

# Dudley House School

## Newsletter – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to have the children back in school after the half-term break. We have an exciting term ahead with various activities planned to enrich our students' learning experiences.

### **What's been happening**

#### Chinese Day – 29<sup>th</sup> January

We celebrated Chinese New Year with activities exploring China, its culture, and geography. The children painted the Willow Pattern, participated in a dragon dance, created panda cartoons, made origami snakes, and crafted collage lanterns. The highlight was the delicious Chinese lunch that offered a taste of this diverse culture.

#### Story Telling Week – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February

The children showed their creativity by retelling and creating their own stories, demonstrating their impressive storytelling skills.

#### Badminton – 5<sup>th</sup> February

Some of our older pupils participated in the Shuttle Stars Badminton Festival at KGGS, showcasing their improved skills.

#### Class 3 Assembly – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Class 3 shared the power of books and storytelling through a captivating play, emphasizing the importance of drafting and editing. Thank you, Class 3.

#### Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

We focused on online safety and digital citizenship, with activities and a special presentation to enhance children's safety skills online.

#### Class 4 Assembly – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Centered on truthfulness, Class 4 impressed us with their poetry recital, play, and musical performances.

#### Staff Changes

At the end of term, we bid farewell to Miss White (who had worked at the school for 17 years) and Mrs Jessop and wished them all the very best as they embarked on their new adventures.

At the start of term, we were delighted to welcome back Mrs Littler, who will teach Class 4 for 4 days a week alongside Mrs Johnson.

#### School Premises.

Over half term, the school underwent a makeover after receiving a capital grant from our proprietors, the North England Conference. The classrooms and ICT suite have been painted, new carpets laid, resources tidied, and new interactive Touchscreens installed in the classrooms and hall. The children were thrilled when they arrived on Tuesday and gave the improvements their seal of approval.

#### Local walk – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

As part of their topic 'Can we fix it?' Class 1 enjoyed a walk around the local area looking for at different houses. Class 2 also joined them so that they could compare their local area to India.

### Online Safety – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

This morning, a workshop by Dan from the Stay Safe Partnership taught children about online safety and gaming. The children learnt about a variety of different games, how to block and report if someone is being unkind online and all about AI.

### **Future Events**

#### Pancake Day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

We will have pancake races, and Mrs Sellars will cook pancakes for the children.

#### World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

On World book day, Classes 3 and 4 will visit The Stanborough Press on Thursday afternoon to learn about book publishing: editing, illustrating, design, publishing, distribution, etc.

Children will receive a book voucher for £1 off a book purchase from the company.

Class 1 and 2 are planning a visit to the library.

#### Book Shop visit – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

To further foster children's love of books and reading, we will be taking the children to visit The Reading Room, a new beautiful independent bookstore with a relaxed and cosy atmosphere. The children will be able to swap their World Book Day voucher for a FREE World Book Day book or could use it to get £1 off any other book in-store.

#### No Swimming – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

A quick reminder that, since there is no swimming on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, children should come in their normal school uniform.

### **Information**

#### Indoor shoes

The children have suggested wearing indoor shoes / slippers as they want the new carpets to be stay clean. The staff liked the children's idea, and we have been trialling this over the last couple of days.

Please provide a named pair of black plimsolls or similar shoes to be kept at school.

#### Clubs

After taking on board children's ideas, this term we will be running the following extra-curricular clubs from 3:35 to 4:30pm:

Map Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£4.50 (+ VAT)
Computing Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Wednesday	£4.50 (+ VAT)
11+ Club (Year 5 only)	3:35 – 4:30pm	Wednesday	£4.50 (+ VAT)
Role Play Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Thursday	£4.50 (+ VAT)

We will also be providing afterschool care from 4:30pm to 5:00pm, as well as on Tuesday and Friday.

Afterschool Care	3:35 – 4:30pm	Tuesday	£4.50
Friday Club	12:45 – 3:30pm	Friday	£13.50

Please return the form to school identifying which clubs you wish your child to attend.

#### Music Lessons

Due to a few events on Thursday afternoons, after next week Music lessons will switch to Friday morning for the rest of this half term.

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact me. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Warm regards,  
Jenny Johnson, (Headteacher)

## Diary Dates – Spring Term 2 2025

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Start of Term
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Class 1&2 Local walk
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Online Safety Talk - KS2
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Pancake Day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Class 1&2 Library Visit
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Class 3&4 Visit to Stanborough Press
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Trip to 'The Reading Room'
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - No Swimming
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Science Day
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Class 1&2 Assembly
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Rail safety Assembly - Class 3&4
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Rail safety Assembly - Class 1&2
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Quicksticks Hockey Tournament ~ 1:00 - 4:15pm
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Ladies Afternoon Tea – 2:30pm
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter Service 8:50am
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Tag Rugby Tournament ~ 12:30 - 4:00pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - End of Term (No swimming)

### Easter Holiday

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Start of Summer Term

## After School Care & Extra-Curricular Clubs – Spring Term 2 2025

### Clubs

If your child would like to attend any extra-curricular clubs or afterschool care, please can you fill in this form indicating what clubs / care you would like to book and return the form to school.

Invoices will be issued at the end of each half term for any afterschool care or extra-curricular clubs that are attended.

Please note that extra-curricular clubs will become subject to VAT when we need to register, afterschool care is exempt.

**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 Afterschool 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)*

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| <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: .....