

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 15th November 2024



Dear Parents,

As we countdown the final five weeks of this term, excitement is in the air at Dudley House School! With a whirlwind of inspiring events and activities behind us and some eagerly anticipated ones just around the corner, our school community continues to thrive and grow. Here's a glimpse into recent happenings and what's to come.

What's Been Happening

Rotary Shoeboxes

Thank you so much for filling the Rotary Club shoeboxes with such lovely things. I am sure that those receiving them will be so grateful, and you will bring a big smile to their face. Thank you also for the £3 donation to help with transportation costs. This is really appreciated. Boxes will be collected next week.

ADHD Awareness Day - Thursday 31st October

Pupils embraced our ADHD Awareness Day with enthusiasm and empathy. We explored the concept of a 'speedy brain' to understand ADHD's unique characteristics through a fun, simplified lens. Using the iceberg analogy, we delved deeper into the hidden challenges faced by individuals with ADHD, fostering a reflective discussion on inclusivity. The day concluded with sensory circuits, teaching valuable skills in alertness, organization, and calming techniques and ways they could assist someone who was feeling over stimulated and overwhelmed. A big thank you to Mrs Carrington for organising this impactful day filled with learning and kindness!

Week of Prayer

Last week, we were delighted to have Pastor David and Pastor Steven lead our special week of prayer. Through engaging activities and practical illustrations, we explored the beauty and diversity of prayer.

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November

After laying poppy wreaths in front of the flagpole, the whole school observed a respectful two minute silence. This experience was a powerful lesson in British values, highlighting democracy, respect, and liberty, as we honoured the courageous individuals who serve our country.

Anti-Bullying Week - 10th to 15th November

This week we have been looking at how the children can good friends by treating others as they would like to be treated with kindness and respect.

Gingerbread designs

Thank you to everyone for the creative gingerbread man designs. It will be very hard to choose the final design as they have been wonderful. Work on decorating our figure ready for the Grantham Gingerbread Trail will start next week.

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

A big thank you to everyone in Class 1 and 2 for all the biscuits and cookies that you baked to raise funds for Children in Need. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised an impressive £34.71! Thank you.

Future Events

Flu Vaccine - Wednesday 20th November

For those who have not yet received the flu vaccine, it will be available next Wednesday. Please ensure the NHS form is completed to participate.

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

Class 4's assembly will be taking place on Wednesday 20th November. Please join us in the school hall to discover what Class 4 have been learning this term. All are welcome.

Online Safety event for parents – 20th November

Lincolnshire's Stay Safe Partnership are holding a free question and answer session for parents between 6:00 and 7:30 on Wednesday 20th November. This is a free TEAMS event. You can find out more and book your place at

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/1441939>



Even though you may not be able to attend at the time, we have been told that if you register for the event, they will send you the link to the recording and resources they mention.

The Grantham Gingerbread Trail – 1st December

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 one of the figures next week. Will you be able to find ours on the trail?

Cheerleading - Thursday 5th December

Children in class 3 and 4 will be taking part in the Cheerleading Festival at Priory Ruskin Academy on Thursday 5th December. They will need to be dropped off at Priory Ruskin Academy at 8:50am and collected from just outside the reception at 2:30pm.

Swimming

Our swimming sessions have been making a splash, but here's an early reminder: we won't be swimming during the last two weeks of term on 13th and 20th December 2024, so children should come to school in their normal school uniform.

Information

PE Kits

Just a reminder that children should always have their PE things in school.

Bringing items from home

Children have been reminded that they should not be bringing things from home to school, unless specifically asked to do so, to save things getting lost or broken.

Support for parents

Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Family Lives also offer a range of free online parenting courses: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2024

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| 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 |
| Tuesday 17 th December | - Carol singing at Martin Court |
| Wednesday 18 th December | - Christmas Performance ~ 6:00pm |
| Thursday 19 th December | - Christmas Parties |
| Friday 20 th December | - End of Term (No swimming) |