

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 2nd February 2023



Dear Parents,

Wow it is February already and next week is the last week for this half of the term! I am sure you will agree how quickly the year is already progressing.

I am pleased that my recent reminder about children being at school for the start of the school day has been followed by most parents. The education of your children is our top priority. If you are experiencing difficulty getting to school on time, please speak with us, as there may be other solutions available.

Housekeeping

Bulbs

Spring is approaching and you may have noticed the bulbs peeking out from under their grass blankets. So that the daffodils don't get trampled, please can you help us by reminding your children to walk only on the drive at the front of the school? Thank you.

Parking on the Zig Zag Markings

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children. The lines are there as a safety measure to allow visibility to other drivers so they can see children crossing/running near the road etc. It also allows emergency vehicles to access the school if for example there were a fire. We have all driven down this road and seen how congested it is, and how visibility of pedestrians is limited. Having to cross between vehicles is particularly dangerous for some of our younger pupils as drivers simply cannot see them. I have put out the cones this week. However, the Zig Zag markings should be the only visual reminder you need to not compromise the safety of others.

What's Been Happening

Badminton – Wednesday 1st February

Yesterday Children in Years 4 to 6 went to the Racket Packet Badminton Festival at KGS. It was great to see the children's skills improving as the evening progressed.

Class 4 Assembly and Internet Safety – Thursday 2nd February

Class 4 led the assembly this morning, and what a brilliant show it was about internet safety.

This feeds very well into next week where the whole school will be learning more about internet safety in an age specific way. The internet and all the new technology for gaming, phones, etc. are fantastic for learning new things. However, sometimes our children are missing out on "real life" contact time and experiences.

We will be encouraging our children to connect with you over next week through books, board games, family time and simply getting outside. We hope that you will join in with them by having a tech free night – so be prepared to put down your phones, shut the laptop, maybe even have a fake power-cut and enjoy each other's company.

Bedtime Story with Mrs Gentry – Thursday 2nd February

KS2 children arrived in pyjamas and dressing gowns, some with a special cuddly toy or book for a special bedtime story tonight. They snuggled in front of the fire with a mug of hot chocolate and enjoyed some stories. Even the dads felt more relaxed afterwards!

Thank you to Mrs Gentry for organising this.

Future Events

No Swimming - 3rd February 2023

A quick reminder that, since there is no swimming tomorrow, children can come in their normal school uniform.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February

End of this half of the term – Friday 10th February

Half Term Holiday is fast approaching. Our last day before we break up is Friday 10th February, and we shall return to school on Monday 20th February. There will be Friday Club as usual.

PTFA Events

The PTFA met this week and the next two events they have planned are:.

- Quiz night on Thursday 9th March at 6pm
- King's Coronation Party on Sunday 9th May from 2 – 4pm.

Put the dates in your diary now.

Information

Miss Garner Leaving

Sadly, Miss Garner, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors, will be leaving us at the end of next week. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work, and to wish her well as she moves to her new home.

Industrial Action

Please be assured that Dudley House School will continue to stay open during strike action.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February 2023
- End of Term – Friday 10th February 2023
- Back to School – Monday 20th February 2023
- PTFA Family Quiz - 6pm Thursday 9th March 2023
- PTFA Coronation Event – Street Party – Sunday 7th May 2023