

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th March 2022



DUDLEY NEWS

EASTER BONNET PARADE

A reminder that our Easter Bonnet Parade will take place on Friday 1st April. The children can make a bonnet/hat at home, which can be brought in to school on the day. There will then be a parade in the playground at 2.45pm which parents/carers are invited to attend (the academy gates will be open at 2.40pm). Thank you in advance for your support of this event.



FOLLOW THAT DUCK

We are delighted to be participating in St Michael's Hospice *Follow That Duck* charity event. Dudley have adopted our very own large duck sculpture which will take part in a parade in June, together with a flotilla of Rubber Ducklings stretching from Hastings Old Town to Bexhill. We are busy thinking about our duckling design and look forward to sharing our ideas and our upcoming fund raising events with you soon.



WRAP-AROUND CARE END OF TERM PARTY (UNDER THE SEA CLUB)

Our wrap around care providers will be holding an end of term party on Tuesday 29th March. This is open to all of our Dudley children. Full details, including cost, are provided on the poster at the end of the newsletter. Booking will need to be made using the following link: www.premier-education.com

Click on 'Book a course'. In the 'Location' box, type *Dudley Infant School* and click "Search". Click on "View venue". When you see *Dudley* in the search results, select the activity that you would like to book (before school, after school or holiday session) and click "Book now".

LOCAL AUTHORITY SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

Please be advised that, due to unforeseen circumstances, our local authority safeguarding review was postponed yesterday. We hope to reschedule to Term 5 and will keep you updated once we have a confirmed date.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Please be advised that if children at the academy are asking us questions about the Ukrainian crisis, we are approaching this in an age appropriate and sensitive manner. We have been provided with online links from the University of Brighton Academies Trust that can be utilised if need be. Jett in Year 2, has kindly suggested organising a collection of much needed items to support Ukrainian refugees. With the help of Mrs Sankey, Jett has put together a list of items that you may wish to donate. Please see Jett's poster in today's newsletter for further details of how you could help. Thank you in advance and well done to Jett for his organisation and kind offer to help.

CHICKS HAVE ARRIVED!

We have once again been given the exciting opportunity to have baby chicks here at Dudley. The children will be able to watch them being incubated, hatching and then growing. It will also allow them to see the difference in sizes of eggs, the time it takes the different animals to hatch and also to compare the characteristics of chickens and ducks, before our ducklings arrive in Term 5!



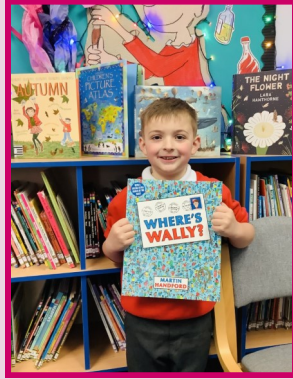
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

We are looking forward to awarding our Term 4 PDA badges next week in assembly. Please look out for these in your child's book bags. Thank you.

EXTREME READER 2022 WINNER!

Well done to Bryson, who has been crowned Dudley's Extreme Reader in our 2022 competition. Thank you once again for all of the entries sent in, they really made us smile!

(Bryson has assured us that he was safely accompanied at all times!)



WOODY'S TRIP TO BODIAM CASTLE

It's great to see that Woody has been so enthused by his learning in History this term, that he took a visit to Bodiam Castle.



VOILIN PERFORMANCE

Well done to our Year 1 children who bravely performed a variety of songs on their violins in front of the class. We were all very impressed and it is clear how hard they have been working in their violin lessons at Dudley. A great example of musicianship. We look forward to future performances.





SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, many children within the academy have missed a significant amount of face to face learning over the past couple of years due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This means that their access to our well planned and ambitious curriculum has been interrupted, particularly for the children in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2).

Here at Dudley, our teaching team are working extremely hard on delivering our recovery curriculum to help children catch up on any missed learning opportunities. This includes the organisation and delivery of specific intervention sessions for individual children, or groups of children, that are funded via the Government's recovery grant allocations. With this in mind, it is imperative that every child attends school as regularly as possible in order to receive the education they are entitled which in turn impacts positively upon their future life chances.

School attendance also forms part of our academy safeguarding routines and processes, and is an area of school life that is monitored regularly by the University of Brighton Academies Trust, the Local Authority and also by Ofsted. Ofsted inspection teams will often review how educational establishments are supporting and promoting regular school attendance and their findings can help to inform the judgements they make.

An area of school attendance that we are asking for your support and cooperation with is in relation to children being taking out of learning for holidays during term time. In recent weeks we have seen a significant rise in these requests. This in turn means that some children miss important learning that it is very challenging to catch up on. Please be advised that we follow East Sussex guidance in relation to withdrawal from learning applications and that ALL requests for holiday during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. It should also be noted that any holiday during term for a child of statutory school age (5 years and above) that is for five day or more period, could incur a fine. On the following page of this newsletter you will find the information provided by the Education Support, Behaviour & Attendance Service (ESBAS) that appears on their 'Withdrawal from Learning Application' form.

Your child has the right to a full time education and the opportunities that this can bring. We hope that you will work in partnership with us to make sure that your child attends school every day, allowing them access to the education they deserve. Therefore, could we please ask for your support with ensuring your child attends school as much as possible by avoiding any withdrawal from learning requests for holidays during term time.

Your support with this matter is fully appreciated

The Dudley Team





**Withdrawal from Learning Application:
For Exceptional Circumstances**

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:

- Trips to visit family/friends
- Your child's birthday
- Cheaper family holidays
- 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 headteachers do not authorise any absence in term time, in fact, many schools refused 100% of requests last year.

Think twice about whether you want to proceed.

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	

Your child has the right to a full time education and the opportunities that this can bring. We hope that you will work in partnership with us to make sure that your child attends school every day, allowing them access to the education they deserve.

I understand that if the request is unauthorised the Education Support, Behaviour & Attendance Service will be notified of the absence taken and a legal intervention may be instigated in the form of a Penalty Notice. If a Penalty Notice is issued it will be to each parent for each child taken out of school and that this is a fine of £60 which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 21 days. I understand that if I do not pay this will result in legal action.

GOLD AWARDS



A big well done to our Gold Award winners this week!



Sunbear Class:

Delilah & Kitty

Tiger Class:

Arlo & Evie

Wolf Class:

Arthur & Arthur

Panda Class:

Evie & Darius

Turtle Class:

Betty & Daria

Rhino Class:

Ella & Beau



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley

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David Mark (Chair of Local Board)

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DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Thursday 31st March - School Council Litter Pick

Thursday 31st March - Zumba Show 3.45pm

Friday 1st April - Easter Bonnet Parade 2.45pm

Friday 1st April - POD cake Sale (after school)

2nd April - 18th April - EASTER HOLIDAY

Tues 19th April - Start of Term 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Term 4. The children have continued to work hard this week and we are looking forward to recognising their achievements in our Personal Development Awards ceremony.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all on Monday.

Mr Maclean, Mrs Luke & the Dudley Team



'Supporting Ukrainian Refugees' with Jett

Please help Jett to collect essential items for the homeless Ukrainian Refugees.

Look at the items below and, if you have something spare, please bring it into school by the end of this term (Friday 1st April) and Jett will collect everything together.

Jett says: "If everyone brings in just one item, we will have nearly 200 things to give, please help me".

blankets pillows sleeping bags bedlinen
tents warm and thermal clothing
first aid kits bandages painkillers nappies
toiletries torches with batteries toys
toothbrushes toothpaste

If you have anything to spare, please bring your items into school very soon and we will deliver them to a local charity

Thank you so much!

Easter Cake Sale

*after school on
Friday 1st April 2022*



All Cakes will be 50p each



UNDER THE SEA CLUB EASTER
PARTY!!

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH
AT DUDLEY INFANT ACADEMY



Come and join the Easter fun!

Session times and activities

3.15 – 4.15 (£6) Easter Egg Hunt, Easter crafts, Pin the tail on the bunny and Easter themed playground games.

3.15 – 5/6 (£9/£13) All of the above, plus an Easter Disco!

~ Please book directly on the Premier Education website.



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