



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023-Edition number 3.

Dear All,

Next Tuesday 17th is Parents Evening, a great chance to meet your child's teacher and see how they have settled into their new year group. If you did not complete the online form, contact the school office for an appointment.

If you are unable to attend do let your child's teacher know-staff at school are happy to organize a different slot or speak to you over the phone.

Over the last few weeks, we have had a number of surveyors in school. You will be pleased to know there are no areas containing RAAC concrete on our site. We have used the information from the surveyors to apply for funding from our Stour Vale Trust for different building and standard issues. We will let you know what works we are able to do to improve our environment.

A special mention to Ava and Noah who acted with real Pioneer Bravery when faced with an emergency. They calmly spoke with emergency services over the phone and described help. We are very proud of them both!

If your child gets an award, a medal or just achieves something outside of school do let us know. We love to hear all about our talented Queen Vic Pioneers!

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Rindl

Congratulations



Our newly elected House Captains are:

Armstrong : Shania
Hawking: Harley
Malala: Rosie

Well Done for giving your speech in front of Year 5 and 6, and then being voted in.
The hard work starts now!



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

Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th October

Over £6.7 million was lost to Ticket Fraud in 2022. Do not become a victim in 2023 or 2024.

Only buy tickets from official resellers, venue box offices, official promoters, or a well-known reputable ticket re-sale website.

You can check if a company is signed up to [STAR - The Society of Ticket Agents and Retailers](https://www.star.org.uk) by visiting their website and searching for the reseller you are using. If they are on this site, they have signed up to their strict governing standards.

www.star.org.uk

For young people social media use can have a positive impact for accessing access support, receiving reassurance, feeling connected with peers or help with social anxiety.

But for others, using social media can become compulsive and fuel unhealthy comparisons. It can expose them to bullying, harmful or inappropriate content and using social media late at night can impact on sleep, these factors may see them become more isolated, which can lead to their mental health deteriorating.

This week was #worldmentalhealthday so now is a good time to consider the impact on mental health that children's use of technology and social media has.



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



A promotional poster for 'The Great British Bake Off Series 15'. The background is blue with stylized flour swirls. At the top, it says 'DO YOU LOVE BAKING TO THE BATTER END? WE KNEAD YOU!' in white. Below that is the 'THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF' logo. In the center is a group photo of the contestants and hosts in their signature aprons. At the bottom, it says 'APPLY NOW FOR BAKE OFF SERIES 15!' and 'WWW.APPLYFORBAKEOFF.CO.UK'. At the very bottom, in smaller text, it says 'APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024 AT 1PM. MORE INFO: APPLYFORBAKEOFF@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK'.

'Read with Me' Volunteer



Reading
SHOULD NOT BE
Presented
TO
Children AS A
CHORE OR DUTY.
IT SHOULD BE
Offered
AS A
Precious
Gift.



- KATE DICAMILLO



Firstly, a heartfelt thanks goes out to those Parents and Carers who became 'Read with Me' volunteers last year. After such a success, we would love to again welcome 'Read with Me' volunteers to our KS1 classrooms. However, this year we would also be keen to put regular volunteers in our KS2 classrooms to help develop reading fluency and a love of reading across school.

We know that the more our children enjoy sharing books with adults, the more fluent their reading will become and the more their love of reading will grow.

If you can make a regular commitment of as little as one hour a week, please email info@queen-vic.dudley.sch.uk or call the office on 01384 812545.

All volunteers will need to agree to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and share two referees. There will also be an Induction Programme put in place so you can learn how best to support our children.



INVITATION

DORMSTON SCHOOL
Open Evening
Thursday 19 October 2023
6.00pm - 8.00pm

OFFICIAL INVITATION

You are invited to the Dormston School Open Evening on **Thursday 19 October 2023**.

The event runs from 6.00pm until 8.00pm and is an excellent opportunity for all prospective parents/carers and students to gain a flavour of learning at Dormston School. There will be lots of interactive activities taking place and opportunities for discussions with current students and teaching staff. The Headteacher will address visitors at 6.15pm and then again at 7.00pm in The Mill Theatre.

No need to book, just come along!

We look forward to meeting you soon!

***PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAFFIC CAN GET VERY CONGESTED DURING THIS EVENING SO WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU WALK OR PARK SOME DISTANCE AWAY AND THEN WALK.**

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