



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2023-Edition number 2.

Dear All,

Today saw the launch of this year's TT Rockstars. We do hope you will once again encourage your child to take part at home. In school, children access TT Rockstars at least twice a week, if they could add another two 10-minute sessions a week that would be ideal.

TT Rockstars has been very successful in helping children to learn their multiplication facts and to become very quick and confident when answering a question. Classes like to not only have individual competitions and leader boards but also battle against other classes or phases.

Our Year 4 children have to take a multiplication check in June-as do all Year 4 children in England.

In 2022 without TT Rockstars 26% of children got over 20 marks. In June 2023 with TT Rockstars this had improved to 84% achieving 20+ marks, an incredible achievement! So, please do get involved with TT Rockstars as it does make a big difference.

Also a big thankyou to all those parents learning their children to read each evening too, again this makes a big difference. You only need to spend 10 minutes a day – perhaps before breakfast or after tea it does not matter when.

Reading workshops will be available later this half term to help you get to grips with phonics and how we teach reading. These were well attended last year and I know parents found them beneficial.

Have a super weekend!

Mrs Rindl.

Term Dates

Friday 27 th October	Last Day of Term
Monday 30th Oct - Friday 3rd Nov	HALF TERM
Monday 6 th November	School opens
Friday 1 st December	Inset Day - Stour Vale Joint Primary Day
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of Term
Monday 8 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 9 th January	Start of School Term

Whole School Flu Vaccine-Tuesday 3rd October.

**Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th October- by appointment only.**

Livestreaming is really popular with online users. Livestreaming is broadcasting to an audience in 'real time'. The audience can leave comments, give likes to the person who is streaming and, in some cases, 'gift' the streamer. Livestreaming presents different risks to the creator and the viewer as the stream cannot be monitored or moderated prior to broadcasting.

The NSPCC has a webpage dedicated to Livestreaming and lists some of the more popular platforms. It also offers tips about talking to your children about the risks and dangers.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/livestreaming-online-video-apps/>



Applying for a Reception place-2024

Online application available - 1 October 2023

Return date for paper application forms - 15 January 2024 by 5pm

Return date for online applications - 15 January 2024 by midnight

Decision emails to parents - 16 April 2024 after 2pm

Decision letters to parents - 16 April 2024 by 2nd class post

Appeals to be heard - June/July 2024

Pre-Loved Uniform

Pre-loved uniform is still available to order. All our uniform has been washed ready to use.

New for 2023!

We now have our coat exchange, which can be accessed daily. There is no charge for either of these. Please contact Sally Farmer (FSW) should you wish to access either pre-loved uniform or the coat exchange.

sfarmer@queen-vic.dudley.sch.uk

Donations are still being accepted.



Does your child enjoy singing?

Please let them come and join our school choir

Here are some reasons why it might be for your child:

- 1.They will have lots of fun.
- 2.They will get to perform both at school and in the community.
- 3.They will make new friends.
- 4.They can be creative and express their self.
- 5.They will get lots of support and encouragement

It is **FREE** on Wednesday after school from 3:30 – 4:30

Year 3,4,5 and 6

Sign up now!

Messaging and chat apps are a great way for a child to stay in touch with friends and family but it is important you are comfortable with who they're talking to. Children can be added to groups that contain people they may not know. Different apps have different policies and settings so it is important to keep up to date with the apps your children are using and you are comfortable with them doing so.

The NSPCC offer advice on chat apps for parents here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Crowning Glory Project

As part of last terms lunchtime lounge project we created a beautiful garden display and also grew our own salad for an afternoon tea fit for the King!

We attended a presentation evening on Thursday 21st September and were delighted to be awarded a silver certificate and a voucher for £50 to purchase plants for next year's competition.

Who knows it could be gold next year!



Leo-Year 4

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you get any of the following support payments your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals.

Children under the compulsory school age who are in full time education may also be entitled to receive free school meal.

www.queenvictoriaprimary.com

APPLY NOW



Please apply for free schools meals, as we receive additional money for every child who is entitled.

We use this to buy additional equipment, resources and support. If you do not apply, and are entitled, we cannot receive extra funding for such things.

The application is quick and simple. Please visit the school website and follow the link to apply. Paper versions can be obtained from the school office.

Please call 01384 812545 for further information.



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OPEN EVENTS

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 3rd October
17:30-20:00

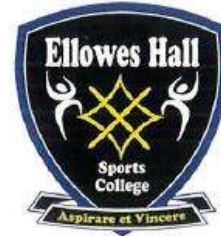
TOURS*

Wednesday 4th October
Thursday 5th October



...at our Open Events

*Information on how to make a booking will be posted on our website and social media at a later date.
Morning appointments only.



**OPEN EVENING:
Thursday 12th October 4 – 7pm**

Scan the QR code to learn more about our

Open Events!

Open mornings are also available to book via our website: www.elloweshall.co.uk/open-events

