



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 4th
October 2024



Diary Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2024

Monday 21st October 2024: INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 21st October 2024: Open Evening
5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd 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 and I hope you have all had a good week.

- **Whole-school assembly:** This week, Mrs Stevenson took the assembly on Black History as it is the BH month. She talked about the diversity of our culture, the rich and wonderful mix of people we have in our society and the importance of understanding past events and how they impact today's lives.
- **X-country:** A number of our students went to JCB this week to compete in this event. Well done to all of you that took part - you did us proud.
- **SEND evening:** On Tuesday, our fabulous SEND team met with parents to discuss progress. We are very proud of our students and achievements so a big thanks to all of the team and to our parents that attended.
- **Inter-house X country:** We started our in-school events this week, with year 7 on Friday and the other years on Monday. This is a great opportunity for our students to get involved with team mates across the year and win rewards for their house. Good luck to all of you.
- **School nurse:** a reminder that we have a drop-in service every fortnight in school and next week it will be on Tuesday. Please contact the office if this is something that you feel would be useful.

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](#)).

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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

NHS SCHOOL NURSE DETAILS

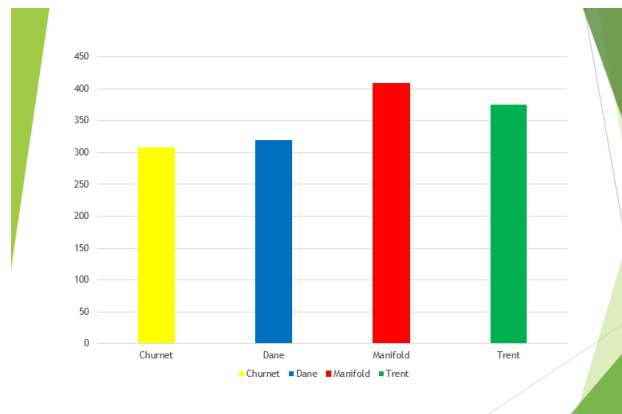
Please see links below for the School Nurse website;

<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

HousePoints



TOP POINTS THIS TERM

1. Evalyn C (40)
2. Abi F (21)
3. Sam L (18)
4. Emma J/Stan M (16)
5. Jackson B/Amber B (13)
6. Edward A (12)

Shout outs!

Well done everyone who has been attending the Young Voices Christmas Choir, keep up the good work. You can access the songs via Spotify and YouTube so get practising !

See you next week! Mrs Washington

A huge well done to the year 7 and year 8 football teams. Both played their first game of the football season this week against James Bateman. After a tricky start to both games with Y7 finding themselves 3-1 down and Y8 1-0 down, however both teams showed great resilience, determination and teamwork to come back to claim an 8-3 victory for Y7 and a 4-1 victory for Y8.

From the Staff

The BBC 500 Words writing competition is open for entries, it's time to get writing! Ask a parent to email your typed story to Mrs Manson (or the school office) before Thursday 7th November or ask an adult to submit your story directly. You need to be 11 or under on Friday 8th November 2024. Children need to write a story of 500 words or less. Good luck. See the website or Mrs Manson for more information.



School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
Black pen	10p
Purple pen	10p
Pencil	10p
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Bookmark	10p
Hair bobble	10p
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Reading books	50p and £1

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PE Interhouse Competition

Event 1

Cross Country

CHURNET

MANIFOLD

DANE



TRENT

Date	Year Group	Lesson	Details
Friday 4 th October	7	Period 3	Come to school in PE kit. Wear your blazer on top. Go home in PE Kit. Please bring a spare pair of trainers with you so that we don't have mud in the school building. Run in trainers that you don't mind getting muddy or football boots! Bring a waterproof coat if it's raining. Remember a plastic bag for your muddy shoes!
Monday 7 th October	8	Period 1	
Monday 7 th October	6	Period 2	
Monday 7 th October	5	Period 3	

Try your best and GOOD LUCK!!

Remember the school games values!!!



Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Theo P was awarded player of the week in his first competitive Rugby match.
Well Done Theo!

Miley A recently auditioned and was successful in gaining one of the 6 places at the London Studio Centre Associates Program, she will train at the prestigious dance centre every Saturday for the next year, ending the year dancing on a West End Stage.
Well Done Miley!



Isaac completed a two day course at Chasewater and obtained his Royal Yachting Association stage 1 sailing qualification.

Well Done Isaac!

Are you a young person aged 11-13?

Join our new Mental Health support group!



This group gives young people (11-13) a space to share about their wellbeing, do fun activities, and connect with others

**To attend please contact:
maccasproject@nsmind.org.uk**

**Venue: The Zone - Biddulph Church Rd,
ST8 6NE**

**Every 2nd Tuesday of the month,
5:30-7:30pm**





Click the instruments for information and ideas about just some of the instruments you can learn with Music for Life

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WE OFFER SUPPORT FOR:

● Anxiety

● Resilience

● Sleep

● Low Mood

● Behaviour (U11's)

● Phobia's

● Panic

● Problem Solving

● Exam Stress



EMAIL: MHSTENQUIRIES@COMBINED.NHS.UK

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.