



Woodhouse Academy

Shaping Futures Together.

Newsletter 25th
October 2024



Diary Dates for Parents

Autumn Term 2024

**Monday 4th November 2024 -
School Open**

**Tuesday 5th November 2024 -
Bonfire Theme Menu**

**Friday 15th November 2024 -
Children in Need Day**

**Tuesday 19th November 2024 -
Year 6 SATs/Standon Bowers
Information Evening @ 5.30pm**

**Friday 22nd November 2024 -
Black Friday Event**

**Monday 25th November 2024 -
Cyber Monday Event**

**Tuesday 3rd December 2024 -
Year 5 Safe and Sound Visit**

**Friday 6th December 2024 -
Non Uniform Day**

**Tuesday 10th December 2024 -
Christmas Concert**

**Tuesday 17th December 2024 -
KS2 Celebration Assembly (Invite
Only)**

**Tuesday 17th December 2024 -
KS2 Rewards Afternoon**

**Wednesday 18th December 2024
- Christmas Lunch**

**Thursday 19th December 2024 -
KS3 Celebration Assembly (Invite
Only)**

**Thursday 19th December 2024 -
KS3 Rewards Afternoon**

**Friday 20th December 2024 -
School Closes for Christmas at
3.35pm**

Hello everyone and I hope your week has been a good one.

- **Whole-school assembly:** As you know, we have changed our house point system slightly to award points to individuals for going 'above and beyond', either for themselves, or for others. Mrs Wills took the assembly, which will now happen at the end of every half term, reminding students of the rewards they can achieve over the year, the current leaders on the board and how they are all contributing to their houses. A special mention to Evalyn in year 8 as her current score is huge! Also, it was brilliant to see the evident rise in year 8s attaining house points. We are making some small amendments to the system, based on what our students and parents have told us, so look out for those. Well done everyone.

- **Parent Governor:** We will shortly be sending out information on this to all our parents and carers. Please look out for this if you are interested in applying.

- **Reward Assemblies:** Mrs Mckeown and Mrs Bowers led these this week, which were based around this half-term's value of respect. We always really look forward to this type of assembly, which recognises our students who display this value consistently. A HUGE well done to all of those who were chosen by their form tutors, the parents who came in to school and Mrs Mckeown and Mrs Bowers for organising.

- **Open Evening:** On Monday, we invited our current year 4s, and other students who would like to join our school, in for the evening to look at what Woodhouse has to offer. Our current students who helped out that night not only gave up their time when other students were 'off' for the day but did a fabulous job of showing our prospective customers round and talking them through their own experiences here at school. A MASSIVE thanks to all of you - house points for this have now been added for your help.

- **Boreatton:** A large number of our year 5s hauled their bags into school on Wednesday morning, some bigger than themselves, to set off for Boreatton. This is a great experience and I know, from Mr Baddeley, that they are having a great time and lots of pictures are being added to SWAY for parents to see what they are up to. Those who did not go have been doing lots of great activities in school, from drama and origami to some of them visiting the Grange. Many thanks to the staff who have supported this trip and Mr Baddeley for organising it all.

- **Faith in Focus Day:** I am looking for any parent or carer that would be able to offer us a day in February (Monday 10th), covering four lessons of approximately 70 minutes each with our year 7 classes on meditation and mindfulness. We can help with the planning of this and you would be fully supported with the students. If this is something you could provide, please contact the school and address this F.A.O. Mrs Farr - Meditation Feb 25.

Wishing you all a lovely, safe and peaceful break.

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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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

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.



Shout outs!

- ◆ *Well done to the Young Voices Choir and to the ukulele group this week. Keep practising over half term and remember to order your Young Voices Tickets and t shirts if needed by the end of this month 31/10 24 via the link that has been sent to you.*
- ◆ *A big shout out to Ella-Louise K-R who was wonderful in her role as one of the castle urchins in the second half of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at The Regent Theatre. Her singing and dancing was excellent and she looked great in her costume. What a fabulous experience to be part of such a brilliant production. Very well done from Miss Phillips*



Boreatton





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7W Community Project



Last week 7W went on a sponsored walk around the Grange in Biddulph. The students were brilliant and respectful at all times. Mrs Wills and Mrs Woodley were so proud of them and they had a great time. On top of them having a wonderful time, 7W managed to raise over £400 for Biddulph Youth and Community Zone which does so much for those within our community of Biddulph.

Thank you to everyone who donated!



Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 1



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Mac N Cheese (V) Or Breaded Chicken Burger	Main Meal Chilli Chicken with Noodles or Pork Hotdog / Quorn Dog (V)	Main Meal Homemade Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake Or Quorn Bolognese (V)	Main Meal Roast Turkey with Stuffing or Roast Quorn Fillet (V)	Main Meal Breaded Salmon Fishcake or Vegetable Samosa Roll (V)
Cheese & Tomato Baguette (V) or Veggie Bites in Sweet Chilli Sauce in a Baguette (V)	Meatball Wrap Or Veggie Meatball Wrap (V)	BBQ Chicken Baguette or BBQ Veggie Nuggets (V)	Assorted Homemade Pizza or Assorted Homemade Pizza (V)	Cheeseburger Or Veggie Burger (V)
Garlic Bread, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Curly Fries, Corn on the cob, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic Bread, Pasta, seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Creamed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Beans	Chips, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
Desserts Assorted Cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.	Desserts Assorted cold desserts.

FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS, FRESHLY MADE SANDWICHES, JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS ARE AVAILABLE DAILY.
(V) = Vegetarian option *All menus are subject to change*



Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 2



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Italian Chicken Pasta Or Cheese and Potato Pie (V)	Main Meal Beef Burger Or Veggie Burger (V)	Main Meal Italian Meatballs or Veggie Meatballs in a Homemade Tomato sauce (V)	Main Meal Chicken Tikka Curry or Vegetable Tikka Curry (V)	Main Meal Baked Battered Cod Goujons or Vegetable fingers (V)
Chicago Town Pepperoni Pizza or Chicago Town Cheese Pizza (V)	Ham and Savoury Rice Burrito or Vegetable Burrito of the day (V)	Buttermilk Chicken Wrap or Quorn Nugget Wrap (V)	Sausage Baguette or Cheese and Onion Pasty (V)	Sausage Roll Or Veggie Sausage Roll (V)
Seasoned Potato Wedges, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Herby Diced Potatoes Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic Bread, Pasta, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Coriander Rice & Pitta bread. Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Chips, Curry Sauce, Steamed Garden Peas, Beans or Mixed Salad
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Autumn Term 2024 – Lunchtime Menu week 3




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Chinese Chicken Curry Or Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake (V)	Main Meal Hunters Chicken Or Homemade Quorn Lasagne (V)	Main Meal Sausage, Mash with Yorkshire Pudding or Veggie Sausage, With Mash and Yorkshire Pudding (V)	Main Meal Chicken Korma or Quorn and Vegetable Korma (V)	Main Meal Crispy Coated Fish Cakes or Cheese Whirl (V)
Ham and Cheese Quesadilla or Vegetable Samosa with Yoghurt mint dip (V)	Brunch Wrap Or Veggie Brunch Wrap (V)	Fish finger Baguette or Crispy Veggie Baguette with Sweet Chilli (V)	Chicken goujon Burger or Vegetable burger (V)	Assorted Homemade Pizza or Assorted Veggie Pizza (V)
Garlic Bread, Rice, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Seasoned Potato wedges, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Garlic and Coriander Naan Bread, Basmati Rice, Seasonal Veg, Beans or Mixed Salad	Chips, steamed Graden Peas, Beans or mixed salad
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Bonfire Menu

Tuesday 5th 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



Woodhouse Wall of Fame!



Well done to Verity R this week!
2 medals this weekend for Vault!
2nd place for the Cheshire and
Merseyside
2nd place for the whole of the North
West!!!

A very proud Mum and Dad.



Well done to Benjamin & Joshua MC for
their performance this week.

I am a very proud Tea-Pot (Mum!)
It's been an absolute joy to have them
join us on the stage this year.



Eloise competed in the North West Classic
Challenge at the weekend. She worked really
hard to get her routines ready after a breaking
her wrist a couple of months ago.

She came away with medals on all 4 pieces,
2nd on Vault
3rd on Bars
3rd on Floor
3rd on Beam and 3rd overall for Cheshire &
Merseyside 🏆
Well Done!

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Part Time Attendance Clerical Officer/Receptionist

13 Hours per week over 2 days – Monday and Friday 8.30am-4pm
To start 6th 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

Closing date: Wednesday 30th October 2024

Interviews: Tuesday 5th November 2024

COMING SOON

Holiday Activities and Food


Funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.

Bookings open Monday 11 November.

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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:
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 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.

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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.