

Friday 16th October 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

26.10.20 – 30.10.20 October Half Term

02.11.20 Inset Day School Closed to pupils

03.11.20 School re-opens to pupils

03.11.20 Pupil Photographs

13.11.20 Children in Need Mufti Day

11.12.20 Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.20 Rec – Yr6 Flu Vaccinations

18.12.20 School closes for Christmas 3.15pm

04.01.21 Inset Day School Closed to pupils

05.01.21 School re-opens to pupils

15.02.21 – 19.02.21 February Half Term

01.04.21 School Closes for Easter @ 3.15pm

19.04.21 School re-opens to pupils

03.05.21 May Day Bank Holiday

31.05.21 – 04.06.21 Half Term

21.07.21 School Closes for Summer @ 3.15pm

Secondary School Applications

You can still apply for your child's secondary school place for 2021-22. The deadline is Saturday 31st October 2020

To apply go to: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/secondary-year-7-intake/>

Parents Telephone Consultation Evening.

It is parents' evening on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please make sure that you keep your phone handy at the arranged time slot for your call. Staff will do their best to stick to timings. I have given all staff a timer and they will need to stick carefully to their slots in order to make sure that there are not big delays. If any issues need to be discussed for longer than the 10 minutes we can always arrange a follow up call for another day.



Today we have announced our new Year 6 Prefects and our Head Boy and Head Girl.

The new Head Boy is Ozine B and our new Head Girl is Ruby B.

Well done to them for their truly exemplary example to all.

There are also some new Prefects who show excellent attitude and behaviour every day.

They are: **Jacob H, Erin L, Ruby T, Abeera M, Paighton B, Sophia J, Olli D, Thomas B, Tyler E, Lily M, Jack H, Kelsie W and Lily-Mae R** – a big well done to all of them and thank you to all of the other children who also applied. Sadly we can't choose everybody.



A big well done to our Students of the Week.

Hanna L, Talia D, Joseph G, Darcie-Rose B, Arham M, Fathima F, Macie J, Jasmine T, Rhys H, Tyler P, Kamren S & Kyreece L.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching half term. This term has simply flown by so please remember that Monday 2nd November is an INSET Day and the school will be closed to the pupils.

I thought that I would update you on our approach to home learning in case this should be needed again.

If a child is absent from school due to having to self-isolate for possible Covid19 symptoms, then please contact the school office. We will then arrange for work to be sent home for children to complete during their absence if they are well enough to complete it.

If we close a bubble or year group etc. then we will ensure that all of the pupils have an exercise book to take home and we will distribute two weeks' worth of work to those pupils affected. Staff will stay in touch with parents throughout and keep you updated on any issues etc. As before, there should be at least 3 hours of school work completed each day.

If there is a national schools closure (very unlikely) then we will revert to our previous approach of home learning and will update work regularly and provide links to online lessons from Oak National Academy etc. This is quite unlikely to occur again unless absolutely necessary. The Government has insisted that there must be a higher level of engagement with future home learning than during the March – July lockdown to ensure children do not slip any further behind.

Our early assessment this term has shown that in most year groups approximately 85% of pupils are at least two terms off track from where they should be at this stage of their education. Some children are three or more terms behind. So we really do need your support to ensure that all of the children get back to where they should be ASAP. So please make sure that homework and spellings/time tables etc. are completed weekly and if you can do anymore work at home it will also really help. Teachers will inform you about how your child is doing during the parents evening calls.

Have a good weekend!
Mr P Rawlings

We are having a lot of items dropped off at the school office after the start of the school day. Can I please ask parents to try to ensure that children have everything they need for the day with them as they enter school. It can be quite tricky to drop everything off later in the day.