

# Dudley House School

## Newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023



Dear Parents,

The term has got off to a busy start, and I am very impressed with the work the children have produced since returning to school.

I would like to remind parents that children should arrive at school by 8:40am, so that they are ready to start their first lesson at 8:45am. The start of term has seen a high number of pupils arriving late, which causes delays and means that children miss the important input at the start of lessons.

### **Information**

#### New children

We are delighted to welcome two new pupils to our school family, who have joined us in Class 1 and 4. I am sure that you will make them very welcome.

#### Instagram and Facebook

We already use Facebook to celebrate what is happening at school on a day to day basis. We have started to use the school's Instagram page to start promoting the school and sharing what we are doing. We would be grateful if you could follow us, share and like our posts. Click here for our new [Instagram](#) page.

Please let us know what social media you use, so that we can post things to the most relevant platforms for you.

#### Yellow Lines

Just a reminder that people should not park on the yellow safety zone lines during school hours. They are there to keep your children safe.

Last Friday it made it difficult for the taxi company to turn into the drive, they also sometimes drop us off there. Please ensure the yellow lines are kept unobstructed.

#### Staff Car Park

The car park at the front of the school is for staff and visitors. At the start and end of the day we try to have no vehicle movement in the car park so that your children are kept safe. Please help us continue to protect your children by only using the car park if you need to collect your child during the school day.

### **What's been happening**

#### Local History Day – 12<sup>th</sup> January

Class 3 and Class 4 immersed themselves in their local history. Initially working collaboratively, they generated historical enquiry questions before heading off to Grantham Museum for an in depth talk and exploration. The afternoon was spent collating their findings, using software to generate graphs from population data and painting historic figures and buildings. They even read stories from past copies of the Grantham Journal dating back to the mid 1800s. They have produced some fantastic information posters and artwork about the day.

#### Scooters

Thanks to the amazing fundraising efforts of the children with their Christmas card designs and sales, we were able to purchase three new scooters for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for helping.

#### ENO Celebration

Last term the children the children composed and performed a piece of music around the colour 'amethyst' as part of their work with the English National Opera (ENO). This week they will receive their certificates and be able to view the animation for their musical composition.

#### New iPads

This week the children are looking forward to using our six new iPads to enhance their learning.

## **Future Events**

### Chinese Day – 25<sup>th</sup> January

On Wednesday to extend their understanding about other cultures and countries the children will be finding out about China, they may even have the opportunity to sample some Chinese food!

### PTFA – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Our next PTFA meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

### Class 4 Assembly – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Class 4 will be sharing an informative assembly on staying safe online next week at 8:50am. All are welcome to attend.

### Bedtime Stories – 2<sup>nd</sup> February

During national storytelling week, the children will be involved in telling lots of stories. On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February the children in class 3 and 4 will be able to enjoy a special bedtime story time between 5 and 6pm. Look out for further details.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Chinese Day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023
- PTFA – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Badminton Festival – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Class 4 Assembly – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- KS2 Bedtime Stories – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- No Swimming – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- Safer Internet day – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February
- End of Term – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023