

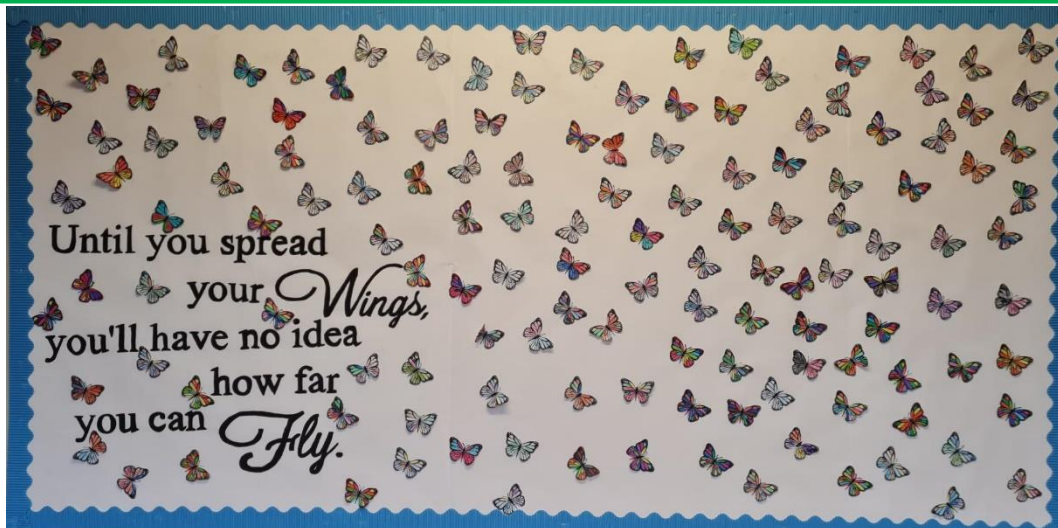


As you are aware we faced significant staffing issues during the COVID outbreak in November and December, but as always we are optimistic that we will be able to remain fully open for 2022. It was a big relief when new guidance issued on 02.01.22 and 04.01.22 has not impacted on plans so far for the coming term. Remote learning continues to be available via the website if your child is at home and well enough to access learning. Wishing a speedy recovery to those not yet back with us. Thank you with your support with reporting absences and your child's education.

Happy New Year ! Happy New Year ! Happy New Year ! Happy New Year ! Happy New Year !

It has been lovely to welcome in 2022 with the children and staff back in school this week and seeing the children once again so focussed on their learning. We look forward to sharing more of the children's work with you later this term.

Mrs Hannaway



Across Key Stage 2 initially we are offering further opportunities for subject specialist PE in additional year groups for Gymnastics for 2J, 2B, 5A and 5W. Swimming is starting next week for children in Years 3 and 4..

This term there are changes to after school clubs this half-term as outlined below. Places in clubs will be offered on a first come, first serve basis, up to the group size limit. Letters will be sent out to the appropriate classes. Please be aware that clubs may be cancelled (as last term) if advised for 'restricted mixing' following Public Health advice if there is another COVID outbreak in school.

There are some 'catch up' sessions for badminton, dance and gymnastics as already advised by text messages – these are not included in the list below.

Year Group	Day	After-School Club
Year 4	Thursday from 13.01.22 (6 wks)	Gymnastics – cost £3 weekly
Year 5	Monday from 17.01.22 (4 wks)	Gymnastics – Mrs Priestley
Year 6	Friday from 28.01.22 (4 wks)	Volleyball – cost £3 weekly

School Census day is Thursday 20th January whilst the menu is no different to advertised, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to enjoy a school lunch on this day, as this has an impact on our school funding.

What also has a real impact on our funding is when children who may be entitled to Free School Meals put in a claim - apply here <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Please take a look and see if you may be eligible – and *thank you* to all our parents who have already done this.