

# Newsletter

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Brook  
Primary School



Take a look at our exciting Christmas calendar!

Friday 15th December

Butterflies Christmas story :  
9:30-10:30am  
Mary Stevens Reindeer run!  
A group of children will be going to the Unicorn Centre to sing Christmas Carols

Monday 18th December

Reception nativity : 2pm

Tuesday 19th December

Brook Christmas market

Friday 22nd December

Christmas parties!

### Pupil achievements



A big well done to Leah who only started football training in September and has already received her first trophy, medal and merit certificate!

Well done Leah keep up the hard work!



A big well done to Sienna for being awarded with her 15 meter swimming certificate!

This is great achievement Sienna—well done!

### Special Educational Needs and Disability INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

You can find lots of SEND information through the Dudley Local Offer ?

It can be found at:

<https://dudleyci.co.uk/send-local-offer>



Dudley's Local Offer is a one stop resource of information and services available to children and young people (aged 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), their parents, carers and families.

The Local Offer allows parents, carers, young people and professionals to find and access information and support more easily. It contains a wealth of information on areas such as education, health and social care, training and employment, leisure and support to prepare you for adulthood. It also includes information to support children and young people with the most complex of needs and with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

# LIBRARY NOTICE

**New Year Activities  
For Children at  
Wordsley Library**  
Please contact the library  
to book your **FREE** place!



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Design a Calendar Craft  
10.30am-11.30am



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Rattle & Rhyme Special  
10.30am-11.00am



Make a Penguin Craft  
2pm-3pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Winter Scene Craft  
10.30am-11.30am



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Design a Calendar Craft  
2pm-3pm

Booking is essential, please contact the library to book your **free** place!

Wordsley Library 01384 812765 / [wordsley.library@gll.org](mailto:wordsley.library@gll.org)

**Dudley**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

[www.better.org.uk/libraries/dudley](http://www.better.org.uk/libraries/dudley)

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the feel good place



## Edgmond Hall

This week we took 41 year 3 children for a Christmas 2 night residential at Edgmond Hall! We had such a brilliant time and did so many wonderful activities such as completing elf training, going on a bauble hunt to decorate a Christmas tree, sang songs around a campfire, went on a night walk through the woods to find Santa's workshop and of course meeting the man himself!

The children showed great resilience at many stages throughout the week and thoroughly enjoyed themselves on this magical trip! Current year 2's will receive a letter regarding Edgmond in the new year!





## Wellbeing Corner

### Try to improve your sleep

How well we sleep can impact our wellbeing. And if we're struggling with our mental health, this can affect our sleep. Everyone's sleep patterns are different, and it's important to do what works for you. But here are some ideas you could try:

#### Establish A Routine

Try and establish a routine around bed time, to help set a regular sleeping pattern.

#### Think about your screen time

Try to give yourself some tech-free time before sleep, and avoid bright screens that can affect your sleep. Instead of looking at a screen you could try listening to some music or a podcast.

#### Try to wind down before bed

Do a relaxing activity, like having a bath, or try a relaxation exercise before you go to sleep. It may also help to avoid having caffeine before your bed time, as this can keep you awake.

#### Try to make your sleeping environment comfortable

A comfortable sleeping environment can help improve your sleep. Small changes can help. For example, you might sleep better with a low light on, or with different bedding.

#### Try to remember that it won't last forever

Sometimes worrying about when we'll fall asleep or how many hours sleep we'll get can make us feel even worse. Try to remind yourself that it's normal to struggle to sleep sometimes. And just lying in bed and resting can also be helpful for your body and mind.

## Help Please

### Did you see anything?

This morning during our Butterflies Nativity performance one of our parent's cars had been hit at the back on Oak Park Road.

We are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen what happened.

If you saw anything at all please contact the school office on **01384389888**

As always, can we remind parents about the importance of parking respectfully and NOT blocking the drives of our neighbours.

Sensible parking will also keep our children safe!

## Safeguarding

### INFO CORNER - Dudley Early Help

## Dudley Early Help Strategy 2021-2024

### PLAN ON A PAGE - HELPING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THRIVE



#### OUR VISION

Working together to help Children, Young People and Families Thrive  
To make the vision a reality we will ensure we all provide:

**THE RIGHT APPROACH** - Friendly, reassuring, down to earth representations and a self-serve ethos helping families to help themselves

**IN THE RIGHT PLACE** - All our partners are alert and willing to offer Early Help where children young people and families ordinarily go day to day

**AT THE RIGHT TIME** - Help at an early stage of the problem, or early in a child's life

#### OUR PLEDGE

- WE WILL MAKE EVERY CONTACT COUNT
- WE WILL LISTEN TO YOU AND NOT JUDGE YOU
- WE WILL "WAKE UP" YOU ... AND NOT YOU TO YOU!
- WE WILL GIVE YOU ONE POINT OF CONTACT
- OUR ASSESSMENTS AND PLANS WILL BE UNCOMPLICATED AND ROBUST
- WE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR INFORMATION
- WE WON'T "PASS THE BUCK"



#### 1. DEVELOP OUR CULTURE AND PRACTICE

The Early Help Steering Group will hold all partners to account for their contributions to Early Help

We will ensure there is good and consistent understanding of needs and thresholds

We will include Early Help in induction of new staff

We will clarify our governance arrangements

We will ensure there is clarity about who can and should act as a lead professional



#### 2. BUILD OUR CAPACITY - HELP EVEN EASIER

We will support the roll out of Cluster Contracts across the borough

We will develop a Voluntary Strategy and Action Plan to increase our Early Help workforce

We will seek the support of our community networks to prevent issues occurring

We will seek to pool financial resources across the partnership to increase our Early Help Enabler workforce

#### 3. MAKE BETTER USE OF INFORMATION

We will develop a performance management and outcomes based quality assurance framework commissioners and Service Leaders will use performance reports to hold services to account for the delivery of Early Help

We will seek to find better IT solutions to our partnership working

We will create an online portal for partners to submit Early Help Assessments, track an progress of an assessment or delegate work to colleagues

#### 3. FOCUS ON PRIORITY AREAS

We will focus on children in the first 1000 days of their lives

We will focus on making sure all children can benefit from education and will focus on inclusion, in mainstream education where possible



#### 4. THE FAMILY EXPERIENCE

We will make sure that families can self-serve where possible

We will make our pledge to families meaningful in our day-to-day practice

We will develop an engagement strategy - measuring families about the approach

We will use feedback from families to inform everything we do

We will work on ways to build on family strengths and resilience in our work

## Reindeer Run - The Mary Stevens Hospice

The children of Brook Primary will be taking part in an exciting, sponsored Reindeer Run event at school, raising funds for The Mary Stevens Hospice. This event is a great way of being physically active and improving health and wellbeing while supporting our community.

This event will take place on **Friday 15th December**. We would like to ask if you would be kind enough to sponsor them and help raise funds for your fantastic local hospice during this difficult time. We have set up a 'Just Giving' page to gain sponsorship that can be accessed via the following link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/brook-primary-rr?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fbrook-primary-rr&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/brook-primary-rr?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fbrook-primary-rr&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

You will then be able to sponsor the children directly!  
Please ensure that all sponsorship has been added by no later than **Friday 22nd December 2023**.



### Attendance % w/c 04/12/2023

**3MH were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1W were the highest in KS1.**

**Well Done!**

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|--------------|---------------|
| Rec D        | 96%           |
| Rec B        | 92.17%        |
| 1R           | 92.67%        |
| 1W           | 99.33%        |
| 2C           | 96%           |
| 2T           | 97.93%        |
| 3B           | 95.71%        |
| 3MH          | 97.33%        |
| 4D           | 91.48%        |
| 4F           | 88.80%        |
| 5I           | 88.33%        |
| 5P           | 92%           |
| 6AH          | 93.79%        |
| 6HT          | 93.67%        |
| School Total | <b>93.73%</b> |
| Target       | 97%           |

## Brook Buddies

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.

### Advanced notice of closure:

**Tuesday 19th December - Closed due to Christmas market**  
**Friday 22nd December - Closing at 4:45pm**