

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2024



DUDLEY NEWS



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

What an amazing event this year's POD Christmas Fayre was. Thank you to everyone that attended. We hope that you had a lovely afternoon and enjoyed the stalls and events that were on offer. The total amount raised for this was £2138 which will all go to towards resources and exciting enrichment activities for the children of Dudley. POD would like to thank everyone for their contributions, big or small, which made such a difference to the success of the Christmas Fayre. Photographs are included later in this newsletter. We would like to say a huge thank you to all POD members and volunteers who made this event possible and of course, to our Dudley community for joining us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DT ENTREPRENEUR WEEK & CHRISTMAS MARKET

As part of our Design and Technology curriculum enrichment, next week will be Entrepreneur week here at Dudley! The children will be busy making a variety of Christmas gifts to sell at their Christmas market in the playground, which will take place on Friday 6th December. The gate will open at 2.25pm to allow you to collect your child early, but from the usual spot in the playground. Once you have collected your child, you may then take a look together at what the children have made. Gifts will range from 50p to £2 and with the money raised, the children will choose something new to buy for their classrooms. The market will close at 3pm to allow parents the time to collect older siblings from All Saints. We completely understand that you may not be able to collect your child at this earlier time, but please don't worry, the children will be able to stay and help sell items on their class stall and can be collected at the normal Friday time of 3.30pm. We do hope that you can join us.

EYFS NATIVITIES

A reminder that our EYFS nativities will be taking place on **Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December** and children from Class Lion and Class Tiger will be performing in both. However, if your child is in Class Tiger, your allocated performance will be Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am and if your child is in Class Lion, your performance will be Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am. Due to the size of our school hall and health and safety regulations, we will only be able to allow 2 adults per child to attend the performances. You will receive two tickets in your child's book bag, so do please look out for these.

PANTOMINE

We have a company visiting us on Friday 6th December to perform the pantomime, Cinderella. Once again, we would like to say a big thank you to POD, who have kindly funded this opportunity for the children.

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is absent from school please can you ensure that you advise the office before 8.30am each day the absence (you are able to leave a message on the office absence phone line or email into the office.) When leaving your message please can you give details of the illness (this enables us to record the absence correctly and to be aware of the type of illnesses that are around). Thank you for your help with this matter. Telephone number is 01424 422981 or email office@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk



Some photos from our wonderful Christmas Fayre



THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON - TRUNK THEATRE SHOW

Last week, Trunk Theatre productions visited Dudley and performed a show for the children that told the story of the Great Fire of London. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and it was a fantastic opportunity to enrich children's knowledge of the events of 1666! We would like to say a big thank you to POD for funding this event for Year 1.



Christmas Diary Dates

Monday 2nd December - Christmas Post boxes will be available

2nd December - DT Christmas Entrepreneur Week

Friday 6th December - Pantomime for children in school

Friday 6th December - DT Christmas Entrepreneur Market

Tuesday 10th December - Members of Y2 singing Carols at Old Hastings House

Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am - EYFS Nativity Class Tiger

Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am - EYFS Nativity Class Lion

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper day

Monday 16th December at 9.30am - Year 1 Nativity class Wolf

Monday 16th December at 2 pm - Year 1 Nativity class Panda

Tuesday 17th December at 5.30 pm - Year 2 Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas dinner day (and Christmas Jumpers)

Wednesday 18th December - Class Christmas parties



WRAPAROUND CARE

You will be aware from previous information sent out that we have a new wraparound care (WAC) provider starting here at the academy after the Christmas break. This provision will be for the children of Dudley Infant Academy and All Saints CE Junior Academy. This includes a walking bus service from All Saints to Dudley. We are pleased to let you know that the new provider will be Fireflies Childcare. Information about what Fireflies will be offering is detailed below. Could we please encourage you to read this if you are thinking of utilising the WAC provision. If you would like to find out more information regarding Fireflies Childcare, you can visit their website at www.fireflieschildcare.co.uk.

As we progress through this term, further details will be provided to parents and carers in relation to Fireflies wraparound care. In the meantime, Fireflies are keen to gauge levels of interest of the sessions on offer and therefore a survey link will be sent out by the academy via Parentmail.

Fireflies' childcare limited is excited to announce they will be opening at Dudley Infant Academy!

At Fireflies childcare, we understand that parents need reliable and trustworthy childcare, and that children need a fun and enjoyable experience. Our club ethos is to create a friendly, relaxed, and safe environment where kids can be confident to express their individuality.

Breakfast Club will run from 7.30am until school starts.

It costs £6.50 per session, per child.

Breakfast is an informal time for children to come into school to socialise, eat and enjoy quiet tabletop activities before they start their day.

After School Club will be divided into two sessions; Twilight from end of school until 5pm (£10) Or after school; from end of school until 6pm (£14).

The twilight session starts with snack time; there will be a choice of fruit for the children. After that, the time consists of small tabletop activities, such as colouring, loom bands, toys, sewing, board games, puzzles etc., or outdoor play. There will be a topic themed craft for the children should they choose.

After school club includes a cooked supper at 5pm. This consists of a small, healthy meal from a weekly menu. Including options such as beans on toast, pasta, pizza etc. A full menu is available.

We will also have an exotic taste section of supper time, where the children will be encouraged to try something, they haven't had before – such as exotic fruits and vegetables.

GOLD AWARDS

WELL DONE TO OUR GOLD AWARD WINNERS AND TO CLASS TIGER AND CLASS RHINO WHO WERE AWARDED THE BEHAVIOUR TROPHY.



MUSICIAN VISIT TO DUDLEY

On Monday, we were very lucky to have a visit from Romi's uncle, a musician who kindly offered to perform for the children in assembly.



SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding Team
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DUDLEY DIARY DATES

4th Dec - EYFS trip to the Church

4th Dec - Science Day at Dudley

6th Dec - Christmas Market (2.30pm)

19th Dec - Last day of term for children

20th Dec - INSET DAY

21st Dec - 5th Jan Christmas Holiday

6th Jan - Start of Term 3

Christmas dates on separate page of the newsletter.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for supporting our Christmas Fayre last weekend. We really are so lucky to be part of such a supportive academy community.

We look forward to welcoming you to more of our Christmas events, starting with our much loved Christmas market next Friday.

Have a great weekend.
Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

Dudley Safeguarding Officers



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