

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 4th September 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new term at Dudley House School! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

The staff have been very busy over the summer, planning learning, organising classrooms and making them exciting and attractive places to learn and I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

New Starters

We are delighted to welcome some new faces to our school family this year. It is always a pleasure to see our community grow and thrive.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs. Camm, who will be teaching Class 1 and 2 with Mrs Sellars. Mrs. Camm brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our school, and she is really looking forward to working with the children and being an integral part of our school family.

Start of the Day

As we strive to provide the best educational environment for our children, we would like to remind you of the importance of punctuality. **Please ensure that all children arrive by 8:40am at the very latest so that they are ready for lessons which start promptly at 8:45am.**

Punctuality is a crucial character trait that we aim to instil in our children from an early age, as it plays a significant role in their education and future life.

We appreciate your support in helping your child develop this important habit.

On arrival between 8:15 and 8:40am children should walk up to the playground where they will be supervised before coming into school. On wet days children should come through the front door (which will be unlocked) and go to the hall where they will be supervised.

End of the Day

At the end of the day children should be collected at 3:30pm from:

Classroom 1 external door: - Class 1 and 2 children

Classroom 3 external door: - Class 3 children

Front door: - Class 4 children

On Friday children should be collected at **12:45pm** unless they are staying for Friday Club.

Clubs

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

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| Games Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Monday | £4.50 |
| Construction / Lego Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Tuesday | £4.50 |
| Book Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Wednesday | £4.50 |
| Computing Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Thursday | £4.50 |
| Friday Club | 12:45 – 3:30pm | Friday | £13.50 |

Clubs will start this week. Please return the form to school before the first club that you wish your child to attend.

Children staying for afterschool clubs should stay for the whole club, as early departure is frustrating and disruptive for everyone.

Collection from Clubs

Children not picked up at 3:30pm and staying for clubs should all be collected at the end of the club at 4:30pm. Please come to the front door and your child will be sent out to you at 4:30pm.

Any child remaining after 4:30pm will be booked in to Afterschool Care, which incurs an additional charge of £2.25. Afterschool Care finishes at 5:00pm.

For those children collected after 4:30pm or from Friday Club, please ring the front doorbell and your child will be brought out to you.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times and looks presentable, even when coming to and from school, as they are ambassadors for our school.

Labels

Please ensure that all your child's uniform, PE kit, water bottle etc. are clearly labelled with their name. This simple action helps prevent mix-ups and ensures that children can easily identify their things and misplaced items can be reunited with the correct owner

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day and that all items, including PE bags are named. Class 3 and 4 will also need trainers as PE lessons are often outside.

Swimming

Children in Class 3 and 4 will start swimming lessons on Friday 13th September. Children going swimming should wear their blue school tracksuit, gold polo shirt and trainers to school. They will need to bring their navy swimming trunks/costume, yellow DHS swimming hat and towel in their nylon DHS swimming bag.

After swimming children should be collected from school at 12:45pm, unless they are staying for Friday Club.

As there is no swimming this week children should wear their normal school uniform.

Music Lessons

Piano, violin and clarinet lessons will start on Thursday 12th September with our new music teacher, Mrs Sharon Fox. Charges for individual music lessons are invoiced directly by the music teacher and should be paid at the beginning of each term.

If you would like your child to have individual music tuition at a cost of £7.00 per 15-minute lesson, please let us know on the enclosed form.

Medication in School

If your child needs medication administered during the school day, please bring the medication or cream to the school office and complete a medication form (available from the school office or on the school website under the 'Forms' section).

Please ensure medication is in its original packaging and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Last year, we encountered several instances where well-meaning parents sent their child to school with medication in their bags or lunch boxes without informing us. This practice poses a significant safeguarding risk not only to other children but also to your own child.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and your commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all students at Dudley House School.

Diary Dates

Please find a list overleaf some of the events planned for this term, to help you with your planning. These can also be found on the school website.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead and pray that God will continue to be the 'Master of our School'.

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2024

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| Wednesday 4 th September | - Start of Term |
| Thursday 12 th September | - Music Lessons start |
| Friday 13 th September | - Swimming starts for Class 3 & 4 |
| Friday 20 th September | - School Council Elections |
| Friday 27 th September | - Online Safety Talk KS2 |
| Wednesday 2 nd October | - Harvest Festival ~ 8:50am |
| Thursday 3 rd October | - Poetry Day |
| Thursday 3 rd October | - Mega Rugby Fest at Rugby Club (Class 3) |
| Tuesday 8 th October | - Parent's Evening |
| Thursday 10 th October | - World Mental Health Day |
| Tuesday 15 th October | - Flu Vaccinations |
| Wednesday 16 th October | - Class 3 Assembly ~ 8:50am |
| Wednesday 16 th October | - End of Term |

Half Term

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| Monday 28 th October | - Start of Term |
| Monday 4 th November | - Training Day (School Closed) |
| 5 th – 8 th November | - Week of Prayer |
| Wednesday 20 th November | - Class 4 Assembly |
| Thursday 21 st November | - Cheerleading at Priory Ruskin (Class 3) |
| Friday 13 th December | - No swimming |
| Wednesday 18 th December | - Christmas Performance ~ 6:00pm |
| Thursday 19 th December | - Christmas Parties |
| Friday 20 th December | - End of Term (No swimming) |

Christmas Holiday

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| Tuesday 7th January 2025 | - Start of Term |
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After School Care & Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term 1 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 this week. 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)*

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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 £2.25 per session.

| Monday 4:30 - 5:00 | Tuesday 4:30 - 5:00 | Wednesday 4:30 - 5:00 | Thursday 4:30 - 5:00 |
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Music Lessons

I would like my child to have individual: *(Please tick those that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Piano lessons | Clarinet lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Violin lessons | |

at a cost of £7:00 for each 15-minute lesson. I agree to pay the music teacher directly at the start of each term.

Signed:

Date: