

# Dudley House School

## Newsletter – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023



Dear Parents,

We hope you are all getting back into the routine of the children being back at school. With the windy weather and the darker evenings, the summer feels like a long time ago. Part of that is because of the action packed first few weeks at school – we haven't stopped.

### What's been happening

#### Class 1 – Mrs Eason

Class 1 have enjoyed getting to know their new teacher. They have been busy finding out about our wonderful world, exploring colours and loved getting hands on finding where mini beasts live in our school grounds.

#### Class 3 Trip to St. Wulfram's Church

Last Monday, to support their learning about places of worship in RE, Class 3 visited St. Wulfram's Church. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the church and completing the Mouse's Trail or Junior Quiz. The church stewards made us very welcome and even provided a drink and biscuit to round off the visit. Afterwards the class enjoyed playtime in the park before heading back to school.

#### House Captains

Last week the children voted for new House Captains. They had requested new teams, so this year the houses are Ladybird, led by Jose, and Dragonfly, led by Shlok.

#### School Councillors

On Friday, candidates, who had chosen to stand, presented speeches outlining why they should be elected as a school councillor. Votes were cast and the result will be announced on Monday.

As a school we value the suggestions and activities the School Councillors (and other pupils) make and do all we can to assist them organising activities and events, such as the Culture Day at the end of term and fund raising for UNICEF.

### Future Events

#### Harvest Festival - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 8:50am

The children are busy preparing for our Harvest Festival celebration in the school hall next Thursday. All parents, families and friends are very welcome to attend.

To help us celebrate we would be grateful if families could contribute produce for the harvest display, which will be donated to Grantham Foodbank afterwards.

Grantham Foodbank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses, and the general public. Last year the Grantham Foodbank distributed over 70 tonnes of food to 7,539 local people in crisis, of whom 2,752 were children. An increase of 53% from the previous year.

This year the Foodbank has sent a list of items they'd really love to restock their storehouse with:

- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Breakfast Cereals
- Pasta
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Fruit / Veg
- Tinned Soup
- Coffee / Tea
- Breakfast Cereals
- Jam / Marmalade
- Tomato /Brown Sauce
- Bottles of Squash
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shaving Gel /Razors
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo
- Toilet Rolls

Please bring any produce in to school before 3:30pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, so that the display can be arranged.

## Information

### Thanks, from Mrs Gentry

We have received a thank you card from Mrs Gentry. She asked that her thanks and appreciation be passed onto you for all the kind messages and gifts that she received at the end of term. We have put the card on the noticeboard for you all to see.

### Emergency Contacts

You should have received a form, detailing the contact details that we hold for your child. Please check that we have the correct information, make any adjustments, and sign and return the form to us. If during the year anything changes please let us know so that we can get hold of you if needed

### Uniform

We have had a few instances of lost jumpers. Please can you check that you own uniform is labelled with your child's name, and that any item that does not belong to your child is returned to schools we can reunite it with its rightful owner. Thank you.

### Punctuality and Attendance

At Dudley House we start lessons promptly at the start of the day, however, we still have a few children not arriving by 8:45am, which means they miss out on the initial lesson input and disrupt others.

As a school we encourage punctuality and full attendance which not only impacts now, but also instils excellent life skills.

The children have been discussing ways to encourage punctuality and attendance and have decided that as well as termly certificates for full attendance children who arrive on time should be rewarded. Therefore, children will earn a house point for each day they are on time and 5 bonus house points if they arrive on time all week. A treat will be given to those who arrive on time every day for the term.

### Tax Free Childcare

Just a reminder that there are different Government schemes set up to assist with the costs of childcare. For more information about tax-free childcare and to check if you are eligible please follow this link – <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

### Flu Vaccination

Remember, if your child is in reception to Year 6, to fill in the online consent form as soon as possible if you would like your child to have their nasal flu spray vaccination in October.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| • Thursday 28th September | - Harvest Festival ~ 8:50am               |
| • Tuesday 3rd October     | - Library Visits (Class 1 & 3)            |
| • Wednesday 4th October   | - Mega Rugby Fest at Rugby Club (Class 3) |
| • Thursday 5th October    | - Poetry Day                              |
| • Tuesday 10th October    | - Parent's Evening                        |
| • Wednesday 11th October  | - Flu Vaccinations                        |
| • Thursday 12th October   | - Class 3 Assembly ~ 8:50am               |
| • Wednesday 18th October  | - Evacuee Day (Class 3)                   |
| • Wednesday 18th October  | - End of Term                             |