RR Foxes | Noah W |
| RT Hedgehogs | Reuben P |
| 1/2B Squirrels | Scarlett F |
| 1/2D Moles | Olivia H |
| 2W Badgers | Felicity H |

Key Stage Two

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| 3/4H Elder | Libby B |
| 3/4R Oak | Maegan H |
| 4D Chestnut | Lexi T |
| 5E Beech | Yuvraj M |
| 5/6SB Holly | Max W |
| 6RB Rowan | Harry E |

Well done everyone!

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.

EYFS News

A big welcome to the new Nursery children who began this week! If your child is due to start Reception in September 2024 you should have had notification of the primary school they have been allocated. If you are coming to Ashwood park, we will be in touch with transition arrangements and look forward to welcoming you to Reception!

Current Reception parents, if you haven't already, please send in your library form for our trip on Monday 29th April.



Thank you for all your support this week telling us about your jobs. The children have had a great time learning about people around them and their roles, and thinking about what job they would like to do in the future!

Tree Tots Toddler Group

Every Wednesday
9.00 - 11.00am
KS1 Hall

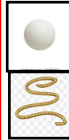
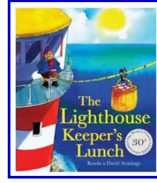
Toys, activities, songs, stories and crafts available. Refreshments included — adults please bring a lidded cup!



RBD News

It has been a wonderful week seeing lots of exciting learning taking place. Reception have been learning all about different jobs and a small group came into the base to see what we do in there!

Our KS1 base children have started looking at vocabulary for 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Please watch out for our signed story version of this coming on our YouTube channel soon.



Our Y6 base children have been doing exciting experiments investigating sound with a ping pong ball and some string. Please ask them about it!

Well done to Hoor-Ain for an excellent attitude towards learning this week. We are very proud of you!



Signed Video:

The signed video this week is about William Shakespeare. We hope that you will be able to share the video with your children so that they can learn some facts about the playwright.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXcK7le0CIU>



KS2 News

This week our year 5 and 6 children have had some very special science lessons where they have been talking about the MARSballoon project. As part of the project, a balloon will carry over 150 student experiments to an altitude of 30km, more than twice the height of commercial airliners, where they will be above 99% of Earth's atmosphere! The whole flight lasts approximately four hours and the MARSballoon team will chase after the balloon to recover the experiments after landing, allowing them to be returned for analysis. Find out more:

<https://www.thalesgroup.com/en/futuremartians>.



Our children have been thinking carefully about what they might need for a trip to Mars, and have also been thinking about planning experiments, considering the variables.

Our year 3 and 4 children will also soon start their new science topic for this term about plants. The children have some exciting observational experiments planned for this unit and, being Spring, there is no better time to go outside and take a look at the changes that are happening to the plants around us!



KS1 News

This week in key Stage One we have been learning about our school grounds. The children have completed a trail around Ashwood Park and thought about their favourite parts of school. We will be designing our own trails for each other to follow!

We have also been retelling the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and thinking from the point of view of the pesky seagulls in the story.



Next week we will be following instructions to make a lighthouse sandwich.

We will also be starting our new topic in Design Technology when we begin to design and make baby bear's chair!



PE and Swimming

The children have the following PE days:

- * Years 5 and 6 - Friday
- * Years 3 and 4 - Monday (with 4D bringing their swimming kit)
- * 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**

TT Rockstars

This weeks Rockstars* are;

- 1st Oria C
- 2nd Kyrian S
- 3rd Jacob W



Well done to everyone!

*based on most correct answers

After School Sports Clubs

Summer Term clubs:

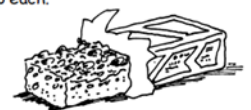
- Tuesday Y3 and 4 Tennis
- Wednesday Y5 & 6 Gymnastics
- Thursday Y1 & 2 Target Games

Spendthrift

Choc bars cost 26p each.



Fruit bars cost 18p each.



Anil spent exactly £5 on a mixture of choc bars and fruit bars.

How many of each did he buy?

Children's Speech and Language Service (Dudley)

Advice for parents and carers can be found at:

<https://www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-speech-and-language-therapy-service-dudley>

Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Bulletin

The Dudley Special Educational Needs and Disabilities e- bulletin's aim is to keep parent carers, education settings and stakeholders informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme as well as news and events.

As a system we are working hard to improve our SEND offer across the borough. A lot is happening and we are gathering pace to better support our children, young people and families with SEND.

Our latest bulletin provides:

- updates of our improvement journey including our progress of our Delivering Better Value Programme in SEND
- SEND news from the Dudley Parent Carer Forum, Health, the council and partners
- details of useful events for parent carers and practitioners
- SEND Education Settings News which includes information about free SEND training Resources.

Sign up now (<https://tinyurl.com/DudleySENDBulletins>) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

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/>

Reflexions Mental Health Support

Reflexions are a Mental health Support Team (MHST) working in schools with a focus on early intervention and prevention for the mental health of children and young people. Ashwood have been designated an Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Matt Jones, who will be working with us, alongside the ongoing work we do in school around mental health, to offer further support if a child is struggling with mental health issues such as low mood or anxiety. He will deliver workshops for children, parents and staff as well as work with children in groups or on a 1:1 in school. If you have any queries about Reflexions, please see the Office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Francis.



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>

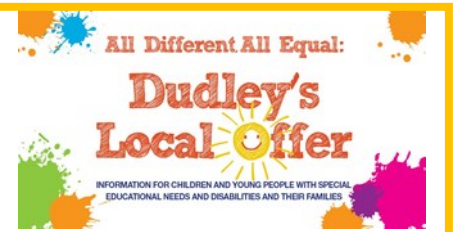
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

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

Bark Chippings

Following on from recent tree pruning, we have a large pile of bark chippings in the KS1 playground. These are available, for a small donation, to parents, grandparents and friends of Ashwood by prior agreement. Please see the School Office if you are interested.

You will need to supply your own bags.



Dudley's Local Offer is a new one stop shop website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

Dudley's Local Offer is part of the Dudley Community Information Directory – an online directory which offers people quick and easy access to information on local services.

The Local Offer webpages contain a wealth of up to date information on areas which include education, training and work, health, leisure and fun, care and moving into adulthood.

The website aims to help young people and parents to make individual, informed, positive decisions and choices

Visit <https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-local-offer>

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.



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/>



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Dear Parents and Carers

Mrs Lister has announced her retirement after 22 years service at Ashwood Park. She has been a very supportive member of staff in all that time, fulfilling her role as Deputy Head, Co- Head and DSL diligently, conscientiously and with a super sense of humour. I'm sure you will join with us and wish her all the very best for a long, peaceful and healthy retirement.

Mrs Lister will be leaving Ashwood on 31st August 2024. The governors have started the recruitment process in readiness for September.

Yours faithfully

Mr Keith Butler
Headteacher.