



Oct 7th 2016

Diary Dates

- 11.10.2016** - Year 5 - Thinktank
- 13.10.2016** - Parents Evening
(4.00pm - 8.30pm)
- 24.10.2016 - 28.10.2016** - Half Term (school closed)
- 31.10.2016** - INSET Day
(No children in school)
- 02.11.2016** - Halloween School Disco (information to follow)
- 03.11.2016** – Children’s Class Photos
- 10.11.2016** - Year 5 - Cinema Trip
- 17.11.2016** - Year 3 - Black Country Museum
- 23.11.2016** - Year 4 - Cadbury World

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone that donated and helped at our Coffee afternoon, we raised an amazing £672.46 for the charity.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs are up and running now, if your child is interested in joining a club and hasn't put their name down please contact Mrs Barfoot.

Headteacher’s Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to our new **Prefects** in Year 6. Look out for their new blue and white ties and our Head Boy and Girl wearing red and white. Badges are on their way. These pupils will demonstrate the highest standards for other pupils to emulate and will also take on extra responsibilities around the school during the day.

This week we have had our **Harvest Assembly**. To help those less fortunate in our community we are asking each child to bring in an item to donate to a local food bank. These items should be tinned or 'dry' food packets such as pasta, rice etc. not fresh food or already open items. I hope you can support us in this endeavour. We will send these donations to a **food bank** at half term.

Today we conducted our first '**Lockdown drill**' of the year to ensure pupils are confident in our emergency procedures. This went very well and will be practised each half term. The fire drill will also be practised each half term.

Please remember it is **Parents’ Evening** next Thursday 13th October. If you haven't made an appointment to meet your child's teacher then please do so ASAP. If you can't make it on Thursday please contact your child's teacher to arrange a separate appointment. This meeting is a chance to find out how your child has settled in, discuss current attainment, behaviour and attitude and to also what academic targets your child is working on.

Overleaf is information about applying for the **Pupil Premium Grant**. This is £1320.00 per year that the Government will pay to the school to assist the education of your child if they are eligible. It also entitles them to free school meals which currently cost £2.20 per day or £11.00 per week. **Children in Year 3 and upwards are required to pay for their meals** so PLEASE apply if you are entitled to it. We will offer computers to complete this online 5 minute application in private on Parents’ Evening. All you need is your National Insurance number.

The school will be **closed on Monday 31st October for Staff INSET** with Dudley Wood, Sledmere and Kates Hill schools.

Students of the week w/c 26th Sept 2016

A BIG well done to -

Year 1 - Caitlyn W, Niamh J
Year 3 - Elisha P, Ellie W
Year 5 - Sam T, Maya M

Year 2 - Ruby T, Thomas B
Year 4 - Libby M, Molly C
Year 6 - Anya B, Jack O

Free School Meals

If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive Free School Meals*

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

*If you have moved into the area you will need to complete a Free School Meals Application form

If you need further information or wish to apply for Free School Meals, you can contact Benefit Services by:



Telephone - 01384 814988



Email – freeschoolmeals.benefits@dudley.gov.uk



Visiting – Dudley Council Plus, Castle Street, Dudley
Between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday,
9am and 12 noon Saturday.