

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 29 October 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! As we move into the busy autumn months, we want to ensure you are informed about the important dates and events happening at Dudley House School. Please mark these on your calendars.

What's Been Happening

National Teaching Assistant Day - 27th September

We celebrated Mrs Sellars on National Teaching Assistant Day and were delighted when she even won a local award! Please see our Facebook page for photos of when she was surprised in assembly.

Harvest Festival - 2nd October

We were overjoyed to take so many bags of produce to the Foodbank in Grantham this year. Thank you for all your support. After the Harvest service Year 6 children also pleasantly surprised elderly people within our community who were delighted by the visit and the plant they were given.

Rugby Festival - 3rd October

If you haven't seen the photos on the Facebook page, please take a look - Class 3 were, as always, outstandingly well behaved and a credit to the school in an afternoon spent developing tag rugby skills.

World Mental Health Day - 10th October

During the day we looked at mental health and thought about ways that we can improve mental wellbeing.

Class 3 Assembly - 16th October

Thank you, Class 3, for sharing your learning with parents and friends during your class assembly. We enjoyed hearing what you had been learning about Africa and seeing the animals trying to solve the problem of the Great Wall.

Future Events

Rotary Shoeboxes

We have been asked by Grantham Rotary Club to help fill shoeboxes to give to disadvantaged children or families in need this Christmas to spread a little joy and happiness. Children will bring a shoebox home to fill or alternatively you could send some items to school to help fill a shoebox or a £3 donation to help with transportation costs. Please see Rotary Club Shoebox Scheme letter for details of what can or can't be included.

Please send your donations or completed shoeboxes back to school by 13th November.

ADHD Awareness Day - Thursday 31st October

This Thursday we will be raising awareness and giving the children an insight into ADHD. We'll be researching famous people who have ADHD and how it can affect them before trying out some sensory circuits.

Staff Training Day - Monday 4th November

Please note that the school will be closed to all pupils on this day as staff will be participating in a training day in Bracknell.

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November

We will observe a moment of silence to honour those who have served and those who are currently serving our country. Poppies are available for purchase in the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week - 10th to 15th November

This year's theme is 'United Against Bullying'. During the week we will be sharing stories and discussions to promote kindness and respect among our students.

Year 6 SATs for Parents - Tuesday 12th November

Mrs Johnson and Miss White will be hosting an informal SATs meeting to explain the process and give you some ideas of how you can support your child. This will be held between 5:30 and 6:30pm in Class 4.

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

The School Council has decided to organise a cookie sale to raise funds for this wonderful cause. Cookies will be on sale on Friday morning, starting at 20 pence each, to make this an affordable activity for all and will be limited to a maximum of 5 cookies.

However please feel free to send in other donations if you wish to give to this charity that makes a difference to so many children.

Flu Vaccine - Wednesday, 20th November

For those who have not yet received the flu vaccine, it will be available on this day. Please ensure you complete the form sent out by the local NHS to participate.

Class 4 Assembly - Wednesday, 20th November at 8:50am

Please join us for Class 4's assembly, showcasing their hard work and talents. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

The Grantham Gingerbread Trail

After the success of last year's Rogue Reindeer Trail, SKDC have planned 'The Grantham Gingerbread Trail' as part of Grantham's Christmas Fayre on Sunday 1st December. We will be decorating a wooden gingerbread. I wonder whether you will be able to find ours.

Cheerleading - Thursday, 5th December

Due to the popularity of this event we are now participating in the Cheerleading on Thursday 5th December at Priory Ruskin Academy. More details will follow, but to help you with your planning, children in class 3 and 4 will need to be dropped off at Priory Ruskin Academy at 8:50am and collected from there at 2:30pm.

Information

Clubs

This term staff will be running the following clubs:

Cooking Club (max. 8 children)	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£5.50
Creative Crafts Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Tuesday	£4.50
Football Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Wednesday	£4.50
Art 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.

Snacks

Finally, just a reminder that children should only bring fruit snacks for playtimes, not crisps or biscuits.

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 31 st October	- ADHD Awareness Day
Thursday 31 st October	- Music Lessons start
Monday 4 th November	- School Closed for Training Day
5 th – 8 th November	- Week of Prayer
Monday 11 th November	- Remembrance Day
11 th -15 th November	- Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	- Year 6 SATs meeting 5:30 to 6:30pm
Friday 15 th November	- Cookie Sale for Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	- Class 4 Assembly
Wednesday 20 th November	- Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 4 th December	- Music lessons (due to Cheerleading on Thursday)
Thursday 5 th December	- Cheerleading at Priory Ruskin (Class 3 & 4)
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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Club (8 places)	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£5.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Crafts Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Tuesday	£4.50
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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

Music Lessons

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Piano lessons	<input type="checkbox"/>	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: