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#### Article 28

Every child has the right to an education

19th July 2024 Newsletter No. 37 Tel: 01384 818545 email: info@ashwood.dudley.sch.uk

#### Messages from Mr Butler:

After 22 years service at Ashwood Park we are saying good-bye to our Deputy Head/ Co-Head, Mrs Lister. We thank her for all her support, pastoral care and dedicated teaching over the years. We all hope she has a wonderfully happy and healthy retirement. We are also saying farewell to two of our longstanding Teaching Assistants, Ms Breakspear and Mrs Johnson. Ms Breakspear joined us in 2005 and Mrs Johnson joined us in 2007. They both completed an OCN course for the SHARE work they completed with their children. they then joined the team as TA's. We thank you for all you've done at Ashwood Park and wish you both well with your future endeavours.

We are also saying good-bye to Miss Edwards who is planning a Grand Tour! We wish her well and Bon Voyage! We are also saying Au Revoir to Mrs Hodgkiss who started with us at Ashwood in 2009. She has gone from supply teacher to helping run our Nursery provision and we thank her for all she has done at Ashwood Park.

In September we will be looking forward to welcoming our new Deputy Head/ Co-Head, Mr Perkes . He has been coming in to enable a safe handover. He will be our new Safeguarding Lead. We will also be welcoming a new teacher, Mrs Passman who will be teaching in KS2. Also joining us in September will be a new TA, Ms Benson.

We are fast approaching the end of this School Year and I would like to remind you that we break up on Friday 19 July at 3.15pm. And children return to School on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.45am. We have been advised to implement an appointment system for meetings with our Senior Leadership Team please contact the Office if you wish to make an appointment. Please note that our Silver Gate will only be open between 8.35 and 8.55 am in the morning and then 3.05 and 3.25 pm in the afternoon.

K Butler

#### Attendance

Last week's (24.06–28.06) top attenders: Key Stage 1: 2W 97.93%

Key Stage 2: 5/6E 97.14%

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.

#### Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria. If you meet the criteria listed below please submit an online claim in order for School to receive Pupil Premium funding. If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

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Free School Meals Application Form

#### **Dates for the Diary**

#### Friday 19th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am Break up for Summer at 3.15pm <u>Monday 2nd September</u> INSET DAY <u>Tuesday 3rd September</u> School Open for Children 8.45am <u>Menu\*</u> WC <u>02.09.24 (</u>Week 1)



Monday INSET DAY

Tuesday

Pork Sausage Halal Chicken Sausage Vegetarian Sausage Jacket Potato Cheese & Beans Potato Wedges Chocolate Cookie or Flapjack

#### Wednesday

Roast Chicken Halal Roast Chicken Quorn Balls Gravy Jacket Potato with Cheese Roast Potatoes American Pancakes

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

Fish Fingers Vegetarian Sausage Roll Jacket Potato Cheese & Beans Diced Potatoes Marble Sponge & Custard

#### **Friday**

Chicken Chow Mein Pizza Selection Jacket Potato Cheese & Coleslaw Chips Fruity Friday 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

#### 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**

Early Years would like to say a huge thank

**YOU** and **goodbye** to Mrs Hodgkiss who is leaving us for new adventures! Nursery and Ashwood Park have been so lucky to have such a wonderful teacher and we wish her all the best in the future!

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff this year, it has been a super year in Early Years and we wish you all a brilliant Summer!

All the best for September!

Please continue to practise reading and writing all through the summer holidays.



Thank you.



Tree Tots Toddler Group Wednesdays 9.00 - 11.00am KS1 Hall

First session next term 25<sup>th</sup> September

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

#### KS1 News

We have had a wonderful year in Key Stage One and really enjoyed our time with our classes. The children have ended the term with another Forest School session and a visit from the Police to talk about how to stay safe. The children have really enjoyed both sessions, their behaviour was excellent!

We have also met our new class teachers and are very excited for next year! We would like to thank all of our parents and carers for all of your help and support this year.

Have a great summer break!





#### **RBD News**

For the last Newsletter of the year, I would like to express my thanks to the Resource Base staff who have worked tirelessly to support and encourage the children. Due to their commitment and dedication, the children have all had a wonderful year and made progress in so many different areas of their lives.

We would also like to say thank you to all parents for your support over the last year. Without your support and communication, the children would not have achieved the outcomes that they have! We are very grateful to you all and very proud of the children. The staff wish to say thank you for the thoughtful messages, cards and gifts that have been sent to us. Thank you!

Good Luck to our Year 6 Leavers as they start at their new secondary schools. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on.

All children met their new teachers this week so hopefully they are excited for September.



Well done to lylah for showing so much progress with her confidence and self help skills this year. We are very proud of you!

Have a wonderful Summer break and we look forward to seeing the children in September.



#### **Urgent Plea**

The Kids Clothes Project has been running for 4 years and has so far helped over 1500 children in families in need across the Black Country, including some from Ashwood Park. They are in *desperate* need of jumpers; Tshirts, trousers, new underwear, shoes, coats, pyjamas, dresses, swimwear, books and soft toys if you have any items spare.

There is a donation bin for The Kids Clothes project in our School Reception so please donate what you can. Many thanks.



#### Important Message

Please also ensure that your child has the appropriate footwear for School and PE - flat black shoes for School and pumps or black trainers for PE.

Crocs, open back shoes, open toe sandals and high heels are **not** appropriate footwear for School and/or sporting



#### It has been a busy, busy week this week. Our year 6 children have enjoyed their Leavers' Party and have been putting together their final Leavers' Assembly. We wish them all the very best in their new Secondary Schools in September and look forward to hearing all of the great things they are getting up to.

Over the last few weeks our year 5 and 6 children have welcomed PC Kat Andrews in to talk to them about cyber safety and how to stay safe from knife crime. The children had many questions and unusual scenarios that they wanted to discuss. Please could we ask that you continue these discussions at home so that we can support our children to be safe online and in our community.

#### **PE Lessons**

- Monday Yr 5 and 6 (6RB bring swimming kit) come to School in uniform
- Wednesday— Yr 5 and 6 come to School in PE kit
- Thursday– Yr 3 and 4 come to School in PE kit
- Friday—Yr 3 and 4 come to School in uniform

#### REMINDER

When the children come to school in their PE kit they must wear their yellow PE top, green short / 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.



#### Sum up

Choose from these four cards.



Make these totals: 9

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- 11
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What other totals can you make from the cards?





#### Children's Speech and Language Service (Dudley)

Advice for parents and carers can be found at: <a href="https://">https://</a>

www.blackcountryhealthcare.nhs.uk/ourservices/childrens-speech-and-languagetherapy-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 (<u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>DudleySENDBulletins</u>) to receive this e-bulletin direct to your email inbox

#### Health Choices

Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing is part of Dudley Council. We support and enable residents, families and communities to make positive lifestyle changes and improve your health and wellbeing. There is lots we can do as individuals to stay healthy and well in Dudley borough. This website is a one-stop place for up-todate public health information and news, from pregnancy and early life to healthy ageing.

https://healthydudley.co.uk/

#### **Healthy Lunchboxes**

The Healthy Lunchbox Resource is available to support children & families to make healthy, yummy and tooth friendly food choices for their children's lunchbox.

https://healthydudley.co.uk/lunch/



<u>Dudley's Local Offer</u> 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

https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-local-offer

The Dudley family hub network is a one-stop shop, offering advice and support for families in



Dudley with children aged 0-19 (25 if the child has special educational needs and/or disabilities). It includes an online offer and five local family hubs.

The network includes key Start for Life services. These cover the period from conception to age two. Core Start for Life services such as midwifery, health visiting and early years support are included.

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/ early-years-and-childcare/dudley-family -hub-network/



The summer heat can affect us all. Some people are more at risk of harm f r o m h i g h temperatures and need to be more careful. These

include older people, especially those over 75, people who live on their own, those with a pre-existing health condition, babies and young children, and people who spend a lot of time outside or in hot places. Here you will find information, advice, help and support on keeping safe and well in summer.

<u>https://www.dudley.gov.uk/</u> <u>summerwellbeing</u>



You are eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if the following applies: • You live in Dudley, or your child goes to school in Dudley Borough, • Your child is aged between 5 and 16 years • Your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM). • Vulnerable children not eligible for free school meals may still be able to register for HAF activities but please make sure you read this section on the website before you apply. • Many families in Dudley could get benefit related free school meals but don't claim for them. Your child may be entitled to free school meals if: • your annual income is less than £16,190; and • you claim Child Tax Credit (\*Not Including Working Tax Credit) only

https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/ register



#### **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-andresource/parents-and-carers

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/

#### Happier Minds

A mental wellbeing website for young people, parents/carers and school based staff in Dudley. Here in Dudley we have the highest ambitions and want to create a brighter future for all of our children and young people. We have developed this website to ensure that both national and local mental health support is accessible all in one place at the click of a button.

Whether you are a young person, a parent/ carer or a professional working with young people we hope this site will be helpful to you and those you care about.

This site also provides information on how to get help urgently.

https://happierminds.org.uk/

#### **Clearance Sale**

We have a small number of Ashwood Park uniform left for sale in these sizes:

Jumpers – Age 3/4 (£11), Small and Medium Teen (£13)

 $\mbox{Cardigans}$  — Small and Medium Teen (£13)

**PET Shirt** - Age 3/4 (£5)

PE Shorts - 18"/20", 22"/24", 26/28" and 30/32" (£4)

Please ask at the Office Payment by cash only

#### KS2 PE and Swimming

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#### Kids Clothes Project



We are thrilled to tell you that we now have a donation bin for The Kids Clothes project in our School Reception.

When you are having a clear out of your children's outgrown clothes, please consider donating them to this project who provide clothing for children in need across the Black Country. They accept good quality preloved clothes, toys and books that are suitable for children aged 2-12.

The Kids Clothes Project has been running for 4 years and has so far helped over 1500 children in families in need across the Black Country, including some from Ashwood Park. Children are provided with a generous parcel including: 7 of each of the following items; Jumpers; T-shirts; trousers and new underwear. Additional items include: shoes, coats, pyjamas, dresses, swimwear, books and soft toys.

We would also like to make all families aware, that we are able to make this support available to you if you find you are struggling to clothe your children, or would appreciate an extra hand. Please speak to your child's teacher, if you would like to be referred.

If you'd like to know more about Kids Clothes Project, please check out https://www.kidsclothesproject.co.uk/

or email them on help@kidsclothesproject.co.uk



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#### Privacy Notice

Please note that our Privacy Notice can be found on the Ashwood Park Primary School website: <u>https://www.ashwood.dudley.sch.uk/</u> policies/

#### **Dogs**

School policy is that **no dogs** are allowed



on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your cooperation by **not** bringing your pet to school.

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- Universal Credit

If you currently receive free school meals but have now moved into the area, you will need to complete a new Free School Meals Application form

If you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please go to

www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/your-council/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals

If you need further information, you can contact the Free School Meals Team by:

Telephone -01384 814988

Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk

Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am and 12 noon Saturday



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Mental Health Support Team

# Summer Holiday Workshops

Reflexions are offering a number of free workshops during the Summer Holidays to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

> Inside Out - Feelings and Emotions Workshop Tuesday 30th July 2024 Tuesday 27th August 2024

> > Moving to Secondary Workshop Tuesday 13th August 2024

Church of the Ascension Primary School, DY6 9AH 9:30am - 11:30am

> Worry Management Workshop Thursday 8th August 2024

Inside out - Feelings and Emotions Workshop Thursday 22nd August 2024

St Thomas' Church, Market Street, DY8 1AQ 1:30pm - 3:30pm Spaces on our workshops are limited and therefore we ask that you book a place onto the workshop(s) by emailing **bchft.reflexions@nhs.net**. More information regarding our workshops can be found below.

#### Inside Out - Feelings and Emotions Workshop

Aimed at KS1 and KS2, children and young people will learn how to:

- Identify emotions and how they feel in their body.
- · Learn strategies to support them with different emotions.
- Link thoughts and actions to how they feel.

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#### Moving to Secondary Workshop

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Aimed at those in Year 6 moving to Year 7 in September, children and young people will learn how to:

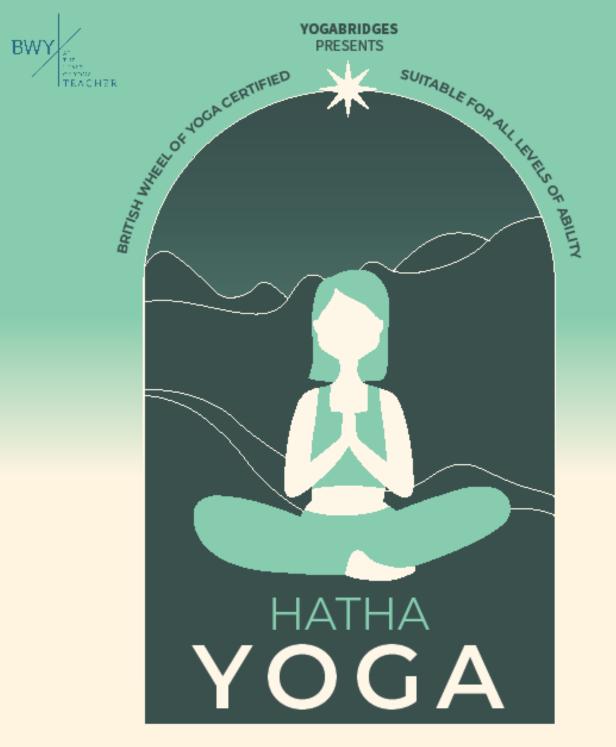
- Understand different types of worry.
- · Understand how change can affect their emotions.
- Understand how physical sensations can be affected by change.
- Learn cognitive and practical strategies to aid experiences of change.

 Learn how their qualities and skills support them with change.

#### Worry Management Workshop

Aimed at KS1 and KS2, children and young people will learn how to:

- Understand that worrying is normal.
- · Identify different types of worries: future and practical.
- Understand how to use a worry tree.
- · Understand how to complete worry time at home.
- Use at least one grounding technique.



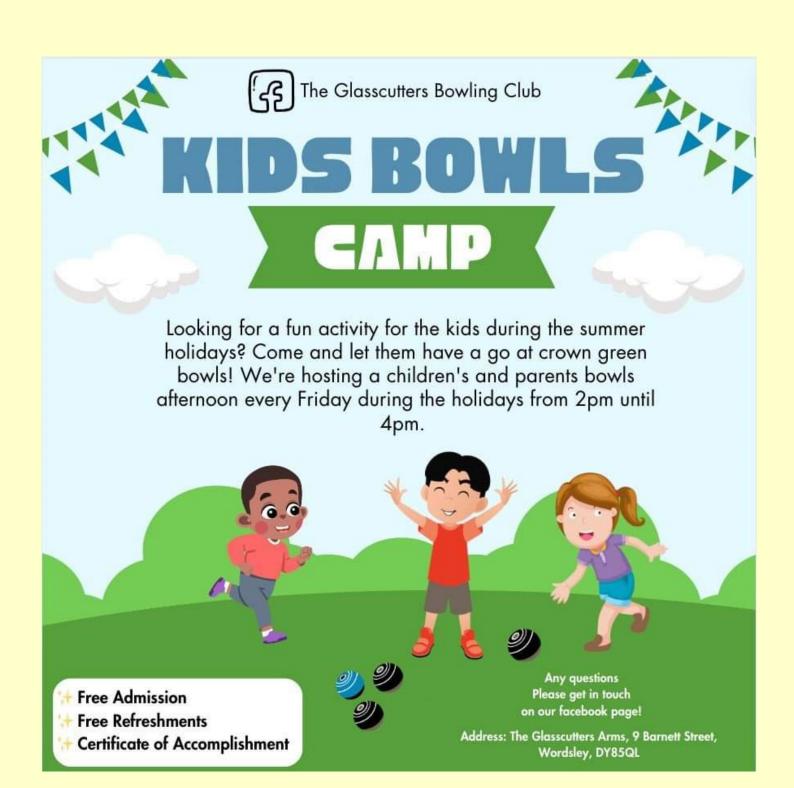
## EVERY THURSDAY | START AT 7.30PM

Ashwood Park Primary School, Bells Lane, Wordsley, Stourbridge, DY8 5DJ

£9 / CLASS OR 10% DISCOUNT FOR FULL TERM

FOR BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL JAN:

07764 404975 janetcooper@blueyonder.co.uk www.facebook.com/yogawithjan







For bookings made before the end of July

# 20th - 21st August



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£35 per Day

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  - All Coaches DBS

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£60 for Both Days



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- Team Building
- Match Play

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# DUDLEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



## Welcome to Dudley Holiday Activities

We provide free school holiday activities and food for children aged 5 – 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and <u>other vulnera-ble groups.</u>

You can use this site to **register** your child and book fun and rewarding activities across the borough.

Keeping your child happy and fulfilled during the holidays can be a challenge; and we want to support parents and carers.

Funded by the Department of Education and hosted by Dudley Council, we work with local organisations to provide a variety of exciting activities and clubs for kids as well as providing a healthy meal or snack at each session they attend.







## **Camp Pricing**

Timings	5 Day Early Booking Offer*	Standard Prices
Long Day 8am - 6pm	<b>£16</b> 2	day / £36 5 day week / £180
School Day 9am - 3.30pm	£123.75	day / <b>£27.50</b> 5 day week / <b>£137.50</b>
Half Day** 8am - 12pm	£90	day / £20 5 day week / £100
Half Day** 9am - 12pm / 12.30pm - 3.30pm	£81	day / <b>£18</b> 5 day week / <b>£90</b>
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# SUMMER HOLIDAYS CIRCUS DAYS

DUDLEY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES SUMMER 2024

The Jewels Academy

#### **About Dudley Holiday Activities**

Dudley Holiday Activities is a government funded programme called the Holiday Activity and Food Programme that offers free activities during the school holidays for children aged 5 - 16 who receive free school meals



Come and fly with us this summer every wednesday & Friday 10am-2pm throughout the holidays ages 7-13 Funded spaces for those eligible with the HAF programme. £25 per day if not eligible (lunch provided)

Wednesday 24th July, Friday 26th July, Wednesday 31st July, Friday 2nd August ,Wednesday 7th August, Friday 9th August, Wednesday 14th August, Friday 16th August, Wednesday 21st August, Friday 23rd August, Wednesday 28th August, Friday 30th August