



# Newsletter

28th September 2018

## Reminders

- Please return all of your completed start of year forms via parentmail or the school office. This will include an update of your personal details, permission to take your children on local trips, permission for your child to use school computers, permission for us to keep certain details for you on record, updated medical information for your child and photo consent. ALL ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD.
- Please return your gifted and talented letters to tell us about what your children get up to outside school.
- NO CHILDREN MUST BE DROPPED OFF UNSUPERVISED BEFORE SCHOOL UNLESS YOU HAVE GIVEN PERMISSION FOR YOUR 10/11 YEAR OLD TO. OLDER SIBLINGS CANNOT SUPERVISE.

## Pupils Arriving at School

We have noticed that there is an increase in the number of pupils arriving late to school each morning which affects your child's attendance and schooling.

The school bell rings at **8.45am** and that is the time that pupils need to be in school. The second bell rings at 8.55am to signal the closing of the registers. Please aim for the first bell or your child may not make it inside in time to get their mark.

You may see our attendance officer on the gate some mornings checking with families that they are ok and offering support to ensure their children are in school on time.

## INSET Days 2018-2019

25th February  
22nd July  
Childcare available on February date.

## Polling Day 2019

2nd May 2019—school closed

## Another Busy Week!

So much happens in school each week but I love being able to tell you about it!

School has started preparations for our first multi-academy trust musical extravaganza. It will happen at Dudley Town Hall in March next year and will involve the school choir and some dancers so watch this space for further details!

All our after school club letters and lists have been arranged to start. Again, a super range of clubs across school. They will change each term to continue to offer different things to different year groups.

## Dudley Family Learning Courses

We are starting a new initiative with Dudley Family Learning. We will be offering a choice of courses for parents to access over the year.

The first course is going to be **Family First Aid** on 10th October 9-11am. This is to help parents deal with family first aid situations and resuscitation techniques. It is completely FREE! It will initially be a one week course but if parents want to extend it to a 3 week course, we will continue to run it each week. Please note there is no crèche available. Please put your name on the list in the main school office by 5th October so we know final numbers.

You just need to bring proof of ID with you (driving licence, bank card or passport) **and** evidence that you have lived in the UK/EU for the last 3 years (UK/EU passport, birth certificate, driving licence showing UK birthplace) or that you have immigration status or are an asylum seeker.

We will be sending questionnaires to parents asking what further adult courses you would like to see at Hurst Hill.

## British Book Week

To help us celebrate British Book Week, Dudley Catering Services are running a colouring competition next week. All children having a school dinner on Thursday, will receive a poster to colour at home. School dinners on Thursday will be fish and chips, chilli and rice, jacket potatoes, sandwiches and wraps followed by cheesecake! Please return the poster by 8th October with your child's name and class. KS1 prize is a pack of books about food and KS2 prize is an Enid Blyton Recipe book. Winners will be notified by 9th October.

**School Meals: £2.30**

Drinks: Milk—free Water—free

Snack Trolley

Toast—26p per round

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### **Behaviour and Hard Work Incentives:**

#### **Star of the Week and Postcards home**

Now the majority of our INSET days are out of the way, we can get back into regular Friday celebration assemblies. Parents will be receiving letters this weekend if their children have been chosen as star pupil ready for next week's assembly. Assembly is 8.55am—9.15am, every Friday, for parents to attend to support and praise their children.

I will continue to send postcards home every week to other children who have been recognised for super behaviour or work.

### **2018-2019 Diary Dates**

An annual calendar will be sent out shortly but key dates are as follows:

1st October—KS1 Sponsored Walk

2nd October—Bikeability starts for Y3 and Y6

2nd October—Reception Eye Tests

Week commencing 8th October—KS1 Book Shares  
8th October—Colouring competition entries in

10th October—Family first aid 9-11am

11th October—Harvest Assembly for KS1

16th October—School Disco!

22nd October—School Photos

22nd October—KS2 Book Share

22nd October—KS1 Road Safety Talk

23rd and 24th October—Parents' Evening

25th October—Mufti Day

26th October—Half Term!

### **Attendance**

**17th September 2018 — 21st September 2018**

Attendance needs to be 100%!

1st place—3/4 RW—99% Well done!

2nd Place— 5/6DR—98% Great effort—Keep it up!

Children who achieved 100% attendance last year will get their prize so don't worry. We will be in touch with our plans

### **New Members of Staff**

We would like to welcome to school our new school cook Mrs Ingram who started this week. She has made a super start with great food and her biscuits are particularly gorgeous!

We also welcome Mrs Boundford to Hurst Hill. She starts on Thursday in our school office. Please welcome her warmly and bear with us while we induct a new member of staff to our school—thank you.

### **Be Bright, Be Seen ! - Mufti Day**

On 25th October, we are going to hold a Be Bright, Be Seen mufti -day. Children will be able to wear their own bright, aluminous, reflective, shiny clothing for £1 per pupil. This money will be used for extra curricular activities in school and to celebrate the importance of our bikeability, road safety and firework / bonfire safety talks.

### **Thank You!**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Design Engine who have helped support school with the purchase of our new music curriculum. Design Engine is a Design & Engineering consultancy firm based in Halesowen. Children have been showing me some of their new music skills and I am very impressed! This will help support the teaching of music throughout school. Thank you!

### **Planners**

Please ensure that you and your child have signed the school agreements in the front of their planner. This includes the Code of Conduct and the Rules of Responsible IT use.

Please also ensure that you are listening to your child read every night and write it in the planner.

### **Safeguarding**

We all have a responsibility for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the Schools Designated Safeguarding Leads within school. If you have concerns which **are not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**. Alternatively you can call ChildLine on **0800 1111** or email them by visiting [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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**Please contact us if there is anything worrying you. We are here to help—it is good to talk!**