

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 16th November 2020



Dear Parents,

What's been happening

50th Anniversary

Children showed what amazing history detectives they were when they examined different historical evidence and artefacts to find out what the school was like in the past. They also interviewed several past pupils, heard stories from the past and had their questions answered.

Science Day – Tuesday 10th November

Children had lots of fun investigating and conducting a variety of experiments during the day.

Remembrance Day – 11th November

All the children observed two minutes silence at 11am and remembered past and present service men and women.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Thank you for generously donating to this year's Children in Need Appeal. We raised £37.00.

Football competition

Last week children in class 2 and 3 took part in a variety of football activities for the Virtual Football competition. Their scores have been collated and entered into the competition.

It is lovely that even though we can't physically compete with other schools at present we are still able to take part in these competitions.

Future Events

Road Safety Week – 16th – 20th November

This week children will be discovering how to keep themselves and others safe with a variety of activities connected to road safety.

Information

Online sports clubs

A new online After School Sport Club has been launched to help fill the void of school and community sport in children's lives created by the latest lockdown, that can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

Created by the Youth Sport Trust, children will be able to tune in from home at 5pm and enjoy being led through a range of fun, exciting and challenging activities which will help young people stay fit and healthy while also supporting their broader personal development. The daily online 'club' sessions will be led by YST athlete mentors including former British sprinter Jeanette Kwakye and Paralympian Kate Grey.

Every day, After School Sport Club will have a different theme based on which skills athlete mentors focus on for children to develop. They are:

- Adventure Monday – *this might involve getting children to do floor wall climbing and map reading all within their living room or home space*
- Tuesday Play – *Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active*
- Wild Wednesday – *High tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges*
- Thinking Thursday – *Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Games could include active noughts and crosses, and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely against friends*
- Fun Friday – *A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good*

Friday Uniform

As we are not swimming at present and to save you washing, please can the children wear their normal school uniform on Fridays.

PE Kit

Despite the slightly colder days, children in class 2 and 3 will continue to enjoy PE lessons outside where possible. Please could we ask that children have their royal blue tracksuit bottoms and top with them in school, along with trainers.

Coronavirus

Numbers of coronavirus are rising in the local area, please ensure that you maintain social distance when dropping and collecting your children from school or wear a face mask. Please don't become complacent and think that it won't happen here, as we have parents who have tested positive, who are self-isolating.

During this current lockdown remember that you must not leave or be outside of your home except for specific purposes, including:

- for childcare or education,
- for work purposes,
- to exercise outdoors or visit an outdoor public place,
- for any medical concerns, reasons, appointments and emergencies, or to avoid or escape risk of injury or harm,
- shopping for basic necessities,
- to visit members of your support bubble.

What to do if your child is ill or has symptoms of Coronavirus

If your child shows any of the symptoms of coronavirus –

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

You should:

- Keep your child off school
- Contact the school and advise of absence.
- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

- If the test result is negative, as soon as they are well enough, children may return to school.
- If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus whilst at school, we will telephone you immediately to come and collect them.
- You must then get them tested as soon as possible.

We appreciate that not every child with a cough or high temperature will have the virus, but I am sure you will understand that we have to act on the side of caution, therefore we will ask you to collect your child and get them tested if they present any of the Covid-19 symptoms.

It is vital that we all follow the guidelines in order to keep our school and community safe. Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny Johnson
Headteacher