

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th February 2025



## DUDLEY NEWS

### REACH MORE PARENTS

As you know, over the past few weeks we have provided information relating to our new communication platform, Reach More Parents. This has included a link for you to follow to register on your mobile device. Currently the platform indicates that only 47% of parents have registered for the App. Please be advised that the Parentmail platform will no longer be used and Reach More Parents will be our main form of communication with you. Could we therefore please encourage any parents and carers who have not registered for the platform to do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



### WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

This year, World Book Day is taking place at Dudley on Thursday 6th March. To mark the day, children will be engaging in a variety of activities to promote the value of reading at Dudley.

- This year, we are challenging children to create their very own Book Character Potatoes! Children can transform a potato in to a book character! Decorated potatoes can be brought in to school on Thursday 7th March and will be judged at the end of the day.
- Children are invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite story characters - staff will be joining in too!



### VIOLIN & PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

Jenny Benwell from Create Music is able to offer more places for Violin and Piano/Keyboard lessons in School from April. Individual or small group lessons are available for children in Year 1 and 2. To register and get more information on fees etc, please visit: [www.createmusic.org.uk/apply](http://www.createmusic.org.uk/apply) or telephone 01273 261565

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Term 4 parent consultations will take place after school on Tuesday 18th March and Thursday 20th March. However, please note that Class Lion's consultations will take place on Monday 17th and Thursday 20th March. We will send out further information with specific class details and timings in due course.

### SAFETY INFORMATION (TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL)

Members of our local community have recently shared their concerns with us in relation to the children's safety when riding as passengers on scooters or bikes. The safety of the children here at Dudley is a priority for us and we would therefore stress the importance of children wearing a helmet when riding on the back of a bike. Please could we also politely ask that you consider the speed that you may be travelling at. Thank you for your cooperation.

### WILD SCIENCE SHOW - PARENTPAY CONTRIBUTION

As part of British Science Week, Wild Science will be visiting Dudley on Wednesday 12th March, to deliver an exciting workshop for all of the children. To find out more about the experience, you can visit, <mailto:https://wildsci.co.uk/gallery/> If you are able to make a voluntary contribution of £1 towards the experience, this would be gratefully received. We are however aware that some parents have had complications making a payment via Parentpay. If this is the case, please do contact a member of our office team.

### TOYS AND TRINKETS IN SCHOOL

Please could we ask that children do not bring in toys, trinkets or key-rings from home, unless this has been agreed for a specific reason with a Senior Leader. We have had a number of incidents recently that have been caused by disagreements about items brought in from home.

### FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS 2025



### DETERMINATION AT DUDLEY



A big well done to Olive in Class Turtle, who achieved her Badge 4 in gymnastics. What a fantastic achievement and a great example of Resilience and Determination.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL COLOURING COMPETITION

School Council would like to say a big thank you for supporting their colouring competition. They will be meeting next Tuesday to decide upon the winning entry, which we look forward to sharing with you in next week's newsletter.

### **SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION**

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley

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David Marks (Chair of Local Board)

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### DUDLEY DIARY DATES

6th March - World Book Day & POD Book Sale

7th March - Pearls of the Sea Art in school workshop (Year 2)

12th March - Wild Science show

25th March - Duck eggs arriving

28th March - IRock Easter Concert (in school)

1st April - Class Photos

4th April - Last day of term

4th April - Easter Bonnet Parade 2.40pm (playground)

5th April - 21st April - EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April - Start of Term 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a positive and busy start to Term 4. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to watch them have so much fun with their learning this week.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all on Monday.

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke



# Dudley Safeguarding Officers



**Mr Maclean**



**Mrs Luke**



**Mrs Froude**



**Mrs Sankey**



**Ms Durban**

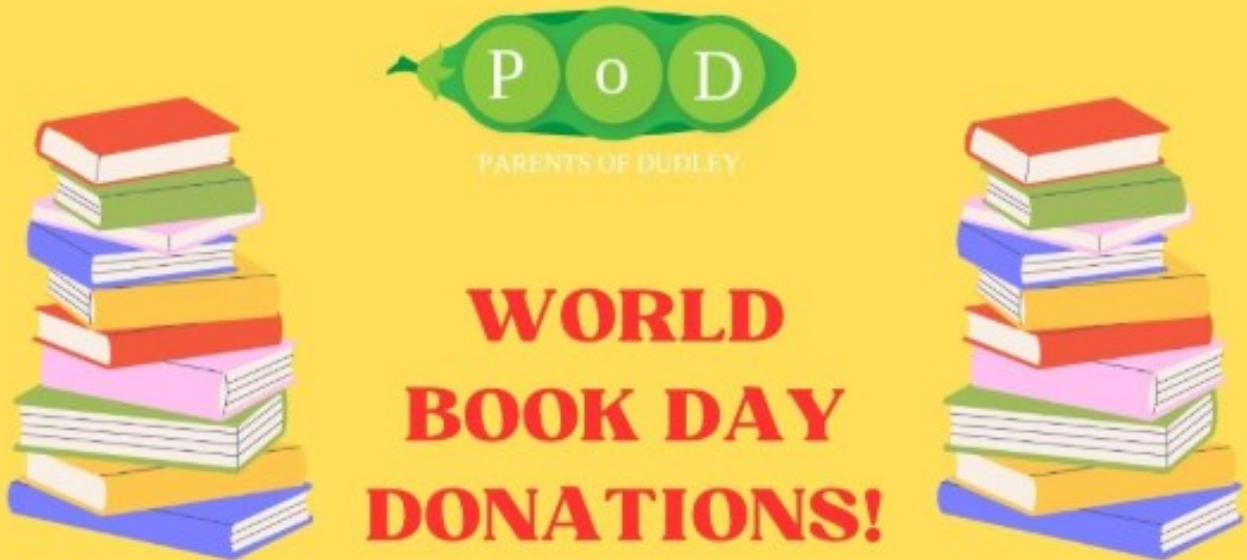
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@parentsofdudley on Instagram.**



# **WORLD BOOK DAY DONATIONS!**

**Looking for donations of  
good quality kids costumes  
and preloved books.**

**Please hand in to a member of POD  
or school reception.**

