



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 12th  
July 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Summer Term 2024

**Tuesday 16th July 2024:**  
KS2 Rewards Assembly  
(Invite Only)

**Tuesday 16th July 2024:**  
Year 8 Rewards Trip to Alton  
Towers

**Thursday 18th July 2024:**  
KS3 Rewards Assembly  
(Invite only)

**Friday 19th July 2024:**  
School closes at 3.35pm for  
Summer

Hello everyone.

- **Celebrations:** last week was really busy with all our year celebrations. It is so lovely to be able to share the successes of our students across all years and they were great events. It was particularly emotional on Thursday as this was the year 8 one and they will be leaving us at the end of this week. A special thanks to Mrs McKeown, Mrs Wills and Miss Parkes for organising these.
- **Italians:** our twinning students from Fusignano were with us all week. They visited many different places, both locally and further afield, and ended the week with a rounders tournament against our year 8 students. A huge thanks to all of the staff that supported them in school, to the Twinning Committee and all our visitors.
- **Athletics:** a number of our year 5 and 6 took part in the county athletics on Tuesday - well done to all of you as we know you performed brilliantly.
- **Staff Leavers:** on Friday, after school, we had a celebration for all of the staff that are leaving us and it was fantastic. I will be sending a letter at some point this week to update you all of the changes.
- **Rewards:** this week we are looking forward to our students getting their end of year reward events - some are happening in school and year 8 will be going to Alton Towers.

Have a lovely week - let's hope the sun continues to shine!

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](mailto: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.

**WATER BOTTLES:** Please remember to send your child with a filled refillable drinks bottle. 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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhousemiddle/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-e2)

## 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)

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are seeing an increase of lunch accounts coming into arrears. Please can we ask that you settle any outstanding balances and ensure that your child/ren have enough credit on their account each week. To check if your child can get free school meals please follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> alternatively if your child is not eligible for free school meals and you require any support in this area please contact the school office [office@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk)

## HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

### FINDING HOPE IN YOUR FINANCES

Funded by  
UK Government

Help for  
Households

- These short three-week courses are **FREE** for any Staffordshire household who wants to explore how to improve their financial wellbeing.
- We will help you to identify and overcome your barriers to facing your finances and help you to think about small steps to move forward.
- You will receive some tips that will help you make your money go further, reduce costs, and leave you feeling more hopeful.
- We can talk and share as a group about how money matters can impact our wellbeing and look at ways to overcome barriers and cope with difficulties.

- You can join our **FREE workshops just by attending any of these sessions on the day and our friendly coaches will guide you through the course.**

#### Newcastle and Staffordshire Moorlands

Every Wednesdays 10.00am until 12.00 noon  
Newcastle Family Hub  
Cemetery Rd, Knutton, Newcastle ST5 6DH

Every Tuesday 12.30pm until 2.30pm  
Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub  
Albert Street, Biddulph, ST8 6DT

Workshop drop-in sessions will end on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Please don't miss out on these coaching sessions.

UK Government

Staffordshire  
County Council

For more information, please email our team:-  
[financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk)

HOUSEHOLD  
SUPPORT FUND

# From the Staff

## The Stationery Store

Open for pupils every lunchtime in the foyer



Large glue stick	£1	Bookmark	25p
Pencil case	80p	Black pen	10p
Rubber	40p	Purple pen	10p
Ruler (large)	40p	Pencil	10p
Ruler (small)	25p	Hair bobbles	10p



## The Stationery Store



**READING BOOKS**

**50P and £1**

**Where:** Stationery store  
**When:** First half of lunchtime  
 in the foyer every day

## Spanish Pen pals'

Some lovely summer messages from our Spanish Penpals! Our children are busy replying during Spanish Club.



Please see the following link for the Wire Wolves Gofundme page to help them get to national finals - please feel free to share onwards

<https://gofund.me/611c0b4c>

## SCIENCE, DT and FOOD

Please click on the link to see the updates from the Science, DT and Food department: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Ch1jTVVgUt14nK9J?ref=Link>



# 8T Community Project

8T would like to thank everyone who sponsored their 10K run/walk in Biddulph Grange country park last month. They managed to raised £215 for TeamSeas and Vysion, 2 very great charities.





# Year 5 End of Year Rewards





# Year 6 End of Year Rewards





# Year 7 End of Year Rewards





# Year 8 End of Year Rewards







# Astbury Mere

Our Y5 & 6s had a great time at Astbury Mere. They've had a mix of weather but that has not stopped them from getting stuck in with activities such as paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing and raft building along with several team building activities.



The word "Aloha" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font. The letters are colored in a gradient from red to orange. The background features a palm tree with green fronds and a brown trunk on the right side. Several colorful hibiscus flowers in shades of pink, orange, and green are scattered around the text.

# Aloha

*What a way to celebrate our wonderful Year 8's coming towards the end of their time here at Woodhouse. You might have been mistaken and thought that you were in Hawaii, as our school hall and foyer were transformed into a tropical paradise. All our students were treated to a Hawaiian Leis on arrival with the Tiki bar dishing out tasty mocktails. Many of our students enjoyed a selfie in the photo booth with the added props going down a treat; especially the pink grass skirt!!!! It was tasty pizza for dinner! Thank you to Miss Boon for providing the catering on the night.*

*The Limbo and balloon challenges went down a treat, who knew that so many of our students were that flexible, hahahaha!!!! But the real delight was seeing so many of our students dance the night away with their friends. Many even wanted to show off their dance skills on stage; definitely no stage fright!!!*

*I hope you all have a wonderful time. Thank you to the staff who supported me on the night aswell, including Mr Poole for helping me to set everything up on the day.*











# SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

<b>FREE - Supporting Healthy Sleep</b> <b>FREE - Cannabis &amp; Ketamine Awareness</b>	<b>27 JUN</b> <b>30 JUL</b>
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	16 MAY, 11 JUL, 8 AUG
Understanding the Teenage Brain	20 MAY, 15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	21 MAY, 16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	23 MAY, 20 JUN, 18 JUL, 15 AUG
Anxiety Explained	30 MAY, 25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	3 JUN, 29 JUL, 26 AUG
Introduction to OCD	11 JUN, 6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	17 JUN, 12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG
What is ACT?	9 JUL
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Drugs	27 AUG



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.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm	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.
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 9:30am to 11am. 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 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, group meal (after session).	Biddulph Town Hall Approach Dementia- carer support café, 10:30-12:30, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.	Biddulph Library, Coffee Morning Cheesy oatcakes, 10am to 12pm		Biddulph Methodist Church, Station Road Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits.
St Lawrence's Church, Congleton Road 'Nibble and Natter' 10:30-1:30pm, soup lunch, board games and refreshments.	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.	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.		Life Stream Church. Worship at 10:30am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
		Staffordshire Moorlands Childrens 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	Twilight Market Biddulph Town Hall Friday 1 December 3:30pm to 7:30pm Refreshments provided - pay what you can. Please check <a href="http://www.biddulph.co.uk">www.biddulph.co.uk</a> for 2024 dates.		Hill Top Methodist Church, Worship at 10:45am, tea coffee and biscuits to follow.
		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.	The Green Tree Food Club & Tea Room, 72 High Street Community larder 10am to 3pm		St Lawrence's Church, Traditional Service 9:15am, Contemporary service 11am (with children's and youth groups) tea/coffee refreshments between services.
		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.	English Martyrs Church Mass, 9-10am		English Martyrs Church Mass, 9-10am
		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			
			Biddulph Methodist Church 'Dementia Voices' (fortnightly) 2-3:30pm			

### 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

Sessions with a small fee

Food available to buy/ collect

Free food and activities

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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### A Warm Welcome

### 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 Childrens 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](http://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.



*“The opportunity to learn an instrument offers something very special that can last a lifetime”*

## Learn a Musical Instrument at School!



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Awards for Young Musicians



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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](https://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.