



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

Autumn Term

Newsletter for Belle Vue Primary & Nursery School

School Meals

As you're aware we moved to Shire Services in November when Dudley Catering announced that they were going out of business in early 2024. We feel, so do your children, that the food has greatly improved – this is showing by a 25% increase in the amount of children who are taking a school meal. Over the last few months we have been working with our caterers to look at how we can become more flexible and offer different things for our children. From after Easter we will launch a full calendar of theme days, these will be available to book via school money. We will also be trialing a sandwich menu – this will involve a choice of either a ham or cheese sandwich, with carbohydrate, vegetable and pudding choice of the day for the same price as a regular meal.

Unfortunately, from after the Easter break, we are being advised that an increase to the cost of our school meals, from **£2.50 to £2.65**, is necessary. Previously, Dudley Catering subsidised the cost of the catering service which meant that prices of meals were unsustainably low. The increases to the cost of gas, electric, and food that we have all felt, is felt just as hard in school. In addition to those costs, the increase in wages via the local government pay award has meant that the cost of providing a meal has increased significantly. We have looked at the cost of meals across a variety of schools in the area and we feel that a **6%** increase is reasonable allowing us to hopefully break even by the end of the year.

We recognize that it is far from ideal to increase costs but we have no other choice. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Staffing news

We have some great news! In February half term Miss Monk got married and has become Mrs Sillwood-Monk! Congratulations from all of us at Belle Vue!

On a sadder note Mrs Craddock has decided that this academic year will be her last at Belle Vue. Mrs Craddock has worked here for nearly twenty years and been a key part of what makes Belle Vue special. We will make sure that she has a good send off in the summer and wish her well for her retirement.

We would like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Millinchip who has now started her new role in our school office as a Administrative Manger, please feel free to pop in and say hello.



Vacancies: We have two vacancies for midday supervisors and two vacancies for cleaners. If you are interested or know anyone that is, please visit wmJobs.co.cuk.



School Lunches: Our catering providers have advised us that due to the implantation of Natasha's Law all meals have to be booked in advance. The kitchen will not cater for children whose meal has not been booked by **9:30am**. Our online system allows you to book until midnight the night before, if you are unable to book online please ensure that you ring the school office by **9:30am**. The office staff will then book a meal for your child.

Please be aware that if your child does not have a packed lunch or a meal booked by **9:30am**, the office staff will call parents/carers and ask them to bring a packed lunch to school.

Even if you are on Free School Meals please ensure that you click the basket and click pay. This will not take payment but will ensure that your child's lunch is booked.



Asthmatics: If your child has been diagnosed as asthmatic please can you make sure that they have a blue inhaler in school at all times. The inhalers need to be handed to the class teacher and not kept in any school bags.

Our whole school attendance for week beginning **11th—15th March 2024** is **94.4 %**

(National expectation is **96%**)

YEAR GROUP	PERCENTAGE	YEAR GROUP	PERCENTAGE
RRJ	76%	RT	91.8%
YEAR 1P	97.5%	1V	93.7%
YEAR 2W	96.6%	2C-S	97.2%
YEAR 3W	98.3%	3P	94.2%
YEAR 4CM	100%	4L	98.5%
YEAR 5W	88%	5P	96%
YEAR 6HA	97.6%	6HO	97.3%



School Office Opening Hours: Please note that our school office opening hours are **8:30am—**



3:45pm. When contacting the office please call/visit between these times, no calls will be answered before **8:30am** or after **3:45pm** but you can send emails outside of these hours. If you need to report an absence before **8:30am** please leave a message on the absence line (**Option 1**)

Thank you

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 19th March

Cupola's to be returned and Mufti Day

Thursday 21st March

Easter Event 4:15pm—6pm

Friday 22nd March

Last Day of Term

Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April

Half Term— School Closed

Monday 8th April

Term Starts—School Open

Thursday 2nd May

Polling Day—School Closed to pupils

Monday 6th May

May Bank Holiday—School Closed

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May

Half Term—School Closed

Monday 3rd June

Term Starts—School Open

Two hours is all you need for a Triple P discussion group/workshop for Developing good bedtime routines or Hassle-free mealtimes with children.

☺ Perfect for adding to your tool kit of ideas ☺



SLEEP and MEALTIME WORKSHOPS

Would you like your child to sleep in their own bed? Not call out? Sleep longer?

Does your child have nightmares/terrors? Is your child a picky eater? Do they refuse to sit at a table or eat well? Is your child aged 1-11 years? **Then these could be for you!**

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Workshop type
Wednesday	10/4/24	9:45 to 11:45 am	Halesowen Family Hub-DY9 8HT	Sleep-Developing good bedtime routines
Tuesday	21/5/24	12:30 to 2:30 pm	Stourbridge family hub-DY8 1XF	Sleep-Developing good bedtime routines
Monday	10/6/24	12:30 to 2:30 pm	Brierley Hill Family Hub-DY5 3DY	Food- Hassle free mealtimes with children
Thursday	18/7/24	9:45 to 11:45 am	Coseley Family Hub-WV14 9DS	Sleep-Developing good bedtime routines
Wednesday	25/7/24	9:45 to 11:45 am	Dudley Central Family Hub-DY2 8LJ	Food- Hassle free mealtimes with children
Wednesday	25/9/24	9:45 to 11:45	Dudley Central Family Hub-DY2 8LJ	Sleep-Developing good bedtime routines

We  Carers

Coffee Morning

**Are you an unpaid Carer of an adult or a child?
Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat, for peer
support, information and advice.**

Every Wednesday

9.30-11.30



**The Mary Stevens Centre
221 Hagley Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 2JR**

**Email: hello@welovecarers.org or
Phone: 01384 396626 for more info**

Wordsley Park - Easter Letter Hunt



**Monday 25th March - Saturday 30th March
2024**

To take part collect an entry form from Wordsley Library
or from the Café on Wordsley Green.

You will need to hunt for the Easter letters to make an
Easter word, you will find these around the park and
Wordsley Green.

Once you have completed and worked out what the Easter
words are, return to the library to be entered into a prize
draw.

Good Luck!

Happy Easter!

From The Friends of Wordsley Parks



Cook 4 Life!

Are you looking for quick, easy ideas to cook healthy recipes on a budget?

Contact us to find out about a free **Cook 4 Life** course.





Cook 4 Life!

- Cook 4 Life is a FREE service available to anyone living or working in the Dudley borough aged 18+
- The informal, practical and friendly courses run for 6 sessions, 2 hours per week
- Each week you can learn:
 - how to eat healthily, cook on a budget and create simple recipes
 - about having a balanced diet, five a day, healthier alternatives and food safety and hygiene
 - to cook cheap, tasty and easy dishes, which you can sample and take home

To find your nearest **Cook 4 Life** course contact the **Let's Get Healthy team** on **0800 061 4962** or **01384 732402**

For further information about the course visit

www.lets-get.com/cook4life



@LetsgethealtyD



@HealthyDudley

Free healthy lifestyle support for your family



Arrange a free one-to-one appointment with a Dudley Family Wellness Coach, who will help you and your kids create healthier diet and physical activity habits you can all stick to

For further information, scan the QR code below

To make an appointment contact letsget.healthydudley@nhs.net
or call **01384 732402**

You can also check out the Let's Get Dudley Healthy website www.lets-get.com where you will find lots of information and tips on how to make lifestyle changes for the whole family



LIBRARY NOTICE

FREE Easter Activities at Wordsley Library

Monday 25th March – Paper Plate Easter Bunny Craft - 10.30-11.30 - 3+ years

Tuesday 26th March – Rattle & Rhyme Easter Special - 10.30-11.00 - 0-4 years

Wednesday 27th March – Pop Up Chick Craft - 10.30-11.30 - 3+ years

Thursday 28th March – Rattle & Rhyme Easter Special - 10.30-11.00 - 0-4 years

Thursday 28th March – Lego Workshop - 2.00-3.00 - 4+ years

Saturday 30th March – Saturday Family Craft - 10.00-1.00 - 3+ years

Tuesday 2nd April – Paper Cup Bunny Craft – DROP IN between 11.00-2.00 - 3+ years

Wednesday 3rd April – Rattle & Rhyme Easter Special - 10.30-11.00 - 0-4 years

Wednesday 3rd April – Lego Spike Workshop – 2.00-3.00 - 6+ years

Thursday 4th April – Rattle & Rhyme Easter Special - 10.30-11.00 - 0-4 years

Friday 5th April – Spring Crown Craft - 2.00-3.00 - 4+ years

Saturday 6th April – Saturday Family Craft - 10.00-1.00 - 3+ years

Also come and join in throughout Easter with our Treasure Hunt
and get your treat at the end!

All activities (except for the Drop In craft) MUST be booked. Please contact
the library or speak to a member of staff to book your FREE place!

BETTER

Contact Wordsley Library
on 01384 812765 or
email wordsley.library@gll.org

Dudley
Metropolitan Borough Council

JOIN US FOR OUR



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH
MONDAY 25TH MARCH
TUESDAY 26TH MARCH
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL
THURSDAY 4TH APRIL
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL



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Any queries please contact:

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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY:
WWW.DUDLEYHOLIDAYACTIVITIES.ORG.UK

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB TIMETABLE 2024

MUSIC LAB: Our music programme designed to introduce children to the wonderful world of music, through piano and guitar lessons!

Saturday 23rd March
11am-3pm

Saturday 6th April
11am-3pm

Creative Dance & Gardening:
Our creative dance session and gardening programme gives children the opportunity to express themselves through movement and music, while also learning about the art of gardening and cultivating plants!

Monday 25th March
1pm-5pm

Thursday 28th March
2pm-6pm



Creative Arts & Pancake Making:
Children will have the opportunity to explore their creativity through various arts and crafts projects, allowing them to express themselves and develop their artistic skills. In addition, they will have the chance to learn how to make and decorate pancakes!

Tuesday 26th March
1pm-5pm

Tuesday 2nd April
1pm-5pm

Thursday 4th April
2pm-6pm

Friday 5th April
1pm-5pm