



Monthly Parent Update Sheet February 2017/March 2017

Sainsbury's Active Kids for School 2017

It is that time of year when Sainsbury's Superstore promote the Active Kids Scheme and give vouchers for shopping in store/online and petrol. This year, PE are taking part and hopefully we will be able to add equipment and resources to the department. The collection box for the vouchers is situated in the Atrium area. Any help from yourself would be gratefully received.

British Values - Youth Parliament Elections 2017 - Democracy

All students are participating in the Youth Parliament Elections for 2017. Four of our students; Maisy Barnett, Louise Lakin, Jade Durnall and Lucy Price, are standing for election and have been busy promoting the organisation in the run up to the vote. We wish our students the very best of luck.

LGBT History Month - Individual Liberty

February is LGBT History Month. Our students will be celebrating this by discussions, resources and quizzes in forms. We hope that this will allow our students to explore a range of issues around the subject and promote a positive atmosphere for all.

Operation Christmas Child Update

Notification has finally been received from Operation Christmas Child about the locations of the shoe boxes which were donated. They have been sent to two different locations; The Ukraine and Romania. Thanks again to anyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

Safeguarding

Dormston School takes the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils very seriously. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of pupils at this school please report them to either Mr Dixon, Mrs Elliott or Miss Smith. Further information and guidance for parents/carers on safeguarding issues can also be found on the school website.

Medical Appointments *REMINDER

The school will not authorise medical or dental appointments unless they are supported by a doctor's/dentist's letter (a copy is acceptable) or an appointment slip or card clearly stating the appointment date and time. When a pupil needs to leave school for a medical or dental appointment, the parent/carer or child must show a letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign out or when they sign in after attending the appointment or the absence will not

be authorised. GP/Dental surgeries can issue appointment slips. When a pupil arrives late to school after a medical or dental appointment, a parent/carer or child must show their letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign in otherwise the absence will not be authorised.

Pupil Illness

When you report your child's absence you may be asked to provide information and discuss the symptoms that are being displayed by your child. You may then be advised whether time off is recommended or not. We are relying upon **Public Health England Guidelines**

Parent Science Update - Year 11 Pupils

The second round of mock exams is scheduled to take place week beginning Monday 27 February 2017. All pupils will be issued with a revision topic list to ensure they prepare effectively for these assessments. Revision guides and workbooks are still on sale from the Science prep room, if your child has not already purchased these, at a cost of £3.00 for a revision guide and £3.00 for a workbook. Controlled Assessments are also in the process of being completed, and the deadline for these to be finished is February half term. These are worth 25% of their overall grade, so all pupils MUST achieve 1 grade or more above their target. Compulsory revision sessions for Science are also taking place from 3.00 - 4.30pm on Thursdays in Week 1. Please ensure your child is attending these to help them secure their target grade. Detentions will be set for all pupils who have been targeted to attend, but fail to do so. Thank you for your support with these matters.

School Production - Disco Inferno: 13th to 16th February 7:30pm

Dormston School Presents.....Disco Inferno! Set in 1976, the show features memorable songs of the 1970s era, including the classic Disco hits of Boogie Nights, Celebration and Hot Stuff. The musical is loosely based on the story of Faust. A superb production featuring over 60 talented pupils from Dormston School with live music performed by local professionals. For the first time, this year there will be a Revolving Stage in use! Tickets are £8 and are available from the Dormston Centre Reception. There will also be a market in operation before the show starts with products created or purchased by Dormston Pupils on sale. They are competing in an Apprentice Style competition to make the most profit over the 4 nights.

Severn House Charity Day - Thursday 16 February 2017

Severn House will be holding their annual Charity Day on Thursday 16 February 2017. There will be top prizes up for grabs along with a whole host of exciting activities taking place across lunchtime. Pupils will be able to wear Mufti and we look forward to raising money for a very worthy charity, Birmingham Children's Hospital.

February Half Term - Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2017

School will close on Friday 17 February 2017 for Half Term. We will be returning on Monday 27 February 2017 to a Week 2 timetable.

Year 11 Mock Exams - 27 February 2016 to 10 March 2017

Year 11 will be undertaking their Mock Exams from 27 February 2017 to 10 March 2017. The Mock Exam Timetable is on the school's website along with guides as to what needs to be revised for each subject. Please encourage your child to prepare for these important exams.

World Book Day - Tuesday 28 February 2017

We are delighted to welcome back local writer and storyteller John Edgar to our World Book Day celebrations, which for our school will take place on Tuesday 28 February 2017. John, who totally captivated and inspired pupils last year, is returning this year to deliver sessions to Year 7. He will tell a range of tales (including urban myths, traditional tales and one or two of his own), all aimed at showing the diversity of storytelling and writing. He will also introduce conventions of stories changing and the importance of rhyme in storytelling. We are very much looking forward to, what we know will be, a thoroughly enjoyable day. Pupils from **ALL** year groups will also receive their World Book Day Voucher on this day, this can be taken to a local bookshop and swapped for one of the TEN exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books.

OR book tokens can be used to get:

- **£1 off any full price book** in a book shop;
- **£1 off an audio book** (that costs at least £2.99) in a book shop;
- **£1 off a book bought at the Book Fair in the PLC**, 8 - 15 March 2017;
- **£1 off a book bought at the Dudley Teen Book Award celebration** event on Tuesday 21 March 2017.

The World Book Day book tokens are valid from Monday 27 February - Sunday 26 March 2017. Visit their website for lots of information, book recommendations and competitions: www.worldbookday.com/books/. Thursday 2 March 2017 is 'official World Book Day' when pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a book quiz in the PLC at lunchtime or after school. On Wednesday 8 March - 15 March 2017 the Book Fair arrives in PLC and will be open whenever the PLC is (including before and after school) giving pupils the opportunity we know they love to buy books, posters and stationery. Purchases should be made with *cash only please. Remember Pupils may also use their World Book Day Voucher to get £1 off (books only).*

Year 7 A* - A Parents' Evening - Tuesday 7 March 2017

A Year 7 A*/A Target Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 6.30pm. If you and your child are invited to attend this evening you will receive a letter in the post shortly. Please return your reply slip to Mrs Brayshaw confirming your attendance by Friday 3 March 2017.

Pizza Reward Evening - Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 6.00pm

As a reward following the recent effort league tables, we will be holding a Pizza and Film evening on Wednesday 8 March 2017 from 6.00pm - 8.30pm in the Theatre for selected pupils. Invitations will be sent out to during week commencing 13 February 2017.

Year 9 Reports - Friday 17 March 2017

Year 9 Full Reports should be with Parents for Friday 17 March 2017. A GroupCall will be sent to confirm when they have been provided to pupils.

Dudley Teen Book Award 2017 - Tuesday 21 March 2017

We are proud to once again host the prestigious Dudley Teen Book Award celebration event which this year will take place on Tuesday 21 March 2017 from 1.00pm until approximately 3.30pm. Our pupils, who are taking part by reading the six nominated titles and then voting for their favorite, will be invited to join the nominated authors, along with pupils and staff from all the other participating schools. The occasion will begin with the opportunity to choose and buy books before settling down to listen to the authors' talks and presentations. There will be a question and answer session and raffle. The much-anticipated announcement of the winning book and author will follow and the afternoon will conclude with refreshments, 'meet the authors', book signing and photographs. A quiz on the nominated books will run throughout the afternoon with winners chosen from each school. The Dudley Teen Book Awards is designed to encourage young people locally to read more and to consider choosing books that they would not normally read, and is an opportunity enthusiastically embraced and enjoyed by our pupils each year. Please look out for the forthcoming press release with photos of Dormston book club pupils in the Express and Star and Dudley Chronicle advertising this very well regarded award, which is now in its 7th year.

Year 9 Options Evening - Thursday 23 March 2017 at 7.00pm

Year 9 Options Evening will be an opportunity to meet representatives from all of the different subjects and discuss options before the 6 April 2017 deadline for handing in the final choices. There will also be a careers advisor present. The evening starts with a presentation in the theatre at 7pm.

Year 11 Parents' GCSE Preparation Evening - Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 6.30pm

This is an opportunity to gain an overview of how you can best support your child as they approach their GCSEs. We have also got representatives from the National Citizen Service in to speak about an exciting opportunity available to all of our Year 11s.

Year 9 Parental Consultation - Thursday 30 March 2017

A Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meeting will take place on Thursday 30 March 2017. Please encourage your child to make appointments.

Year 8 Girls' HPV Injections (Dose 2) - Friday 31 March 2017

Please note that Year 8 Girls' HPV Injections (Dose 2) will be taking place on Friday 31 March 2017.