

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st October 2021



## DUDLEY NEWS



### MUFTI DAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the bottle mufti. This will make a wonderful stall at our Christmas fayre. Thank you for your continued support and apologies for the confusion caused this week. Our Jar Mufti day will take place in November - please see today's newsletter for a list of upcoming POD dates.



### SCHOOL MEAL - AMERICAN DAY

On Thursday 7th October, Chartwells our school meals provider, are holding an American Day. There will be a change to the menu as followed:

Main dish: Californian Chicken Fillet Burger with Chips

Alternative dish: The Incredible Vegan Burger with Chips

Dessert: Chocolate & Orange Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce or Strawberry Jelly

There will still be a Jacket Potato option too.

### JUST ONE TREE DAY

A reminder that Dudley Infant Academy has signed up to join the global event, 'Just One Tree' on Friday 15th October. On this day children are invited to wear a green item of clothing to school and bring in a suggested donation of £1 which will be given to the Just One Tree foundation.

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next week, on 6th October, Van Cols photographers will be in to take individual photographs of the children. Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct Dudley uniform on this day. Details on how to order will be sent home once the photographs have been taken.

### PROSPECTIVE PARENT VISITS

The Academy will be holding its open days for prospective parents on Tuesday 23rd November and Thursday 25th November at 10am and on Wednesday 24th November at 6.30pm. If you or a friend have a child due to start next September then please visit the Academy website to register your interest.

<https://www.dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk/>

### BLOOM BRITANNIA OPERA

A reminder that tickets can be booked to see Barefoot Opera's Bloom Britannia. Performances will take place on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th October at St. Mary in The Castle. Tickets are £12 (£5 for children under 12) and can be bought online from [www.barefootopera.com](http://www.barefootopera.com) or directly from Hastings Tourist Office (now located next to Hastings Station). We are very proud of our Year 2 pupils who are busy rehearsing for their starring roles on stage!



## Nut Free Environment

Just a reminder that at Dudley we endeavour to be a nut free environment. This is part of our safeguarding duties as we have children in the academy who have severe nut allergies. Please can we ask that if your child brings in a packed lunch that you check items are nut free and do not contain traces of nuts.

This particularly applies to certain types of chocolate spread.

Thank you for your continued support with this.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Now that the new academic year has started the government has issued updated guidance and expectations for schools relating to children's attendance. The regular attendance of all pupils is a high priority for us and our Trust due to the amount of learning time lost for children during the Covid 19 pandemic. As experienced educators, we are aware that any time missed from school can have an impact on a child's social and emotional development, learning opportunities and future life chances. At Dudley Infant Academy it is always our intention to work closely with parents and carers to ensure children attend school as much as possible. Each week here at the academy senior leaders hold a meeting to review pupil's attendance. There are government expectations upon us to address any child's attendance that causes concern and there are attendance percentage parameters that we use to support this. The government's target for each child is an overall attendance figure of 96% for the academic year. For attendance that causes concern, supportive intervention measures may be put in place to help families in ensuring their child has regular attendance at school. These can range from advisory letters being sent to parents and carers or meetings being arranged to discuss any barriers to a child's attendance. In some cases, supportive attendance improvement plans may be developed with the school and parents/carers. Arriving at school on time is also an important area of attendance that is reviewed regularly and similar strategies to the ones mentioned above can be utilised if needed. Pupils who are late may miss out on important phonics learning sessions that happen first thing daily here at Dudley. This in turn may affect their progress in reading.

It is important to note that all parents and carers have a legal obligation to ensure that their child attends school regularly. In some cases, failure to do so can lead to fines being issued by the Local Authority.

As previously mentioned, it is always our intention to work with our families to achieve regular attendance of pupils. If you feel that there are any barriers to your child attending, please do not hesitate to call the academy office team who will be happy to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher or senior staff member to discuss how we can support you.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school regularly and receives the education they truly deserve.

## GOLD AWARDS

We are pleased to share with you our Gold Award winners for this week. Well done!



### DUDLEY DATES

**2021/2022**

Term 1: Monday 6th Sept - Thursday 21st Oct

Wed 6th October - Individual student photographs

Fri 15th October - Just one Tree day

Thurs 21st October - POD Cake Sale

INSET Day - Friday 22nd Oct

Term 2: Monday 1st Nov - Thursday 16th Dec

Fri 12th Nov - Jar Mufti

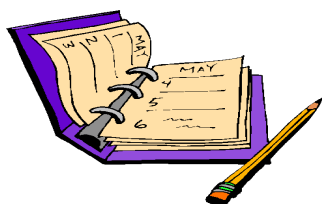
Fri 3rd Dec - Chocolate Mufti

Mon 15th Nov - Book Fair

Sat 11th Dec - Christmas Fayre

INSET DAY - Friday 17th Dec

**More 2021/22 dates to follow soon**



### MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child requires an inhaler or other medicine on a regular basis in school, please ensure that you take it to the academy office and complete an individual health care plan. Staff are unable to administer medicines without this plan in place. The policy for First aid and Medicines can be found on the University of Brighton Academies Trust website:

<http://www.brightonacademiestrust.org.uk/about/policies>

### ART SHIRTS

Please may we ask that, if possible, you could provide your child with a painting shirt to keep in school. We have a small number of aprons in each class, but it would be useful if children had their own. This will be kept in your child's PE bag until it is needed. Thank you.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week of Term 1 passes us by with the children continuing to work so hard at their learning and amazing us with their determined attitudes. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team



# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



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**Mrs Luke**



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