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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

A great start back to the year and the school is truly up and running again. The half terms are short, so we've got to make the most of them; lots to do and lots to learn! Regarding our academisation, there are now lots of meetings going on regarding the transfer of various things from the Local Authority to the Trust. We nearly have the uniform finalised and ready to go, and once it is, I'll send out further details. I'm also intending to display the new uniform in our entrance for you to have a closer look. We are currently trying to get our final samples from Dancers so hopefully it won't be much longer before I can share more information. Our School Councillors have also asked the children this week if they have any questions about becoming an academy and, once collated, School Council will be arranging a time to come and present them to me in the next couple of weeks.

This coming Monday the school will be awarded with the Dudley Anti-Bullying Accreditation, and a representative from the Local Authority is joining us for a presentation in our whole school assembly. This is something we have achieved before, and we are very proud to be presented with the award again. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have also been awarded with their 'Wellbeing Badge' and I'll be presenting them with their badges in next Friday's Achiever's Assembly. Well done to all the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors!

Lastly, we were presented this week with The Local Heritage Award by a representative from Historic England. Those of you who have attended a Class Assembly will know that we work hard to weave in our local heritage with our History Curriculum, and it's fantastic that this has now been recognised. Our children and staff have worked hard on this over the last few years, and they deserve a huge well done.

Have a great weekend.

S. Ray

EVENTS

2024

Thurs 25th Jan
 Y3 Planetarium

Mon 5th Feb
 Y1 - Y3 Disco

Y4 - Y6 Disco

Tues 6th Feb
 PTA EYFS Magician

Wed 7th Feb
 Y1 Victorian Day

Thurs 8th Feb
 2H Class Assembly

Fri 9th Feb
 Express Yourself Day
 Home clothes

Break up for half term

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



From January to March 2024, the Government is launching a national campaign

'Moments matter, Attendance Counts'

to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance.

Keep a look out for information on promoted social media advertising, media partnerships, radio advertising and social media influencers

The NHS and Chief Medical Officer recommend that it is appropriate to send children to school with mild respiratory conditions, colds, runny noses and sore throats.

They advise that long periods of absence can add to anxiety.

**“THIS MORNING, HE
WAS WORRIED ABOUT
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK
AT HIM NOW!”**

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HM Government

Head to the [Education Hub](#) to find out more.



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Head to the NHS website to find out more.



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COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUBS

NEW

Cost of Living Hubs are located at:

Pensnett, Grace Community Church, Tiled House Lane, Pensnett
Open Tuesdays from 28th November 9:30am - 3:30pm

NEW

Brierley Hill, Brierley Hill Methodist Church, 24 Bank Street, Brierley Hill
Open Alternating Wednesdays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Halesowen, Halesowen Library, The Cornbow Centre, 7th Floor, Halesowen
Open Alternating Wednesdays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Stourbridge, Christ Church, High Street, Lye
Open Thursdays from 28th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Dudley, Provision House, 80-81 High Street, Dudley
Open Fridays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Winter Ready Criteria

Updated for the upcoming season, recognising the added financial strains. We are here to help!

WE ARE OPENING A NEW HUB IN PENSNETT ON 28th NOVEMBER 2023!!

The criteria for visiting the Cost of Living Support Hubs has also changed.

**FROM THE W/B 20TH NOVEMBER, HOUSEHOLDS CAN NOW VISIT
THE COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUBS 3 MORE TIMES.**

Attendance history will be wiped. It doesn't matter if you've attended a Hub before.

Households are permitted to attend up to 3 times starting from the week beginning 20th November.
This means 3 visits across any of our Hubs and not each Hub.

Please remember there must be a minimum of 12 days between each appointment.

Households must reside in the Dudley Borough.

Assistance Available

Insightful presentations on ways to save money on utilities
and how to make your money stretch further.

Practical help relating to access to food, fuel, energy,
available benefits, grants and funds based on qualifying criteria.

Issuing a voucher per household to purchase essentials
(NB: these vouchers can only be issued in a crisis, and are subject to availability)

Issuing a fuel bank voucher
(NB: subject to eligibility)

Identifying other organisations that can help with the struggles being experienced.

How to Book

To see available dates and book an appointment visit our Eventbrite page:
https://CA_DudleyandWolverhampton.eventbrite.com

Support is only offered by attending a pre booked appointment.
Appointments cannot be booked directly at the venues.

Appointments can only be booked via visiting our Eventbrite page.

Only one appointment per household is required, regardless of how many members of the household are attending on the day.

If you are not eligible your appointment may be cancelled
or you will be refused entry on the day.

ID Evidence Required

On the day of your appointment, you must bring with you 2 forms of ID:

1 form of ID with your Full Name (passport, travel pass, debit card, driving license etc)

AND

1 recent letter/bill dated within the last 3 months including your name and address
to prove you're a Dudley Borough resident.
(e.g. a recent council tax bill, gas/electric/water bill, benefits awards letter, letter from Dudley
Council, letter from the Government, PIP or DLA letter, TV license etc)

We reserve the right to request photo ID when you are at the hub to authenticate your ID.

We reserve the right to cancel the appointment should we feel the ID is not that of the appointment
holder or that the ID is not authentic.

For more information on Cost of Living support, go to:

<https://DudleyWolverhamptonCA.eventbrite.com>

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/costofliving>

<https://www.facebook.com/CitizensAdviceDudleyAndWolverhampton/>

Please share this information with the community to ensure we can support as many individuals
and families as possible in the coming months.

Y6 ONLINE SAFETY

Y6 had an Online Safety Workshop with PC Steph Harrison on
Tuesday.

Steph delivered a presentation and was able to answer questions
posed by the children.

She was available for a drop-in session with parents later in the
afternoon.

During her discussion, many children reported they had no
Parental Blocks on their phones and that only a 1/3 of parents
checked their phones regularly.

We would recommend that parents regularly check WhatsApp,
Tik-Tok, You Tube and other social media platforms to ensure
children are accessing age appropriate content.

If this is something you would like support with, please contact the
school office.

IMPORTANT

Can all Parents / Carers be
reminded to not call children
to them from the external
fence or other gates during
the day.

This can be a safeguarding
issue as the children are in
the care of the school staff
during the day.

Thank you.

RECEPTION



Lily-Maes Nanny has knitted RB some Numberblocks to use in our Maths area.

We have loved using them this week to make a staircase pattern.



Thank you very much Lily-Maes Nanny.



SUCCESS CORNER



Jessica (6R) and sister Sophie (3P) both achieved their black belt grading in kickboxing!

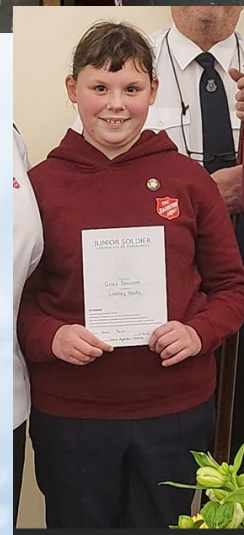


Brogan-Bell (4OR) also achieved her black belt in kickboxing!

Olivia (5C) recently passed her Grade 1 Ballet exam with a merit.



Grace (5R) was made a Junior Soldier in the Salvation Army.



for children and families in Dudley



PHASES

FREE gym-based physical activity programme*

- For young people aged 11 - 16 in Dudley
- 12-week programme
- Saturday mornings at Action Heart Gym, Russell's Hall Hospital
- Sessions led by qualified instructors
- Free of charge

How to book a place
Ask your GP or school nurse to make a referral. Alternatively, contact Phases at action.heart@nhs.net

The following eligibility criteria applies

- must live in Dudley; attend an education setting in Dudley; or be registered with a Dudley GP surgery
- must be inactive (undertaking less than 30 minutes of activity a day) or be overweight



Free healthy lifestyle support for your family



Arrange a free one-to-one appointment with a Dudley Family Wellness Coach, who will help you and your kids create healthier diet and physical activity habits you can all stick to

To make an appointment with the Family Healthy Lifestyle Service contact yourhealth.dudley@nhs.net or call 01384 732402



Lunchbox Ideas

Top tips & ideas for a yummy, healthy lunchbox



Includes EASY RECIPES & WEEKLY PLANNER

Includes TOOTH FRIENDLY FOOD SWAPS THROUGHOUT

Parents and carers can take advantage of a new online resource to help them create healthy and tooth-friendly children's lunchboxes.



SCAN ME



NEW recipe book for young people

With support from Dudley Council, a group of Young Commissioners have produced their own recipe book full of quick and easy meal ideas for young people living on their own.

[Download the recipe book here](#)



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Youth Vaping

To help respond to growing concerns about the number of young people choosing to vape, Dudley Council has produced a set of Frequently Asked Questions to support parents and carers to have a conversation about vaping with their children.

[Download the FAQ's here](#)



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Dudley iZONE www.izone.org.uk

A new website has been launched for children and young people living in Dudley. The website provides information and links to services and resources on important health and wellbeing topics, such as mental wellbeing and sexual health.

A great start in life

Do you have a child under 5?

Would you like to:

- feel more confident as a parent?
- reduce mealtime stress?
- enjoy being active as a family more often?
- encourage your child away from screens and TV?
- see your child eat more fruit and vegetables?
- gain ideas to help with family routines?

"I will be recommending this course to everyone. Thank you for this life changing opportunity."

Free HENRY programme starting soon:

If you are interested in joining a group, please email Dudley's Parenting Team cypsteam@dudley.gov.uk for more information



henry

Healthy Start, Brighter Future

www.henry.org.uk

Pick up a leaflet for more information

Recipe of the term

This term's recipe has been taken from the new recipe book for young people.

Chicken fajitas

Equipment

- Measuring spoon
- Chopping board
- Sharp knife
- Frying pan

Ingredients

- 1 chicken breast or 1 large handful of quorn pieces or other meat substitute
- 1/2 onion, sliced
- 1 pepper, sliced
- 5 mushrooms, sliced
- 2 teaspoons of fajita seasoning
- Vegetable oil
- 2 tortilla wraps

Method

- STEP 1** Cut the chicken breast and vegetables into strips
- STEP 2** Heat a tablespoon of oil in a frying pan on a high heat. As soon as the oil begins to smoke add the chicken or meat substitute to the pan
- STEP 3** Let the chicken cook undisturbed for 2 to 3 minutes, then turn it over and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes until the outside is cooked well
- STEP 4** Add the vegetables and fajita seasoning and cook for another 15 minutes, stirring well. Check the chicken is cooked through - cut through a piece and check the meat is not pink
- STEP 5** Add some fajita chicken mix to a wrap and fold following the steps on page 40

Expecting a baby?

Having a baby can be an amazing and joyful time, but at the same time, it might feel overwhelming and perhaps even scary. It can also be a confusing time, with contradictory advice from family members, friends and online. To support you on your parenthood journey Dudley Council has produced a Guide for Expectant Parents. From conception until your baby's second birthday, this can be your go-to source of information. It provides lots of practical advice, hints, and tips to help support you. It should be used together with the [NHS Choices website](#).

Download the guide by visiting the [Dudley Parenting website](#) or scanning the QR code.



A guide for expectant parents

Our first 1000 days together



The health-related behaviour questionnaire

Every two years this survey is offered to primary and secondary schools for certain year groups to complete. In 2024 the survey will be completed during January and February. The survey helps schools and the council to have a better understanding of the health & wellbeing needs of young people in Dudley, to inform the curriculum and target resources. If your child's school is participating, you will receive a letter with more information about this.

Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme

Tooth decay is the most common oral issue affecting children and young people in England, yet it is largely preventable. Brushing your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste is important to protect both children and adult's teeth.

Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme is helping to support families to take care of their teeth from as soon as a child has their first tooth. Organisations across the borough have been giving out toothbrush packs to families in financial need.

Also, all Key Stage 1 pupils (aged between 5-7 years old) should have received a toothbrush pack from their school. If your child has not received a pack yet, please speak to your child's school.

For more information about Dudley's Community Toothbrush Scheme [click here](#)



YOUTH STOP

The Youth Stop at Merry Hill Shopping Centre brings together local services for young people including mental health support, counselling and mentoring.

For more information and opening times [click here](#).

Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and West Midlands Police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to 9am on the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!

At Newfield Park every day counts!

USEFUL INFORMATION

SCHOOL OFFICE

A reminder to parents that the School Office is open from 8:00AM UNTIL 4:00PM.

You can email the school office for any non urgent enquiries including absences on:

info@newfield.dudley.sch.uk



SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners must be ordered by Sunday evening for the commencing week.

Unfortunately we may only be able to offer a very limited choice if no order is received, this is due to orders already being placed with our suppliers.



Before & After School Club

Club is highly subscribed at the moment. If your child is not booked in please do not just turn up as there may not be a space. Bookings should be made by Sunday evening online.

New timings & charges: Breakfast club (7.30am - 8.55am) £5.00

After School Club (3.15pm - 5.30pm prompt) £8.00

Please contact Mrs Grant, BASC Manager on 07768893697

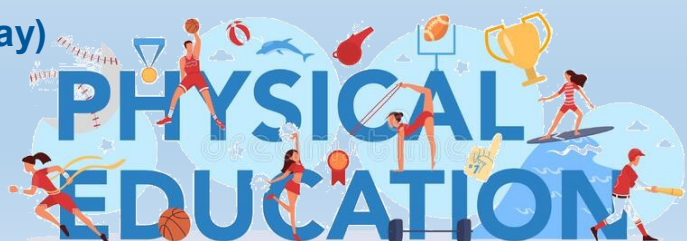


PE

On PE days your child can come to school in their PE Kit.
PE will take place both indoors and outdoors.

RB	Monday
RRY	Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday & Friday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday (3P also on Tuesday)
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Tuesday

No jewellery, including earrings, should be worn and long hair should be tied up.



USEFUL INFORMATION



Please click on the above picture for further information on childhood vaccinations

NHS
Black Country



Please click on the above picture for further information on whether to send your child to school due to illness

Healthier Futures
Black Country Integrated Care System

NEWFIELD COMMUNITY

Would your grandparent's or your elderly neighbours like to be part of our Newfield Park Community?

If yes, then please contact the school office



Important Notice

CHILDREN USING THE MILLENNIUM GARDEN EQUIPMENT AFTERSCHOOL MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES AND VACATED BY 3:30PM

PARKING ON SCHOOL SITE

We politely ask parents to not park on the staff car park.

This includes when dropping/collecting children from after school clubs and BASC

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be aware that **no dogs**, either walking or being carried are allowed anywhere on the school grounds.



CLIMBING TREES



Please **DO NOT** allow your children to climb the trees on the school grounds.

PARKING

We are receiving numerous complaints from local residents with regards to parking on Whittingham Road and surrounding roads.

Could we please ask that parents/carers park considerately and walk whenever possible.

Many thanks for your support.



SAFETY ADVICE

The Child Accident Prevention Trust has some good information on safety advice

Please click on the picture below for further information





Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

STAY & PLAY

Join us on
Tuesday Mornings
9:00am - 10:30am

We have a thriving Stay & Play for pre-school children where we offer a variety of planned activities designed to meet your child's developmental needs through creative and physical play.
 Join other parents/ grandparents /carers for a coffee and a chat!



£1 per child, 50p for additional children
 (drinks and healthy snacks included)

We look forward to seeing you!

Online safety update

- Our school uses the RM SafetyNet filtering system, which blocks inappropriate content and operates on all devices connected to our network.
- RM also provide 'Smoothwall', an additional filtering system which monitors the use of devices by staff and pupils in real-time; our head and DSL are immediately notified of any causes for concern.
- When using Teams and other web-based Microsoft applications, children are only able to communicate with pupils and staff within Newfield Park; external contacts are blocked.
- The RM Unify service provides a secure web-portal through which children can access several services using their own password.
- Most devices in school are password controlled: children have their own passwords and log-ins.
- Children are encouraged to use well-known, reliable websites when researching a topic, which are often provided to them by their teacher using a QR Code or URL.

 Check out our twitter page on: https://twitter.com/newfield_park

ATTENDANCE

15th Jan - 19th Jan 

RB	100.00		4OR	95.16
RRY	94.67		4S	97.93
1J	96.33		5C	96.33
1L	90.00		5R	99.33
2H	96.00		6A	98.52
2R	97.33		6M	92.86
3P	96.33		6R	95.67
3T	93.79			

Well done RB!

All absences are recorded and followed up.

Please email the info box to let us know when your child is absent before 9:30am on the day of the absence .

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024

Half Term: Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

Inset Days/School Closures

Monday 8th January 2024 (Inset)

Thursday 2nd May 2024 (Voting Day)

Monday 6th May 2024 (Bank Holiday)

Monday 22nd July 2024 (Inset)