

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 27th September 2024



Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic start to the new term. The children have settled quickly back into the day-to-day of school life, and we are so proud of them all. I have been particularly impressed with our youngest children. They have been so grown up and have taken everything in their stride.

What's been happening

New Website

Please visit www.dudleyhouseschool.co.uk to see our new and improved website. This site also loads much more quickly. Please let us know what you think so we can improve it further as we go forward.

House Captains

The children voted for their new House Captains. This year our two houses are Bumblebee, led by Joseph, and Grasshopper, led by Jivan.

School Council

Votes have been counted, and our newly elected School Council has been presented with their School Council badge. They will shortly be having their first meeting where they can share their ideas as well as ones put forward to them by their peers. We always love hearing new ideas, supporting the different charities they choose and working with them to make improvements.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for your generous donations to the Jeans for Genes charity last week. The school council set a target of £50 and were delighted that we collected £51.70 for this worthwhile cause. Thank you very much for your generous support.

Future Events

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 2nd October at 8:50am

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

Once again, we shall be supporting Grantham Foodbank which 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, Grantham Foodbank distributed over **72 tonnes** of food to **8,698** local people in crisis, of whom **3,076** were children. An increase of **15%** from the previous year. Your support with food helps them to keep pace with the additional demand that they are experiencing. In August alone they provided **6,102** meals, an increase of **27%** from August 2023.

They have asked for the following items:

- Tinned Meat/Fish
- Rice (500g /1kg packets)
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Baked Beans
- Tinned Fruit / Veg
- Tinned tomatoes
- Soup
- Breakfast Cereals
- Coffee / Tea
- Breakfast Cereals
- Jam / Marmalade
- Tomato /Brown Sauce
- Bottles of Squash
- Pet Food (Cat and Dog)
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shaving Gel /Razors
- Shower Gel
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toilet Rolls

Please bring any produce into school before 4:30pm on Tuesday 1st October.

Online Safety Talk KS2

Unfortunately, this has been postponed due to staff illness , but we will be arranging a new date soon to enhance what we teach in school as we feel that this is such an important area. In the meantime, there are useful online safety links on our website <https://dudleyhouseschool.co.uk/information-for-parents/e-safety/> that you may find useful to help keep your children safe online at home.

Rugby Festival – Thursday 3rd October

Class 3 will be participating in a range of Rugby activities at Kesteven Rugby Club next Thursday afternoon. Just a reminder that they should come dressed in the school tracksuit, coat and trainers.

Music Lesson – Thursday 3rd October

Due to the rugby, music lessons will take place on Thursday morning next week.

Parents Evening – Tuesday 8th October

Parents Evening is planned for Tuesday 8th October. Please pop in to reception to book your slot on the sign-up sheet on the foyer noticeboard.

Flu Vaccination – 15th October

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.

Information

Emergency Contacts

Next week you will receive 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.

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>

Attendance

As a school we encourage children to attend every day and arrive on time, as long as they are fit to do so, to ensure they do not miss out on vital learning. It is something that the government is also strongly pushing, as they know the impact absence from school can have. Please help your child strive for 100% attendance each term.

Useful link – Is my child too ill for school?

The attached NHS link is a really useful resource for parents/ carers if they are unsure whether to send their child to school or not. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-forschool/>

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 2 nd October	- Harvest Festival ~ 8:50am
Thursday 3 rd October	- Poetry Day
Thursday 3 rd October	- Rugby Festival
Tuesday 8 ^h October	- Parent's Evening
Thursday 15 th October	- Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 16 th October	- Class 3 Assembly ~ 8:50am
Wednesday 18 th October	- End of Term