N E W S L E T T E R

Friday 25th September 2026

DUDLEY NEWS



HARVEST FESITVAL

On Monday 5th October, we will hold our annual Harvest Festival assembly with the children and discuss the meaning behind the celebration. Once again, we would love to be able to support our local food bank and politely ask for any donations of non-perishable items. These can be brought in to school on Monday 5th October and all items donated will be collected by the local foodbank, organised by the Salvation Army. The following items are urgently needed:

- UHT MILK FULL FAT(BLUE) AND SEMI (GREEN)
- TINNED MEAT (BUT NOT CORNED BEEF OR PORK)
- TINNED VEGETABLES (ESPECIALLY PEAS AND CARROTS)
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED SPAGHETTI IN SAUCE
- TOILETRIES
- TOILET ROLLS
- FRUIT JUICE



Thank you for your kindness and support.

MOVE TO ARBOR

Further to our message sent on Monday, as part of our system transfers to DCAT, you will soon be receiving a welcome email with login details for the Arbor Parent Portal. This system will become our main method of communication with you. Through the Arbor Parent Portal, you will be able to view information about your child, including their attendance, as well as book and pay for clubs and trips. Should you experience any difficulties accessing the portal, please contact the academy office and we will be happy to help.

A reminder that from Monday, Reach More Parents/Weduc will no longer be used for academy communications. Please ensure that you look out for your Arbor welcome email and login details so that you can continue to receive important messages and updates from us. Thank you for your patience and support as we make this transition to our new systems.

MORNING DROP OFF ROUTINES

A little reminder about morning drop-off, Members of our staff team are always on the gate in the morning and are happy to take messages or offer a little extra support if your child is having a tricky start to the day. We are always here to help! We would just like to gently remind parents and carers that, if a member of staff is supporting a child and has stepped inside the building, please wait for them to return rather than bringing your child into the building yourself. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps us to make sure that everyone entering the academy is appropriately supervised. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and cooperation in helping us to keep all of our children safe.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Dudley Infant Academy overall attendance this week = 95.5%

East Sussex schools - 96.3%

Schools nationally this week = 96.3%



ME & MY MIND

Me and My Mind are an organisation that works within the East Sussex Mental Health Team. This year, they are offering us a parent workshop or coffee morning in Term 2 to offer advice around supporting your child's mental health.

If you are interested in this, please scan the QR code on the poster attached to today's newsletter and state your preferences. However, we are aware that not all mobile devices are compatible with the QR code and therefore we have paper copies available at school if this would be easier for you.

Thank you,

Mrs Sankey

A helping hand with your mental health
me & my mind
East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

Designated Safeguarding team (for Dudley Infant Academy) -
DSL@dudleyinfantacademy.org.uk

David Marks (Chair of Local Board)

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DUDLEY DIARY DATES

Wednesday 30th Sept - Yr2 local area walk

Thursday 8th Oct - Yr2 Street Dance workshop (in school)

Friday 9th Oct - POD AGM 9am

Monday 12th Oct - Yr1 Art Workshop in school - Hastings Storytelling Festival (more info to follow soon!)

Wednesday 14th Oct - 1066 Day at Dudley

Friday 23rd Oct - INSET DAY

26th Oct - 30th Oct HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd Nov - INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd Nov - Start of Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week it has been at Dudley! It has been lovely to see the children continuing to settle into their new classes and becoming more familiar with the routines of the school day. We know that getting back into the swing of school can sometimes take a little time, so we have been really proud to see the resilience, confidence and enthusiasm the children are showing each day. A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend!

Mr Maclean & Mrs Luke

PARENTS OF DUDLEY

Dudley Infant Academy PTA

DUDLEY UNIFORM SALE










ALL ITEMS 50P OR £1 EACH!

SALE TO BE HELD IN THE

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

FROM 3.20PM ON

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER.

CASH ONLY PLEASE

A helping hand with your mental health

me & my mind

East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

Please scan this QR code to tell us what you're interested in attending

Supporting Your Child with Mental Health and Wellbeing Survey Primary Schools

https://forms.office.com/e/QYXhLwZ2NG

For more information speak to

Dudley Safeguarding Officers



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Mrs Luke



Mrs Froude



Mrs Sankey



Mr Wilkinson

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