



Woodhouse Academy

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Newsletter

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance is currently at 96%.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support throughout the year with attendance.

Multi-cultural Day

On Wednesday 10th February we had our Multicultural day. Our pupils 'visited' Norway, Mexico, South Africa and Japan.

The pupils experienced a wide variety of activities, such as handball, making trolls, playing drums and tasting sushi.

Our Woodhouse pupils enjoyed their trip around the world, even bringing home exotic souvenirs or exhibiting a brand new look!

Woodhouse Times

I am sure you were all impressed with the Spirited Arts Day News Letter, sent home on Wednesday, that was created by our very talented year 8 press team. They worked in teams of 2 or 3 to visit all the activities that were going on throughout the school, interviewing staff and pupils and taking photographs. They then wrote their own articles which were combined into the finished newsletter. After a nerve racking wait, while Mr Hall edited and checked the newsletter, it was printed and delivered by hand. We thought that they did an amazing job – Fleet Street had better watch out!

The press team were: Jess Porter, Lacey Hanley, Lily Hancock, Jack Murfitt, Ethan Chandler, Karli Young, Alana Vickers, Nicole Parr and Lucy Percival.

Key Stage 2 SATs

Parents of year 5 and year 6 children will find a very useful maths revision resource on the home page of our website (and in curriculum and assessment maths section - titled SATs Organiser) This fantastic resource has sample questions on all the key topics, YouTube animated explanations and help pages and past test papers.



Change to Timetable

After half-term we have made the decision to plan a 20 minute reading session each day at the beginning of period 3 in order to develop a reading culture across the school. This will give all pupils the opportunity to read independently each day, some accessing the Accelerated Reading programme, and some working with teachers and teaching assistants in guided reading groups. In order to create a 20 minute reading period, lesson times will be altered and therefore lunch will be 10 minutes later.

Form time	8.55	9.15
P1	9.15	10.15
P2	10.15	11.10
Break	11.10	11.30
Reading	11.30	11.50
P3	11.50	12.45
Lunch	12.45	1.45
P4	1.45	2.40
P5	2.40	3.35

Crossing Patrol—Biddulph Arms

We would just like to inform you that there is currently no crossing patrol officer stationed at the Biddulph Arms on the Congleton Road. The department concerned are looking for a replacement, but in the meantime, if your children use this particular crossing point, please tell them to take extra care.



Y5 Swimming

Just a reminder that forms 5h, 5f and the remainder of 5z will be swimming from 26th February through to 8th July. We are asking for a contribution of £22 towards the cost of transport, which can be paid via your Parentpay Account.

Uniform

Trousers - Please remember that girls school trousers should be tailored and therefore loose fitting around the legs. Shops sell many styles in their school uniform and it is important to make sure that you are not buying stretchy or tight fitting trousers. If you are in any doubt, bring them into school and we will check them for you .

Shoes - please also make sure that your child wears sensible plain black leather shoes. Canvas shoes let in water and are not suitable for DT.

Medication in School

We would like to remind you that medication can only be administered to children with the completion of the 'parental agreement for school to administer medicine form' which can either be obtained from the school office or can be found on the website under the School Policies section. If we do not have written consent, we will be unable to administer the medicine. We also request that all medicine is clearly marked with the child's name.

School Policy on Sickness

Please can we remind you that if your child has had sickness and diarrhoea, they should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Current Planned Residential Trips

11th—15th April	Y8 to Wales
25th—29th April	Y7 to Kingswood
16th—20th May	Y6 Standon Bowers
17th—24th May	Y8 to Italy
13th—15th June	Y5 to Bushcraft

Parent Forum

Marianne Lloyd, a specialist teacher from Entrust, will be visiting school on Thursday 3rd March at 2.30pm to deliver a session on showing you how to support your child with their reading —all welcome.

P E Department—after school clubs for next half-term

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS	Lunch time 1:00pm – 1:25 pm	Basketball Year 7+8	Year 5+6 DODGEBALL 	Year 7 +8 DODGEBALL 	Bench ball All Years 	Y5 & 6 Netball 
	After school 3:35pm – 4:35 pm	Year 7 & 8 Gymnastics 	Fusion Project Musical Theatre Victoria Condcliffe Please see PE staff for further details 	Inspire Dance	Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics Year 7+8 Rugby Club	