

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th October 2021



DUDLEY NEWS



JUST ONE TREE DAY

It was lovely to see so many children wearing a green item of clothing today to support the 'Just One Tree' day today and we would like to thank you for your kind donations. Together we raised £140.

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/>

COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be holding our first coffee afternoon on Tuesday 19th October from 2 - 3pm. This will be held in our Urban room which is the building located next to the outdoor sports area. There will be tea, coffee and cakes. We will also be supporting Macmillan's annual coffee morning at this event, so there will be a pot for donations if you wish to contribute. We look forward to seeing you.

POD CAKE SALE

Next Thursday, 21st October, POD will be holding a cake sale at the end of the school day. If you are able to donate cakes, brought or homemade, please bring them into school on Thursday morning. A member of POD will be available in the playground to give the cakes to. Please remember that Dudley is a nut free environment when buying or making cakes. Thank you in advance for your support.



INSET DAY

A reminder that Friday 22nd October is an Inset Day here at Dudley. All staff will be undertaking curriculum training and our academy will be shut to all children. The end of Term 1 will be Thursday 21st October.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Next week, we will be awarding children with their first PDA badge of the year. The children have been working hard to uphold our key values, particularly Kind and Caring and Resilience. We will be holding our year group PDA assemblies during the week and badges will be handed out on Thursday, the last day of term. Remember to look out for these in book bags! Badges can be sewn or ironed on to the sleeves of your child's jumper or cardigan, although some badges that were ironed did come loose during the year. We look forward to seeing the children proudly wearing their well-deserved badges next term.

1066

Here at Dudley, Hastings Week and the events of 1066 are an important part of our History curriculum. We are always looking for opportunities to teach the children about local events that took place in our past, particularly when we consider our academy is located in Harold Road! We hope you enjoy the photographs of our Dudley re-enactment - we would like to stress that no members of staff were actually hurt during the dramatic performance!

Attendance

Did you know that across the year there are just 190 school days? That means there are already 175 days set aside for weekends, holidays, family visits and rewarding days out. We believe every school day counts to give your child the greatest opportunity of attaining a good education and to support a happy and healthy future.

With 175 days already marked out as 'non-school-days', you should have an exceptional reason to withdraw your child from school. The following are considered illegitimate reasons and are likely to be rejected and unauthorised (this is not an exhaustive list):

Trips to visit family/friends Cheaper family holidays
Your child's birthday Tickets to sports/culture events




100% is recognised as an expected level of school attendance. If your child is out of school for 3 days each term, then their attendance is below 95% and they're spending more days out of school than in it! Should your child need time off due to illness, this figure will quickly become even lower. Because five days of school equates to 25 hours of learning, catching up with extra work out of school is unrealistic.

From a young person's perspective, missing schools means:

Missing out on fun projects and school activities
Struggling to catch up on work
Disconnecting with school friends

The vast majority of Principals DO NOT authorise any absence in term time.

If you are considering taking your child out of school, for any reason other than a medical appointment, then please visit or telephone the office to request a Withdrawal from Learning Application. This must be completed a week before the requested date of absence. If a request is unauthorised then the Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance service can be notified and they may instigate a penalty notice. If a penalty notice is issued then it will be to both parents for each child taken out of school and this will be a fine of £60 which increase to £120 if not paid with the first 21 days

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
					
Only 1-2 day missed per term		Between 3-8 days missed per term		More than 9 days missed per term	

Hastings Week at Dudley



GOLD AWARDS



DUDLEY DATES

2021/2022

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

Tuesday 19th October - Macmillan coffee afternoon

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This week we held our annual Harvest Festival assembly with the children and discussed the meaning behind the celebration. Once again, we would love to be able to support our local food bank and politely ask for any donations of non-perishable items. These can be brought in to school on Monday 18th October and all items donated will be collected by the local food bank. The following items are urgently needed:

UHT MILK FULL FAT (BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)

TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)

TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED SPAGHETTI IN SAUCE

TOILETRIES

TOILET ROLLS

TINNED FISH

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED RICE PUDDING

TEA AND COFFEE

FRUIT JUICE



Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the final week of Term 1 and what a busy one it has been. As this is our final newsletter of the term, we would like to say a big thank you for your continued support - we are so lucky to be part of such a great community. We would also like to say well done to the amazing children of Dudley. It has been wonderful to see a return to familiar routines and they have adapted so well, demonstrating resilience and enthusiasm. Finally, a big well done to the children in Sunbears and Tigers. What a fantastic start you have all made to school life - we are very lucky to have you here as part of our Dudley family.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & The Dudley Team

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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.



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MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.



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ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



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RELIABLE

Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.



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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

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