



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 23rd
February 2024



Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2024

Monday 26th February 2024:

Year 6 Height and Weight measurements

Monday 26th February 2024:

Year 7 Parents Evening

Tuesday 27th February 2024:

SEN Consultation Evening

Friday 1st March 2024:

Science non uniform day

Wednesday 6th March 2024:

Bring an Easter Egg non uniform day.

Thursday 7th March 2024:

World Book Day

Monday 11th March 2024:

Mock SATs Week

Monday 11th March 2024:

Science Fortnight

Monday 11th March 2024:

Year 7 Arete Residential

Wednesday 13th March 2024:

Easter Bingo

Thursday 14th March 2024:

PI Day

Friday 15th March 2024:

Comic Relief

Monday 18th March 2024:

Science Fortnight

Monday 18th March 2024:

Year 8 Parents Evening

Tuesday 19th March 2024:

KS3 Rewards Event

Wednesday 20th March 2024:

KS2 Rewards Event

Wednesday 20th March 2024:

Easter menu Theme day

Wednesday 20th March 2024:

Pre Loved Uniform Shop

Friday 22nd March 2024:

Science Fair

Friday 22nd March 2024:

School closes for Easter at 3.35pm

Hello everyone, welcome back and a very wet and windy week in school!!

- Whole-school assembly: Mr Challinor, our D&T teacher, presented a fantastic assembly on Monday to talk to our students about engineering, his own experiences and how this aspect of study contributes so vastly to our world. A huge thanks to him for this and the pupils loved it.

- Year 7 Bikeability: Mrs Dean organised for the next round of students to take part in this and so they donned their helmets, gloves and warm clothes to brave the cold weather. I must say they really did do brilliantly - especially on Thursday when the heavens opened! Well done all of you for participating. Great job.

- Year 5 & 6 netball: Another group that were bold enough to take on the weather! They played brilliantly so well done to all of you that took part.

- Science Fortnight: Mrs Baddeley and her science team are busy preparing for this - which starts on March 11th - and last year was super so we are excited to see what is coming next.

- Year 7 Parents' Evening: This is on the coming Monday, 26th March, so if you were unable to secure an appointment, and would still like to have some feedback from the subject teacher, please contact the office and they will help.

- Year 8 Parents' Evening: This is on March 18th and the booking system will open on the morning of 4th March (to 15th March) for appointments to be booked.

- Change For Life: Mr Baddeley took a group of our year 8 sports leaders to Biddulph Valley Leisure Centre on Wednesday to support with the games festival with our year ones from Oxhey and Kingsfield. Well done to our students - you represented us, as expected, just brilliantly. And the year ones loved you! And thanks to Mr Baddeley, and Zoe the games organiser, for arranging this great event.

- Non-uniform days: we have a couple coming up - Friday 1st March is a science non-uniform day where students can come as their favourite scientist, or just in non-uniform. This will raise funds to support the science fortnight activities that all students will be involved in and we are charging £1. The second one (sorry about the confusion - we had to move it twice!) is on Wednesday 6th March and is our 'bring an Easter egg' day, in exchange for non-uniform which will support our Easter Bingo on Wednesday 13th March (come along as it is great fun!!)

- World Book Day: This annual event is happening on Thursday 7th March (busy week!!) and is great fun. Students can come as their favourite book character and we hold a judging 'parade' with prizes, as well as other activities prepared by the English department. It is a real highlight of the year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Farr



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS:

ABSENCES: Can all absences, including a reason for the absence, please be reported by 9am on each day by contacting the dedicated absence line below;

Tel: 01782 973600 option 2, alternatively please email:

absence@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS: You can book school meals and top up dinner monies via the Arbor App. If you have pre booked a school meal on Arbor that is no longer needed can you please ensure it is cancelled via the App also.

ARBOR PARENT PORTAL: Don't forget you can check; homework, housepoints, trips, consents and many more via the portal. If you have any questions or problems with Arbor please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

POLITE REMINDER: Please can we ask parents to ensure that pupils come into school with all the resources needed for the day e.g. PE kit, cooking ingredients.

Thank you.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our easyfundraising page here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2

Thank you!

NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

[Health Visiting and School Nursing :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19)

PRE LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you for all the donations received for our pre-loved uniform stock. The stock (all free to take) will be available from 3.45pm to 4.45pm on the following dates:

20th March 2024, 22nd May 2024 & 17th July 2024

If you do need any uniform outside of these times please contact the school office.

Any further donations can also be dropped off at the school office.

SAFETY REMINDER

Please can you remind your children about riding their bikes and scooters safely, especially outside the school gates.

We have received 2 reports about children riding their scooters into the road which have resulted in a near miss with cars since the new year.

The number of parked cars, cars pulling out and pedestrians is obviously very high before and after school.

Please remind your children to walk with their bikes and scooters in congested areas and not ride into or across the road.

Thank you for your support.

From the Staff

Woodhouse Academy – Whole School Spellings

Knead	Language	Misconceived
Kneel	Lightning	Moisten
Knickers	Malicious	Morning
Knight	Malignancy	Mourning
Knowledge	Mischievous	Necessary

Shout outs!

5.4 maths have been so fantastic and made Mrs Gordon and Mrs Proctor so proud, multiplying mixed numbers. Well done!



There will be no non-core homework set for year 6 ahead of their SATs.

Only English and maths and associated revision will be set for them until the SATs are completed.

Please click on the link to see the updates from the Science, DT and Food department: <https://sway.office.com/hFrmU01VB8Pt71JT?ref=Link>

A big well done to our sports leaders that ran the Change4Life festival for the Year 1 students at Oxhey and Kingsfield. Your great charisma and characters allowed the younger students to have an excellent time today. Many thanks to Zoe, our school games organiser, for organising and supporting the event.



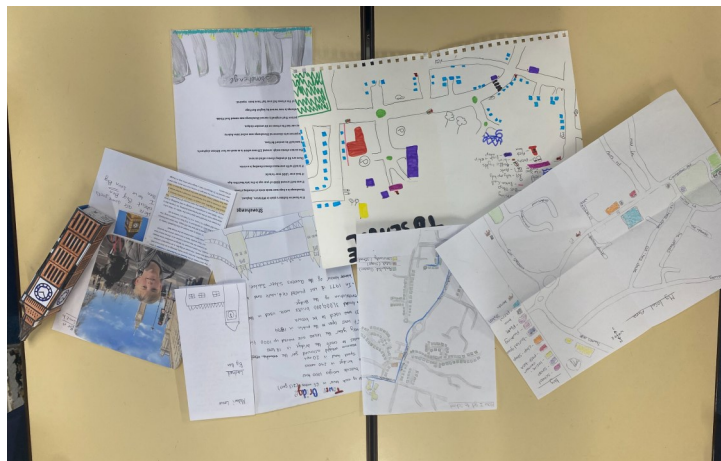
Y7 Bikability!



Mrs Mullock was absolutely amazed by Jamie's (year 7) brilliant and self-made model of a fighter jet that she made by herself this weekend following an instruction guide and using real tools. This shows her excellent perseverance skills as well as her passion for all things history!



A massive well done to all of our students who handed in their geography optional homework last half term. We were very impressed with how good they all were.



HT Awards - half-term 1 (Spring)!

Well done to the following MFL students for receiving the prestigious Headteacher's Award recently for a fantastic achievement in the German/Spanish assessment!

Y8

Noah H - 8C

Millie K- 8M

Y7

7C - Amber B (100%), 7C - James B

7D - Edie E, Masie B (both have improved noticeably) & Sophia T with Masie and Sophia both getting 100%

7M - Tilly B & Felicity W

7T - Ethan C & Charlie BM (both 100%), Myles B, Evalyn C (most improved) & Alfie N

Y5

5M - Aidan M

5C - Abi F 100%), Rowan H & Molly H

5T - Emily-Mae W, Jacob R & Kiki B

Well done & keep up the great effort!

Mrs Taylor

WORLD BOOK DAY®

7 MARCH 2024

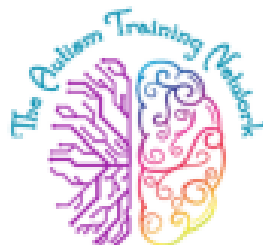
World Book Day 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character if they wish, but this is not compulsory. There will be a book voucher prize for a winner in each year group.

Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Well done to Daisy and Millie for helping out at Daisy's brothers screening day on Saturday . They provided members of the public with refreshments throughout the day.



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Week 1 - An introduction to Autism**

An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.

- **Week 2 - Communication**

Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.

- **Week 3 - Sensory Processing**

Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.

- **Week 4 - Pathological Demand Avoidance**

A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held on a Monday evening from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

You can benefit from all 4 workshops for just £100 and you will receive a certificate of attendance after the final workshop.

We are only running the 4-week programme in February, March and April.

To book your place...Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com with the month you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to book on.



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS	SUNDAYS
Biddulph Library, 'Bounce and Rhyme', 10:30-11am	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Community Café in partnership with Oasis Community Church 9:30am to 11am, tea, coffee and refreshments.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm Soup and Sandwich (10am to 1pm).	Biddulph Local People's Group at Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. Over 50's Social Group 10am to 12pm. Arts & crafts, board games. £2.00 refreshments and materials included.	Staffordshire Moorlands Childrens Centre, 'Wake Up Shake Up Breakfast Group' 9:30am to 11am, Healthy breakfast for parents/ carers and children under 3 yrs.		
Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank St John's Church, Knypersley 11am to 1pm		Biddulph Town Hall Beth Johnson 10:30am to 12pm Bereavement Group 2 nd Wednesday of each month, group meal (after session).	Biddulph Town Hall Approach Dementia- carer support café, 10:30-12:30, 2 nd Thursday of each month.	Biddulph Library, Coffee Morning Cheesy oatkakes, 10am to 12pm	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm	
St Lawrences Church, Congleton Road 'Nibble and Natter' 10:30-1:30pm, soup lunch, board games and refreshments.	Biddulph Local People's Group, Biddulph Town Hall Over 50's Social Group 10am to 12pm. Arts & crafts, board games. £2.00 refreshments and materials included. Free hot food 12-1pm.	Biddulph Town Hall 'Feast and Flicks' Warm Light Lunch 12:30 to 1:30pm followed by a film.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. Community Pantry 11:30am to 1:30pm, free food collection. Fruit & Veg— 12:30pm to 5:30pm, £3.50 a box. Pre-order by 1pm previous Tuesday.	Victoria Centre, Station Road Friday Coffee Morning & Christian Aid Stalls 9:30am to 11:30am, Hot drink & a snack.		
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Youth Club 6:30pm to 8:30pm - £1.50 inc refreshments. Aimed at ages 9+, sports, craft, café, PS4 etc.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm	Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre, Albert Street 'Back 2 Basics' 1-2.30pm. Free drop-in session for families with little ones; refreshments provided.	Christ Church, Biddulph Moor 'Brunch Club' 10.30-1pm	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Youth Club 6:30pm to 8:30pm— £1.50 inc refreshments. Aimed at ages 9+, sports, craft, café, PS4 etc.		Oasis Community Church Worship, Biddulph Town Hall 10:45am Refreshments served before and following worship. Adult Worship, children and youth groups and a creche area.
	Victoria Centre, Station Road Film Club, includes tea/coffee, 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road Indoor Bowling 1:30pm to 3:30pm, £1.50 inc. refreshments.	Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road. SMILE Over 50's Social Group 1:30pm to 3:30pm, £1.50 inc refreshments.	Twilight Market Biddulph Town Hall Friday 1 December 3:30pm to 7:30pm Refreshments provided - pay what you can. Please check www.biddulph.co.uk for 2024 dates.		Biddulph Methodist Church, Station Road Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits.
		Dementia Friendly Cinema Biddulph Town Hall Wednesday 14 December 1:30pm, includes tea/coffee and cake in the interval; accessible for people with dementia and open to everyone.	Oasis Youth Club (7-14years), Gospel Mission Hall, Church Road 6pm to 8pm, £1.00 entry and free refreshments.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm		Life Stream Church. Worship at 10:30am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
		English Martyr's RC Church, Church Road 11am to 2pm, free hot drinks, soup and sandwiches.	Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank English Martyrs Church, 6-8pm			Hill Top Methodist Church, Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
			Biddulph Methodist Church 'Dementia Voices' (fortnightly) 2-3:30pm			St Lawrence's Church, Traditional Service 9:15am, Contemporary service 11am (with children's and youth groups) tea/coffee refreshments between services.
						English Martyrs Church Mass, 9-10am


93 Bus Service Fares

Adult day ticket- £2.00
Young person (under 19) day ticket- £1.00

- You can:
- Use it as a return ticket to attend one of these sessions, or access other services in the town.
 - Make a break in your journey
 - Use it for a recreational/ social ride around the route

There are also many volunteering opportunities available with these groups, which would appreciate your support. Volunteering can help you learn new skills, meet new people, gain confidence, build relationships and make a difference. Skills and knowledge you acquire could also help you move towards paid employment.

Biddulph Works Together 2023-4 A Warm Welcome



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Useful Numbers

Biddulph Town Council (Community Help Point)	01782 498480
<i>The team at the Town Hall can make referrals to the Foodbank and provide advice on cost-of-living issues.</i>	
Biddulph Library	01782 485491
Staffordshire Moorlands Children's Centre, Albert Street	01782 297970
Biddulph Local People's Group	07898 322998
Biddulph Methodist Church & Victoria Centre (am only)	01782 513218
Biddulph Youth & Community Zone, Church Road	01782 244288
Hill Top Methodist Church, Chapel Lane	01782 513218
Life Stream Church, Newpool Road	01782 515122
New Road Methodist Church, Hot Lane	01782 513218
St John's Church, Knypersley	01782 512240
Christ Church, Biddulph Moor	01782 512240
Oasis Community Church	07736 953860
St Lawrence's Parish Church, Congleton Road (am only)	01782 513891
Beth Johnson Foundation	07867 003313
The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street	01782 852131
Approach Dementia Support	01782 214999
Citizens Advice- Local Advice Line	0808 278 7876

Biddulph Works Together 2023-4

A Warm Welcome

Introduction


For the second year, Biddulph Town Council and partners are working to offer warm friendly spaces and free food opportunities, creating a network of places where Biddulph people can come together to try new things and seek support or advice. All groups offer a friendly welcome, with safeguarding policies and food hygiene rules in place.

There is lots of information about local groups and services here: <https://www.biddulph.co.uk/biddulph-directory/> or you can collect a paper copy of the Biddulph Directory from Biddulph Town Hall.

This leaflet contains information about how to access food via the different services and the Foodbank, but you can also contribute food items. The Stoke on Trent Foodbank welcomes food donations. They can be dropped at Sainsburys on Wharf Road in Biddulph, at your local church or at Biddulph Town Hall.

There is lots of information available on the Staffordshire County Council website about how you can live well in your own home: www.staffordshire.gov.uk

Type in 'Happy at Home' for more advice, which will also link to energy saving tips and local support agencies.



We've taken care to ensure the accuracy of this information; no responsibility can be accepted for errors or omissions. If you feel some information is incorrect or details have changed, please let us know. We are keen to support as many people in our town as possible. Please let us know if you can't get to these activities or would like something different.

FREE courses delivered by Staffordshire County Council

Open to all families living in Staffordshire

We are offering a number of FREE Community Learning Service funded adult courses delivered to families across Staffordshire (not Stoke) in the Spring term. Programmes will be run by highly experienced tutors who all have many years of experience in supporting families and helping adults and children to learn together.

Courses have different themed sessions each week, with tutor feedback provided to ensure that family's needs are met. Delivered on a small group basis face to face or using MS Teams (Certain Districts) and WhatsApp, email with video demonstrations, access to online materials and a weekly activity to complete at home. Start dates in 2024 are from 8th January 2024 with more courses available throughout the year. The courses are open to any adult age 19yrs+, Staffordshire residents.

Simply Play for 0-4yrs (PEEP)

10 weekly sessions

A face-to-face course for families with a child/ren age 0-4 years

Fun activities and learning to support your child's development. Different themes every week, stories, songs/ rhymes to join in with. Learn how to support your child's early years and gain new skills and knowledge.



Term Time Only

Simply Play for Babies (PEEP)

10 weekly sessions

A face-to-face course for families with a baby up to 12 months.

Enjoy new sensory play ideas, early language activities and get lots of ideas to try at home, while developing your understanding of how you can support your baby to grow and develop.

Term Time Only

You must be able to commit to a minimum of 8 sessions in order to enrol onto the 10 session courses

Take
Note

To register your interest in a course, please email: groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk with the following information:

For parents and carers: please email your name, child's name, and date of birth together with your contact number, address and which course and day you are interested in attending.

For professionals: please complete the group work referral form and send to the above email.

A member of the group work team will contact you as soon as possible to discuss available places.

'From Pram to Primary School'

10 weekly sessions

A face-to-face course adult only to help you support your children's behaviour by Family Caring Trust.

Struggling with your child's behaviour; mealtimes and bedtimes becoming a challenge?

If your child is aged between 0-11 years, then this programme could be for you.

Term Time Only

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NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm



The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.

We provide a confidential and friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse



parents/carers of children aged 0-19 who live in Staffordshire.

◉ Rectangular Snip

Get advice from our Public Health nurses (Health Visitors and School Nurses).

TEXT: 07520 615722



Feeding and nutrition



Child development

Parenting advice and support

Emotional health and wellbeing



Behaviour difficulties

Family health



We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health visitor from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.