

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 7th February 2024



Dear Parents,

Hasn't the last 6 weeks gone quickly? As you know, it is half term next week and we have a staff training day on Monday 19th February, so we will be welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 20th February.

What's been happening

Class 1 – Mrs Eason and Mrs Johnson

Class 1 have been learning about helping others this half term. They have learnt about Florence Nightingale as well as people who can help us today. Stories such as 'Doctorsaurus', as well as different Bible stories have shown them that they too can help others. They have also made bird feeders to help look after the birds in our school grounds as part of the RSPB Big Bird Watch 2024.

Class 3 – Mrs Carrington

Class 3 have been exploring healthy eating, their teeth, traditional tales, and the Vikings! In maths they have been looking at units of time, fractions and measurements of things, such as a perimeter. They have also been Eco Warriors through the medium of modern interpretive dance.

Class 4 – Mrs White and Mrs Johnson

Class 4 have been learning about the Greeks. They have made traditional Greek food and Greek vases to help them have a really sound understanding of the subject. Last week they thoroughly enjoyed a trip by train to Nottingham Castle, where they explored the landscape and caves before exploring different works of art in the art gallery. They also gained inspiration for their writing on Robin Hood through interactive activities.

Please take a look at the school Facebook page or the school website for some photos.

Sport

Children in KS2 took part in the Boccia tournament and Badminton Festival. Both teams behaved impeccably, and the children were thrilled when they won the Boccia tournament and came back with gold medals and a trophy!

Safer internet Day – Tuesday 6th February

Yesterday, the children developed their understanding of how to keep safe on the internet.

As parents we know what a minefield it can be keeping your children safe online and so have attached some information that you may find useful.

Information

NSPCC FREE workshop for Parents & Carers - Keeping Children Safe When Gaming

This year, the NSPCC launches its first Game Safe Festival. As part of this, there will be a free online webinar for carers, parents and those working with families about online gaming and how they can help keep their children safe. The webinar will help parents have the knowledge, confidence and tools they need to help keep children safe when they game. The free workshop will take place on Zoom on Wednesday 7 February 2024, 7-8pm. Please see the attached poster with details on how to register.

Chicken Pox

Just to let you know that we currently have a case of chicken pox in the school. Remember if your child has chicken pox they need to remain at home for 5 days from the onset of the rash.

Measles

As there has been a worrying increase in cases of measles we have been asked to share the following information with you.

From 1 October 2023, there have been 347 laboratory confirmed measles cases reported in England, with 127 of these cases confirmed in January 2024. 75% (260/347) of these cases have been in the West Midlands, 13% (46/347) in London and 7% (24/347) in Yorkshire and The Humber. The majority (233/347, 67%) of these cases are in children under the age of 10 and 24% (85/347) in young people and adults over the age of 15.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The NHS has the following advice for parents on measles:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Also, the DfE has published an Education Hub blog with further guidance on what to do if you think your child has measles:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Clubs

Next half term staff will be running the following clubs from 3:35 to 4:30pm:

Sign Language Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£4.30
11+ Club (Year 5 only)	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£4.30
Craft Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Tuesday	£4.30
Board Games Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Wednesday	£4.30
Art Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Thursday	£4.30
Friday Club	12:45 – 3:30pm	Friday	£13.00

Clubs will start straight after half term. To book a place for your child please complete the form at the end of this letter and return it to school by the start of term.

No Club – Tuesday 27th February

We are very sorry, but there will be no after school club on Tuesday 27th February due to staff completing their paediatric first aid training. All children will need to be collected at 3:30pm, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Cakes and Food

In the past some children have bought cakes to school when they have celebrated their birthday. However, with the increasing range of allergies and food intolerances in school it is difficult to continue this without potential risk and disappointment to those who can't partake.

Therefore, from now on, please do not send in any food to share with other children for birthdays or celebrations. Thank you.

Half Term

Just a reminder that we finish at 3:30pm on Friday 9th February for half term and pupils should return on Tuesday 20th February. We hope you have a wonderful half term break.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| • Tuesday 20 th February | - Start of Term | • Tuesday 12 th March | - Parents Evening |
| • Thursday 22 nd February | - Class 4 Greek Day | • Wednesday 13 th March | - Class 3 Trip to York |
| • Friday 23 rd February | - No Swimming | • Thursday 14 th March | - Class 1 Assembly |
| • Thursday 29 th February | - Class 4 Assembly | • Wednesday 20 th March | - Class 3 Assembly |
| • Thursday 7 th March | - World Book Day | • Thursday 28 th March | - End of Term |

After School Care & Extra-Curricular Clubs – Spring Term 2 2024

Clubs

If your child would like to attend any clubs or afterschool care, please can you fill in this form indicating what clubs you would like to book and return the form to school at the start of term.

Invoices will be issued at the end of each half term for clubs attended.

Child's Name:

My child would like to attend: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Language Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£4.30
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I would also like my child to stay for After School Care until 5:00pm when the club has finished at a cost of £2.20 per session.

Monday 4:30 - 5:00	Tuesday 4:30 - 5:00	Wednesday 4:30 - 5:00	Thursday 4:30 - 5:00

Signed:

Date: