

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 21st January 2025



Dear Parents,

What's been happening

Boccia Tournament – 16th January

Last Thursday, three children from KS2 represented the school at the Boccia Tournament at Kings Sports Hall. We were delighted when, after the heats, they progressed to the final and won with their precise throws. They returned to school victorious with gold medals and a trophy.

Future Events

Chinese Day – Wednesday 29th January

Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with the children taking part in various activities to learn about China and the rich traditions and customs of Chinese New Year. From crafts to storytelling, it's an excellent opportunity for our students to broaden their cultural understanding and appreciation.

To make the day even more memorable, we are arranging a vegetarian Chinese lunch for those who would like to take part. Please see separate letter for more details.

Story Telling Week – 3rd to 7th February

Throughout history and across every culture, people have told each other stories for a variety of reasons – to inspire others, to share important morals and lessons or simply to pass the time. Storytelling Week celebrates the tradition of storytelling, and we hope to inspire children to 'Reimagine their world' and provide them with situations to create extraordinary stories.

For you as parents National Storytelling Week provides a wonderful opportunity for you to highlight the importance of reading and storytelling. No matter whether they're keen readers or they're a bit more hesitant to get involved, there's no better time to get everyone together and appreciate the magic of a great story.

Parents Evening – Tuesday 4th February

Timed slots are now available to book on the sign-up sheet in the reception area. Please come in and select the time you would like to talk to your child's teacher.

Class 3 Assembly – Thursday 6th February at 8:50am

Class 3 will be leading the first parents' assembly this year about the power of storytelling and books, which family and friends are warmly invited to. As always please help your child learn their lines.

No Swimming – 7th February 2025

A quick reminder that, since there is no swimming on Friday 7th February, children should come in their normal school uniform.

Information

Staff Changes

After many dedicated years of service, Miss White has decided to leave teaching so that she can focus on her art, and will be leaving the school on the 14th February. Mrs Littler, who previously taught the children, is excited to be returning to the school and over the next few weeks will be liaising with Miss White to ensure a smooth transition when she starts after February half term.

Mrs Jessop will also be moving onto pastures new at the same time. We would like to thank them both for all their hard work and wish every success and happiness as they begin a new phase in their lives.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for these members of staff, please mark any donations for the attention of Mrs Johnson.

Bulbs

Spring is approaching and you may have noticed the bulbs peeking out from under their grass blankets. So that the daffodils don't get trampled before they have chance to flower, please can you help us by reminding your children to walk only on the drive at the front of the school. Thank you.

Parking on the Zig Zag Markings

Just a reminder that people should not park on the yellow safety zone lines during school hours. They are there to keep your children safe.

Keeping this area clear improves visibility for drivers, allowing them to see children who may be crossing the road. It also ensures that emergency vehicles can access the school quickly if needed.

Homework

Just a reminder that homework should be completed using a sharp pencil or blue pen, not biro please.

I hope that the KS2 children are enjoying their latest Brain Builder homework inspired by their dance lessons. We are really looking forward to seeing the masks and presentations on Rio on Friday 7th February.

Mrs Johnson (Headteacher)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Chinese Day - Wednesday 29th January
- Story Telling Week - 3rd – 7th February
- Parents Evening - Tuesday 4th February
- Shuttle Stars Badminton (KGS) - Wednesday 5th February 4 - 5:30pm
- Class 3 Assembly - Thursday 6th February
- No Swimming - Friday 7th February
- Virtual Skipping Challenge - 10th – 14th February
- Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 11th February
- Class 4 Assembly - Wednesday 12th February
- End of Term – Friday 14th February 2025
- Back to School – Tuesday 25th February 2025