



### Parent Consultations

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-6pm**

Key Stage 1 & Early Years (Butterflies, Rec, Y1 & 2)  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Our 'settling-in' parent consultations are now available to book from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Please log in to your School Life account and you will be able to make your booking here.

Appointments are for 5-minute slots, books will not be shared at this appointment as the children have only just started and it is more a conversation about how they have settled and a chance for you to ask any questions or raise concerns.



October is International Walk to School Month and the autumn WOW Walk of Fame Challenge!

Thousands of pupils will be making an extra effort to walk/wheel to school (cycle, scoot or use park and stride) to try and top their local and national leaderboard, and we hope our school will join us.

You don't need to do anything extra to take part; just keep travelling to school actively and log your journeys on the WOW Travel Tracker in class each day.

#### **The benefits of walking to school:**

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed, healthy, and ready to learn
- A reduction in congestion and pollution at the school gates



#### **If you can't walk to school...**

- Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. You can park or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

#### **Badges:**

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2022 - July 2023. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if you walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least once a week.



Please support us on Census day (Thursday 6th October) by booking a school meal via ParentPay. Please see the menu on the poster below. Funding is awarded based on school meals taken on Census day, which benefits all of our children.



### **Bikeability**

Our year 5 and 3 children had the opportunity to practice their biking skills this week by completing a Bikeability course.



The children did so well and we were really proud of their successes.

Here at Brook, we aim to provide opportunities for personal development and as a life skill we felt that this was an exciting activity for our children to try. We hope they enjoyed it!

### **Year Group Newsletters**

Every year group have now sent a newsletter out for the autumn term, which tells you about what your child will be studying this term.

We feel it is important that you understand what your child will be learning about and hopefully, you will be able to support us with this perhaps by talking about your own experiences /knowledge, reading books about the different themes or even arranging a family day out.

If you have any questions about what your child is learning, please just ask!



### **Drinks in school**

We encourage our children to bring a drinks bottle to school each day as we understand the importance of regular drinking.

However, as a healthy school we promote the drinking of water rather than high-concentrated drinks. We have noticed more and more children bringing squash to school rather than water.

Please encourage your child to drink water as much as possible.



### **School photographs** **17th October 22**

This year Mrs Fellows has decided to have class photos taken for every year group!

There is no obligation to purchase these class photos. Individual photos will be taken later on in the year.

All children must come to school in their uniform and bring PE kits even if this is their PE day.



### **Brook fireworks**

★ Thursday 3rd November ★

Pop the provisional date in your diary!  
Keep an eye out - Tickets go on sale soon!!



National Trust

National Trust are offering a single use ticket (2 adults & up to 4 children) free on any date up to 30th November for a selection of their properties! This is a great opportunity for our families and children to get out and explore nature in some really beautiful settings.

You can claim a ticket via this link;

[https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn?campid=Social\\_Central\\_Visit\\_Facebook\\_Autumn\\_260922](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn?campid=Social_Central_Visit_Facebook_Autumn_260922)

The slope on the playground has now been cornered off using barrier tape due to it currently being very slippery and potentially causing an accident. So in response, we are encouraging parents and children to use the oath instead which is much safer.

Thanks for your co-operation.



Thankyou to everyone that joined us for our Macmillan coffee morning this morning! It was a great turn out and we are excited to share with you what we have raised for this great cause.

Could you be our next parent governor?

The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and finance performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You'll also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board, but you're not there to speak 'on behalf' of the parent body.

To be a Parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to make sure the governing board delivers effective governance

We would welcome governors with any of the above skills, but would equally welcome anyone who would like to be part of the school in this capacity.

If you're interested in applying for the role, please collect a candidate form from the school office and return this back to us by Friday 7th October 2022. If you have any queries or would like to find out more about the role, please contact Mrs V Baker, school Business manager on 01384 389 888.



# FREE online programmes for parents, carers and professionals in Dudley at: [www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk)

## Triple P

A programme for parent/carers of children aged 2 to 11 years, teenagers and a new "Fear-less programme" for children aged 6 to 14 who suffer with anxiety



## Solihull approach

Courses from bump to baby to teenager, courses for additional needs and available in alternative languages. Our new relationships course is funded for all Dudley couples.

## Solihull approach for professionals

Funded courses on trauma, brain development and attachment. Please email for a code.



Access it all here NOW at:  
[www.dudleyparents.co.uk](http://www.dudleyparents.co.uk)  
No need to book

(Most of these programmes of support are available face to face with professional help: email us for more information)

Email: [parenting@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@dudley.gov.uk) to access your codes for Triple P Fear-less, professional courses codes, for general enquiries and to find out more about activities and groups in Dudley.



## Spelling Shed

Well done to the top spellers in each class for the past 7 days!

The top class of the week is... 5HI

Well done!

1CR	-
1ZH	-
2EB	Zachary
2HD	Connie
3RT	Jensen
3W/H	James
4AC	Billy
4LF	Freddie
5C	-
5HI	Amelia
6AH	Kyle
6HT	Mieszko

Attendance %  
w/c 19/09/2022

3WH were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1CR were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec SD	95.98%
Rec H/W	89.66%
1CR	97.50%
1ZH	95.42%
2EB	90.83%
2HD	95%
3RT	97%
3W/H	98.96%
4AC	98.33%
4LF	95.69%
5C	93.33%
5HI	89.17%
6AH	94.58%
6HT	97.92%
School Total	<b>94.88%</b>
Target	97%



This year, National Poetry Day falls on Thursday 6th October. This year's theme is 'The Environment' with the focus of connecting with nature and the amazing world we live in, and how we should look after it.

Each year this day is celebrated because voices, words and stories help to bridge understanding in our community with the power of poetry. On this day in school, the children will be given opportunities to read, share, explore and perform a range of poetry in their classes. With this in mind, we would like to encourage our families to also share some poetry with their children at home. There are some great resources online to help with this.

Check out this website below too for more information on National Poetry Day! <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk>



# Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies please remember you need to fill in a new parent pack please.

These are available from Buddies or the main school office

Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

### Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

### Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

**All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.**

### Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

### Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.