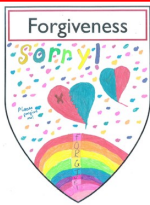


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

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Autumn Newsletter: 24th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so lovely to see and hear all the Christmas things that are starting around school! It won't be long before the tree goes up and Christmas is well and truly here!

I thought I'd include a little reminder about some dates that are coming up...

30th November: Children in St Andrew's house to wear blue

1st December: Mufti day - bring teddy donations for the Christmas Fayre

4th December: Mufti day - bring bottles and chocolates for the Christmas Fayre

8th December: Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and bring donations of Mince pies and cakes for the Christmas Fayre.

Thank you for all your support but please only donate what you are able to manage.

Have a lovely weekend,

From Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

Gentleness

This week we shared the book Ravi's Roar and thought about how we could act gently even if we were angry.

We then thought about...



If Jesus' gentle spirit lives in us, then how should we speak to other people even if we are angry?

The children gave some great answers.

Can you help....

We are hoping to run a new stall at the Christmas Fayre this year called 'Secret Present Room'

In this room, children will enter without their adult but with a little bit of money to choose a present for someone they love, wrap it up and put it under the tree at home as a surprise gift.

We would love your help in looking at home for any unwanted gifts you may have that are new but not needed and then sending them into school. These gifts will then go in the secret present room for the children to choose.

This worked brilliantly in my previous school and the children loved finding a gift for a parent or loved on they had chosen themselves.

It's also great for the environment to reuse things we don't need.

Please send donations into school via class teachers who will make sure they go to the correct place in school.

Thank you!

Job Vacancy!

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant, starting 8th January 2024.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/180094/mid-day-supervisory-assistant/>

Sports Newsletter



Hi! We are the sports council and we would like to introduce ourselves. We are: Isobel B, Oscar P, Jack R, Yumi L, Hannah W, Poppy M, Oliver S, Antony W and Harry B.

We are planning to write to you regularly keeping you updated with any sports news.

Our role in school is to organise play time equipment, help children with lunchtime games, listen to what activities and clubs children want on offer and provide children with more sporting opportunities throughout the school year.

We hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of the academic year!

Sports activities

This year we are going to try and organise netball for the older girls at break times and lunchtimes. This will mean that the girls will get to play with a ball as well as the footballs and the play box. The boys will be able to join in as well if they want to get involved with the games. The days for the netball will be timetabled on our rota. We will try it as a trial to begin with to see how it works. Due to a large interest, we have plans to set up a netball club either before or after school. However, due to weather conditions, we will aim to do this in the late spring/summer term.

Sports clubs

We have lots of sports clubs before and after school. Some of which provide extra opportunities to attend events such as running club and football clubs. Be sure to sign up!

KS2 child, "The sports clubs are fun and you learn a lot. You get to learn skills and new tricks. Cricket, basketball and dodgeball are lots of fun!"

Sporting Stars

At Oldswinford we like to celebrate all things sport, whether that be in school or outside of school! If you want your child to be included on our Oldswinford Sporting Stars website page please go on to our website and look on our PE page.

We have received some fantastic images of children taking part and competing in a variety of different sports. We love seeing your pictures and hearing about your successes! We are proud of you all!

<https://www.oldswinford.dudley.sch.uk/oldswinford-sporting-stars/>

KS1 child, "We do lots of fun activities in P.E. like dance, football, dodgeball and cricket."

Vacancy for a Cleaner



A Cleaner is required for St Mary's Church Hall and Church for 12 hours per week.

Hall cleaning is Mon-Sat for one hour finishing by 8 am with flexibility over the remaining hours between the church and the hall. This includes cleaning the kitchen and toilets and replenishing consumables.

Applicant must have experience of maintaining Parquet flooring.
The hall is used by multiple groups, with a Pre-School each weekday morning therefore a high standard of cleaning is expected.

Remuneration is the Hourly rate for the Real Living Wage as recommended by the Real Living Wage Foundation

Apply by letter or email to include personal details and previous relevant experience.
By December 4th Interviews to take place during following week.

St. Mary's Church Office, Rectory Road, Stourbridge, DY8 2HA
Email. st.mary.os@bt.connect.com

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COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUBS

Cost of Living Hubs are located at:

NEW

Pensnett, Grace Community Church, Tiled House Lane, Pensnett
Open Tuesdays from 28th November 9:30am - 3:30pm

NEW

Brierley Hill, Brierley Hill Methodist Church, 24 Bank Street, Brierley Hill
Open Alternating Wednesdays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Halesowen, Halesowen Library, The Cornbow Centre, 7th Floor, Halesowen
Open Alternating Wednesdays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Stourbridge, Christ Church, High Street, Lye
Open Thursdays from 28th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Dudley, Provision House, 80-81 High Street, Dudley
Open Fridays, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Winter Ready Criteria

Updated for the upcoming season, recognising the added financial strains. We are here to help!
WE ARE OPENING A NEW HUB IN PENSNETT ON 28th NOVEMBER 2023!!

The criteria for visiting the Cost of Living Support Hubs has also changed.

**FROM THE W/B 20TH NOVEMBER, HOUSEHOLDS CAN NOW VISIT
THE COST OF LIVING SUPPORT HUBS 3 MORE TIMES.**

Attendance history will be wiped. It doesn't matter if you've attended a Hub before.

Households are permitted to attend up to 3 times starting from the week beginning 20th November.
This means 3 visits across any of our Hubs and not each Hub.

Please remember there must be a minimum of 12 days between each appointment.

Households must reside in the Dudley Borough.

Assistance Available

Insightful presentations on ways to save money on utilities and how to make your money stretch further.

Practical help relating to access to food, fuel, energy, available benefits, grants and funds based on qualifying criteria.

Issuing a voucher per household to purchase essentials
(NB: these vouchers can only be issued in a crisis, and are subject to availability)

Issuing a fuel bank voucher
(NB: subject to eligibility)

Identifying other organisations that can help with the struggles being experienced.

How to Book

To see available dates and book an appointment visit our Eventbrite page:
https://CA_DudleyandWolverhampton.eventbrite.com

Support is only offered by attending a pre booked appointment.
Appointments cannot be booked directly at the venues.

Appointments can only be booked via visiting our Eventbrite page.

Only one appointment per household is required, regardless of how many members of the household are attending on the day.

If you are not eligible your appointment may be cancelled
or you will be refused entry on the day.

ID Evidence Required

On the day of your appointment, you must bring with you 2 forms of ID:

1 form of ID with your Full Name (passport, travel pass, debit card, driving license etc)

AND

1 recent letter/bill dated within the last 3 months including your name and address to prove you're a Dudley Borough resident.
(e.g. a recent council tax bill, gas/electric/water bill, benefits awards letter, letter from Dudley Council, letter from the Government, PIP or DLA letter, TV license etc)

We reserve the right to request photo ID when you are at the hub to authenticate your ID.

We reserve the right to cancel the appointment should we feel the ID is not that of the appointment holder or that the ID is not authentic.

For more information on Cost of Living support, go to:

<https://DudleyWolverhamptonCA.eventbrite.com>
<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/costofliving>
<https://www.facebook.com/CitizensAdviceDudleyAndWolverhampton/>

Please share this information with the community to ensure we can support as many individuals and families as possible in the coming months.