



# Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 18th  
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 - a sunny, if frosty, end to our week in school.

- Whole-school assembly: The PE department led the assembly this week and talked about 'Walk to School Week' and the importance of being active and the benefits this has for everyone.
- Tag Rugby: Our year 4s visited Woodhouse on Tuesday for the tag rugby festival, which is held every year and invites all the year 4 students from the first schools. It is a brilliant event, so many thanks to the all the students that participated, the PE department for organising this and a special mention to our year 8s who were sports leaders for the day - you were fabulous.
- Community Project: Mrs Wills, Mrs Woodley and all of 7W donned their walking boots and trekked around the Grange for their community project, raising money for charity. Mrs Wills says you were so well behaved and a credit to the school. Well done all of you.
- Netball: We have had two events this week, seeing some of our key stage three students participating at other schools. A big shout out to those who took part in this. Well done.
- School Nurse: A reminder that she is in next week again, so please contact reception if you would like an appointment for your child.
- Rewards Assemblies: These take place next week for our year award winners. Parents are notified of this in advance if their child has received one of these and invited in to school to watch.
- Inset: A reminder that we are closed on Monday but a number of students will still be coming in to support our open evening that night.
- Boreatton: A large number of year 5s will be going off to their residential next Wednesday, which is really exciting and they have a fabulous time. Those students who did not wish to go will still have fun activities in school on those days.

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.

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





# Woodhouse Academy



***Shaping Futures Together***

**OPEN EVENING INVITATION**

***Monday 21st October 5.30-7.30pm***

**We have places for September 2025  
and invite all current year 4 and 6  
pupils along with their parents/carers**

**Telephone: 01782 973600**

**Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph, ST8 7DR.**

**[www.woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk)**



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> November or ask an adult to submit your story directly. You need to be 11 or under on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Children need to write a story of 500 words or less. Good luck. See the website or Mrs Manson for more information.



## Shout outs!

*Well done for everyone attending Young Voices Christmas Choir you are really working hard. Remember to buy your tickets and t-shirts (only if you want a new T shirt) a white t -shirt is fine, by the end of October. Use the link you have been sent to order from.*





Mr Baddeley is super proud of our Ks3 Sports Leaders who kicked off this years' Sports Leader programme with a bang this week. All 76 leaders were involved in the tag rugby festival and they did an amazing job coaching the Y4s from Oxhey, Kingsfield, Moor First, Knypersley and Squirrel Hayes. The Y4 students had a fantastic time thanks to the efforts of our leaders. Staff from the first schools could not speak high enough of our students, with one teacher telling Mr Baddeley "your students have been excellent and they are great ambassadors for Woodhouse"




# Y4 Tag Rugby





# Bonfire Menu

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November



Pork / Quorn Hotdogs  
Served with Criss Cross Chips,  
BBQ Baked Beans or  
Corn on the Cob

Or

Jacket Potato Served with  
Homemade Quorn / Beef Chilli

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Homemade Chocolate Cupcake  
Or Jam Doughnut



# School Stationery Store

Open every Monday at lunchtime

Large Pritt stick	<u>Only £1</u>
Black pen	10p
Purple pen	10p
Pencil	10p
Ruler	25p
Rubber	40p
Bookmark	10p
Hair bobble	10p
Science goggles	75p
Reading books	50p and £1

Plus lots more for sale....



Woodhouse Academy  
Woodhouse Lane  
Biddulph  
Stoke on Trent  
ST8 7DR  
Tel: 01782 973600

**Part Time Attendance Clerical Officer/Receptionist**

**13 Hours per week over 2 days – Monday and Friday 8.30am-4pm**  
**To start 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**Term time + 5 days**  
**Grade 4 – SCP5**  
**£7,133 actual salary**

The Governors wish to appoint an experienced, professional and organised individual to work in the school office to deliver an effective reception and administration service to the academy.

You will be required to understand and follow the school ethos, policy and procedures and be able to relate to a range of stakeholders. It is therefore essential that you have excellent organisation and prioritisation skills and are able to multi task.

Woodhouse Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This position is subject to a [criminal records](#) check from the Disclosure & Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose all criminal convictions.

To apply for this post please download an application form from the academy website and send to [recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk)

Closing date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Interviews: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024



**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](mailto: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

 **Music NPO of the Year 24-25** 

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# MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) in education provide crucial low-intensity support, offering early intervention and guided self-help sessions. Scan the QR code to learn more.



**WE OFFER SUPPORT FOR:**

- Anxiety
- Resilience
- Sleep
- Low Mood
- Behaviour (U11's)
- Phobia's
- Panic
- Problem Solving
- Exam Stress



**EMAIL: MHSTENQUIRIES@COMBINED.NHS.UK**






## Fully Funded School Support Course

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)



**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent  
 CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours  
 CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

**Six Week Course Mon - Fri**

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
 2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm  
 3rd session 4 - 4:30pm  
 ( optional session for reflection and support if needed)

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.