

# NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

#### Lunch Menu

The menu for next week will be Week 3. Please don't forget to order lunches at least 24 hours before they are required via Eduspot.

#### **Dudley Performing Arts**

If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument in school, please follow the link below to find out about music tuition provided by Dudley Performing Arts.

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/things-to-do/dudley-performing-arts/information-forparents-and-young-people/music-lessons-in-schools/

#### After School Clubs

The following clubs will be taking place after school next week-

Monday - Key Stage 2 Choir - Class 3/4J

Tuesday - Year 6 Football

Thursday – Year 5 Football

Friday – Year 6 & Girls Football

Friday – Ace Coaching Multi Sports (this is prepaid and pre-booked)

#### Praise Assembly

The following children have all received certificates today – well done!

1C – Luca	4C – Hari
1/2BC – Ethan	5CS – Sennen
2S - Skylar	5/6M – Asher
3N – Sophia	6P – Jay
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3/4J – Isla

#### **Balance Bike**

A child's balance bike was left outside of the school gate last week. If anyone knows who it may belong to, please let the school office know as it was brought into school for safekeeping.

# Church Club

Church Club runs throughout the year every other Tuesday. The dates for this term are:

24 September, 8 October, 22 October, 5 November, 19 November, 3 December.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the online form on the attachment below.

## Forest School

Class 1/2BC will be having their Forest School sessions on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure your child wears appropriate clothes for the day and payment of £7 per session can be made via Eduspot (please refer to letter sent) Thank you for your support with this.

## **Equipment**

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle, snack and lunchbox (if they are having a packed lunch) to school every day. If your child is attending an after-school club, please ensure they have the necessary kit with them.

## Core Value

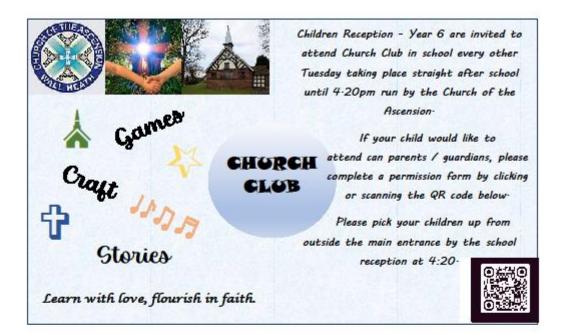
Our core value for this half term is 'Thankfulness'. Please see the information below on how to share ideas around this with your children.

# H.S.A Lottery

Help us raise funds for the children by joining our lottery. Tickets are only £1, you've got to be in it to win it! For more information please go to

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/church-of-the-ascension-c-of-e-primaryschool

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Please see the following message from our CEO, Sarah Riley:

We are thrilled to officially welcome Jessons Primary School to Elements Diocesan Learning Trust! It is an exciting time for all the schools in our Trust as we welcome them into our family and look forward to working together. Jessons School becomes the fifth member of our Trust, joining us in our shared mission to ensure the life chances and educational achievements of all children in our schools are great because they 'flourish in the love of God' through being a part of our strong trust.

By working together, as a large family of schools, we can achieve and offer so much more for every child than if we work alone. Throughout the coming year, we have a wide range of collaborative opportunities planned which will continue to open up exciting new avenues for academic development, extracurricular activities, and community engagement for children and staff across all of our schools.

As we embark on this new school year together with our partner schools, we are filled with hope and enthusiasm for the future. Together, as part of the Elements Diocesan Learning Trust, we will continue to foster a communities rooted in love, hope, aspiration, respect and living well together. You can find out more about the Trust on our website: <u>www.edlt.org</u>

# Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

# Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

# First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be :

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

# 5 Consecutive days of Term Time Leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

#### 10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10- week period

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

# Second Offence

# (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

# Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's court. Magistrates fines can be up to  $\pm 2500$  per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

# Local Authority DO NOT accept the following as exceptional circumstances:

- My work do not allow me to take holidays during the school summer holiday period, even if they provide a letter
- My child needs a holiday at quieter times due to needs
- Our holiday has been gifted and paid for and did not have a choice of dates
- My child has good or 100% attendance
- I will report my child being poorly schools are expected to carry out home visits, if a holiday is suspected, school will report to the local authority for a penalty notice fine



#### CHOICE MENUS

WEEK 3



# (V) Chickpea and Spinach Curry with Vegetable Rice (V) Veggie Freekah Traybake with Vegetable Rice JacketPotato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw MONDAY Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo Wasty to Tasty Dessert Tuscan Chicken with New Potatoes (¥) BBQ Baked Beans & Cheese Pastry Pocket with New Potatoes (V) Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce TUESDAY Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo Fruit Shortbread RoastChicken with RoastPotatoes & Gravy (V) Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy JacketPotato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw WEDNESDAY Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo OatFruit Slice BeefBolognese with Pasta THURSDAY (¥) Lasagne ¥erdi (¥) Pasta with Lentil Tomato Sauce Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo Jelly Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Chips (¥) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pinwheel with Chips FRIDAY JacketPotato with Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw Selection of Sandwiches—Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Egg Mayo Baked Rice Pudding with FruitCompote

Daily Items also available during lunch service:-

Meals served with a choice of seasonal vegetables.

Choice of salad and choice of dessert available.

Water available.



# Church of the Ascension Clock

We are crowdfunding money to repair CoA's clock face after 132 years.



Scan the QR code to find out more and donate.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/churchofascension-wallheath

Cash donations can be dropped to: The Elephants Pyjamas, 20 Enville Road, Wall Heath Please ensure they are in a labelled envelope