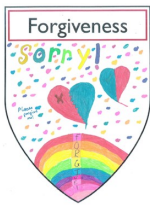


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 6th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share that we raised £665 with our Bake Sale last Friday. What an amazing total - thank you to Mrs Preece for organising it and thank you for all your support.

Don't forget it is our Harvest Celebration on Friday 13th October - any food donations are so greatly received and will be sent to the Black Country Food Bank on Monday 16th October. Everyone who has been nominated is able to attend - it's going to be a busy but lovely afternoon. Thank you to all the people we have offered to help - we would love to take you up on this. If you are still free, then please come to school from 1.15pm onwards.

Have a great weekend! Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

Responsibility

Genesis 1:27 – God said to human beings, 'Fill the earth with people and look after it. Care for all that I have made'

This week we looked at how we can look after our world and learnt that sometimes a small change can make a big difference - especially if everyone does it.

We thought about reducing what we use, reusing things if we can and recycling as much as possible. We looked at how much rubbish goes to landfill sites each year and how by recycling we can reduce this and help to look after our planet.

I have set the children the challenge to come and share with me when they do any of these things!



Calling all artists...

Children in school have been thinking of ways that we can help raise money to support the people in Libya who have lost their homes. One of the ideas was a poster competition with a donation for Libya as an entrance fee. The poster should raise awareness for Libya and the winning ones for each year group will be put in our school newsletter and the overall winner will get a £10 book voucher.

We are suggesting 50p as an entrance fee donation for the competition and should be cellotaped to the back of the poster.

I will share more details with the children on Monday 9th October in our Worship and the deadline for entrants will be Monday 16th October. They should be given to class teacher who will pass them on to me.

New dates:

- Carols on the playground @ 11.45 - 21st December
- Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December
- Summer Fayre - Sunday 14th July

A little reminder...

Can children who have long hair (or hair that is past shoulder length) please remember to tie it up. Thank you!



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Are you..

A Dudley Borough resident?

***Significantly struggling to afford food,
pay bills and buy essentials?***

We understand that times are tough because of the ongoing cost of living crisis,
and we're able to provide help at our Cost of Living Support Hubs

Our funding allows households to attend the hubs a maximum of 3 times since they opened on 30th January 2023. This is for any of our hubs (i.e. 3 times across any hub and not per hub). Also, there needs to be a minimum of 12 days between each appointment. Please make sure you read ALL information on our Eventbrite page when you book.

If you book an appointment and don't meet the criteria to be able to attend, we will either cancel your appointment before the day or decline entry on the day. So to limit disappointment, we kindly ask you to adhere to this request. If you can't book an appointment and need help due to the cost of living crisis, please go to Dudley Council's website for additional help:<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/costofliving>

What happens in the Hubs..

When you arrive in our Hub, one of our friendly Hub staff will greet you and complete an assessment to establish your eligibility for support

Poverty relieving practical assistance will then be provided based on your assessment

For example:

- ✓ Giving information on how to save money and make money stretch further
- ✓ Offering practical help relating to access to food, fuel, energy, period products, available benefits, grants and funds based on qualifying criteria
- ✓ Showing how energy usage can be reduced and ways to save money on utilities
- ✓ 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

When and how to access the Hubs..

The Hubs can only be accessed by booking an appointment online at:
https://CA_DudleyandWolverhampton.eventbrite.com

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

✓ 1 form of ID with your name (passport, travel pass, debit card etc)

AND;

✓ 1 form of ID with your name and address on it to prove you're a Dudley Borough resident (eg. a council tax bill)

If you are providing a bank statement for proof of address it must be downloaded onto your phone or a hard copy presented to staff. We will not accept your address from a mobile banking app.

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.

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

Please do not contact the venues as they are not running the hubs

To book go to:**https://CA_DudleyandWolverhampton.eventbrite.com**

Hub Opening Times

Our Cost of Living Support Hubs are open at:

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, DY9 8LF
Open Thursdays from 28th September, 9:30am - 3:30pm



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

To see available dates and book an appointment visit our Eventbrite page:
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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/>