



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 13th  
September 2024



## Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

**Wednesday 25th September 2024: Flu Immunisations—All years**

**Tuesday 22nd October 2024: KS2 Rewards Assembly (Invite only)**

**Wednesday 23rd October 2024: Year 5 Boreatton Residential.**

**Thursday 24th October 2024: KS3 Rewards Assembly (Invite only)**

**Friday 25th October 2024: School closes at 3.35pm for Half Term**

Hello everyone.

A VERY blustery week this week in terms of weather!

It did not dampen our spirits in school though and it has been a very positive start to the year. Last week we welcomed our new year 5s in on Wednesday and they had a super day. The rest of the school joined us on Thursday and Mr Reynolds and I had a wander round the classes to speak to the students and ask if they had enjoyed their summer holiday. We had a competition to see who had travelled the furthest - with Turkey, Thailand, Mexico and Florida popping up. But Australia was the winner and there were SIX of our students out there during this period. I am not sure if they saw each other though!

I sent out an information letter last week to all parents so this will be a short one from me today.

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 via Arbor. Thank you.

**SCHOOL MEALS:** Please note school meals are NO longer booked via Arbor. These will not be ordered daily by students in form time.

**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.

### FOR INFORMATION:

**WEEK A:** 02/09/24, 16/09/24, 30/09/24, 14/10/24, 04/11/24, 18/11/24, 02/12/24, 16/12/24

**WEEK B:** 09/09/24, 23/09/24, 07/10/24, 21/10/24, 11/11/24, 25/11/24, 09/12/24, 06/01/25

## FAQ

### What can I log myself on Arbor?

Please log all absences on Arbor, these will then be processed in school. Any medical or contact detail updates should also be done through Arbor. If you would like to view an attendance certificate this can be done on Arbor via a browser and a pdf of the certificate can be downloaded in the 'absence by date' area.

### What clubs are available and when/how can my child sign up?

The list of clubs will be made available on the school website under 'parent information' and included in the school newsletter once they are launched. For any clubs with a sign-up policy, students will do this in school. Parents can't attend school to 'watch' any clubs. However, they are more than welcome to attend fixtures that take place after school. Most after school clubs run from 3:45 - 4:35 (unless notified otherwise).

### How do I know if my child has a fixture?

If your child has been selected for a fixture they will be notified in school and you will be contacted separately via email. Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at the end of the fixture (if they are not making their own way home).

### Can I park on the school car park?

Please don't use our school car park to park on at any time. However, if you are collecting a child (during the school day) for a medical appointment then it is okay to come onto the car park.

### Where do I find a list of school policies?

All school policies, including how we deal with complaints, can be found on the school website ([Woodhouse Academy: School Policies](#)).

## 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.

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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 \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](#)

# From the Staff



Young Voices and Christmas Choir will start on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 3.35 until 4.30 pm.

Pupils can sign up from next Monday the sheet is on the noticeboard in the Music Block.

A **letter** via Arbor will be sent out to all parents outlining the concert dates, cost for tickets and t-shirts (only if you want to purchase, last year's t-shirts or white ones fine). There will also be a link for parents to log into Young Voices and purchase their own tickets and t-shirts. There is a deadline for this which is 31<sup>st</sup> October to purchase

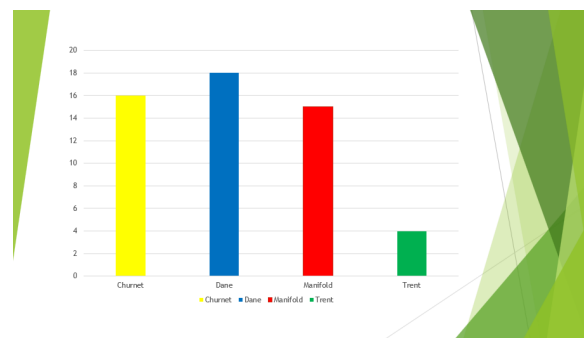
## Shout outs!

*A fantastic start from 5T in English! Mrs Abson is very pleased with how everyone has got stuck into their work already!*

## HousePoints

### TOP POINTS THIS TERM

- 1.Sam L
- 2.Joe P
- 3.Elsie J
- 4.Thomas C
- 5.Alfie W
- 6.Beau G
- 7.Stanley M





# Welcome Year 5



# New Rewards System

- ▶ You will be collecting points for individual and house prizes
- ▶ There will be inter-house competitions
- ▶ No longer any prize for 0 behaviour points
- ▶ House with most points get a non-uniform day

## Point Collecting

- ▶ Helping out at an open evening +10
- ▶ Winning a half term value award +10
- ▶ Receiving a Principals award +5
- ▶ Completing a Go for Gold Enrichment activity +3
- ▶ Representing school +2
- ▶ Winning an extracurricular competition +2
- ▶ Showing all values (above and beyond) +1
- ▶ Completing an Enrichment Activity +1

Kindness	Courage	Encouragement	Cooperation	Responsibility	Aspiration	Leadership	Resilience	Respect	Consideration	Initiative	Honesty
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## House Point Prizes - Individual

- ▶ 25 - Early lunch pass for you & a friend
- ▶ 50 - Chocolate bar or haribo bag
- ▶ 100 - Non-uniform pass
- ▶ 150 - Extra break (may only need 1 or 2 slots for this a year)
- ▶ 200 - Free item from the canteen at break
- ▶ 250 - Movie afternoon at the end of the year
- ▶ The top 5 children in the whole school at the end of the year get a £20 voucher

## House Point Prizes - Houses

- ▶ Weekly leaderboard (by house) is displayed on screens and in newsletter.
- ▶ The house with the most points (announced on the last Monday of each half term) will win a non-uniform on the Thursday of that week.

Thursday morning Esme T and some of our children here at Woodhouse made their debut on BBC Radio Stoke talking about the Young Athletes gym class they attend on a Monday evening. The gym class at Fit with Finn, Brindley Ford, allows children aged 8-17 to take part in a circuit class using all of the equipment to try and get their 60 mins a day exercise in. You can click this link and scroll down to hear the children talk about their experience in the gym.

A big well done to all involved!

[Stoke-on-Trent gym sessions aim to get non-sporty kids active - BBC News](#)

# **FIT WITH FINN**

## **YOUNG ATHLETES CLASS**

**MONDAY**  
**4:45PM - 5:30PM**  
**AGES 8-17**

### **CLASS PRICES**

**1 CLASS - £7**  
**5 CLASSES - £25**  
**10 CLASSES - £45**



**FIT WITH FINN,  
OUTCLOUGH RD,  
BRINDLEY FORD, ST8 7QD**



# Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Martha took part in Five Towns Theatre summer school where after 2 weeks they performed Sister Act at Stoke Rep Theatre.

She had an amazing time!



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

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SCC is developing a 25 year Local Transport Plan and this is a big opportunity to champion the voice of our rural residents.

You may be aware that the Family Hubs deliver outreach activities in rural locations, please can you ask any of our local providers/group leads to complete the survey below with their residents/families.

[Parents/Carers Transport Survey](#)



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](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.