



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 1st
March 2024



Diary Dates for Parents Spring Term 2024

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 and I hope you have all had a good week.

- Whole-school assembly: On Monday, Mrs Wills and Mr Baddeley took the assembly to talk about Woodhouse Has Talent and Comic Relief respectively. The students are aware so ask them about how they can get involved.
- Year 7 Parents' Evening: On Monday, we held our parents' evening and it was so lovely to receive emails sent in the following day to praise the school and teachers. I know we are very lucky here so many thanks for your continued support and to our great teachers and students.
- SEND consultation: On Tuesday evening, our fabulous SEND team met with parents. This was really successful so a huge thanks to our staff, and parents, for attending.
- District Rugby: A number of students attended this fixture on Thursday after school, here at Woodhouse, and played brilliantly. Churnet View, James Bateman, Eaton Bank and Congleton High School were the teams that visited. Well done to all of you that were involved and I hope there were not too many scrapes!!
- NSAAA: I sent an email this week to provide information about this charity, how valuable it is for information, support and activities for children. Please get involved if this is something you feel would benefit.
- Science Non Uniform: this happened on Friday and was part of the run up to the 'science fortnight' that is coming up soon. There are lots of activities being planned and it sounds great!

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

Uniform 'take away' stock: We have been running an after-school event for parents and students who may need additional uniform stock. This is all in a good condition and free for anyone. However, we have not had much of a response to this so, going forward, we will still keep this stock in school and any parent can contact the office if they would like to check what we have.

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!

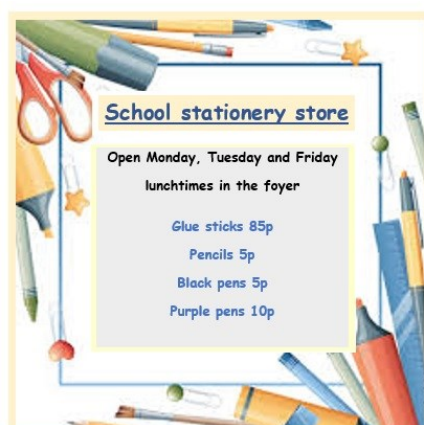
Some year 7 pupils playing the 'Horrible Histories' board game at Horrible Histories Club this week, which was donated by Mrs Stainthorpe and her daughter to the club ☺
Thank you!

This week in history, year 7 have been delivering their castle presentations which they spent the last 2 lessons in the computer room researching. Mrs Mullock was very impressed with how well the students not only managed to present verbally to the rest of the class, but also, how well the students researched the information and collated it into their own words rather than copying and pasting.

The following students stood up and presented:

from 7C: Lexie, Sophia, Lucas, Kylan, Josh, Amber, Oliver, James, Star, Aiden.

from 7D: Ollie, Jude, Sophia, Harry, Masie.



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

Woodhouse Academy

Presents



Wednesday 13th March

Doors open from 6pm

eyes down at 6:30pm

**Please bring you own refreshments
and don't forget your dabbers!**

Friends— Prizes— Fun



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!

What a weekend of football for Ruby... 2 games, 2 hat tricks, 8 goals in total, one goal from the corner spot, twice voted parents player Well done Ruby! Absolutely on fire this weekend 🙌



Jennie passed level 6 swimming and 200 metres. Well done Jennie!



Jacob R Year 5 after being graded in kickboxing at warrior martial arts.
Well done Jacob!



Lovely photos of Jennie and Lizzie dressed up for Science Fortnight dress up day.



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Teacher of Maths – Fixed Term to cover maternity leave
Full time – £30,000-£46,525
2nd September 2024 to 18th July 2025

Woodhouse Academy is a successful Middle School of over 450 pupils, set in a semi-rural location on the outskirts of Biddulph, Staffordshire. The school runs a secondary style timetable and subjects are taught by specialist teachers throughout – from Year 5 to Year 8. Pupils enjoy coming to school, are enthusiastic about learning and are challenged to achieve their best.

We are seeking to appoint a skilled teacher to join our experienced Maths team and to teach across KS2 and KS3.

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- support for the Values ethos of the school
- the ability to inspire and enthuse learners
- the commitment to raising achievement for all
- a positive approach to teamwork
- the desire to contribute to the wider life of the school

You will join a supportive and friendly team in a school with a strong emphasis on respect and wellbeing. We run a fully accredited ECT programme in partnership with The Golden Thread Teaching School Hub. Our professional development is highly personalised in order to improve knowledge and skills and enable progression into middle and senior management.

Applications are welcome from ECTs, experienced, primary and secondary trained teachers.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure & Barring Service including a Children's Barred List check which will require you to disclose all criminal convictions. Pre-employment checks will be carried out in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education.

To apply for this post please download an application form from the academy website and send to recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk - Visits prior to application are most welcome. Please contact the school office on 01782 973600

Closing date: Wednesday 13th March 2024

Interviews: Tuesday 19th March 2024

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Temporary Learning Support Assistant
32.5 Hours per week, Term time, plus 6 days
12 months fixed term – to start 3rd June 2024

Grade 3 - £17,630 actual salary

The Governors wish to appoint a learning support assistant to provide classroom support across the whole school in line with the Inclusion Policy. This will include delivering specific SEN provision for children with specific and complex educational needs.

The successful candidate will be an excellent classroom practitioner with high expectations of behaviour and learning, and have the ability to enthuse and inspire all children and be willing to go that extra mile.

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Cleaner

Part time - To start as soon as possible

Permanent – 13.33 Hours per week

Term time + 4 x weekly contracted hours during school closure periods

£11.59 per hour

Grade 1 £7,496 actual salary

The Governors are looking for an enthusiastic and committed person to join our cleaning team. If you are a reliable individual committed to providing a valuable service in cleaning and maintaining schools, we would like to hear from you.

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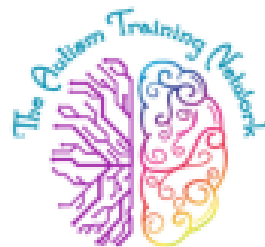
CELEBRATE LIFE

FIND OUT MORE ON
9TH MARCH!



8TH JUNE 2024

EVENT HELD BY SHAKES ON THE ROCKS, WICKENSTONE FARM ST87NW



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.



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North Staffs

ASPERGER/AUTISM ASSOCIATION



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 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 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 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



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Introduction

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

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.

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Awards for
Young Musicians

Families' Health and Wellbeing



Midlands Partnership
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.