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Monday 17th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Consultations



We will be holding 'Parent Consultations' on Wednesday 26th March 2025 for Columba and Hydra class and Tuesday 1st April 2025 for Draco where you will be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/teachers to discuss their learning to date and their next steps for development.

A separate letter has been sent home and e-mailed out with details of how to book an appointment.

Inspire Dance Show- hosted by Biddulph High School



This year we are once again participating in the 'Inspire Dance' show to be held at Biddulph High School on Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 6:30pm. **Learners who are taking part need to arrive at Biddulph High School for 5:45pm so that they can get ready for the show.** If you would like to buy a ticket for the performance, please contact Biddulph High School as the tickets have now gone on general sale.

Red Nose Day 2024 - Friday 21st March 2024



This Friday 21st March we are joining many organisations in supporting Red Nose Day. This year's theme we are following is going big, giving big, and feeling good together. Your child is invited to come into school wearing red for a donation of £1.00 or more if you so choose. Dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster suit or simply wear some red socks to help us raise money for Red Nose Day. Please can donations be made on 'Parent Pay' or you can bring in the cash if you are really stuck.

Zoolab - Wednesday 2nd April 2025



This year your child will have the opportunity to enhance their learning, as we have invited ZooLab into school to deliver a workshop. This will take place on **Wednesday 2nd April**. Each class will receive their own bespoke

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session. In order to support the school's budget for learning outside of the classroom, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£5.00**, payment to be made via ParentPay please.

Academy Photography – Monday 7th April 2025



Academy Photograph will be visiting our school on **Monday 7th April 2025**. They will capture memorable moments of our learners, including class group photos, Year 4 Leavers', and graduation photos. Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct uniform and look their smartest so that you can treasure these memories forever.

Easter Bonnet Parade & Assembly



On Thursday 10th April 2025 at 9.30am, the learners at Squirrel Hayes First School will be taking part in our end of term **Easter Celebration Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade**. Please see separate letter for details about what each class will be taking Part in.

Parents/Carers and family are invited to come along and join in our Easter celebrations. The Assembly and parade will commence at 9:30am and will take place in the school hall. Please report to reception on arrival.

Funds raised from Friends of Squirrel Hayes events will be used to buy prizes for the best Easter Bonnets and Egg Scenes in each class.

Edwards and Ward Catering Firm Update



Unfortunately, we have been made aware that the catering company that provides lunches for the school is due to increase their meal prices due to cost pressures. See below:

Effective from 1st April 2025 school meal prices will increase from £2.95 to £3.20 this change will not come into effect until 1st April 2025.

Unwanted/old school uniform?



We are excited to announce a new initiative in collaboration with our uniform provider, Smart School Uniform. If your child has outgrown their school uniform, we kindly ask you to consider donating any items that are still in good condition.

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You can bring the unwanted uniforms to the school, and we will pass them on to Smart School Uniform. They will then include these items in their pre-loved uniform service, offering them free of charge to other parents and carers in need.

This initiative not only helps other families but also promotes sustainability by giving uniforms a second life.

Changes to contact details



Please can we remind parents that if any circumstances change i.e. phone numbers, emails or address details please could you let the school office know so we can update the system and have the correct details on file. We always need two contact numbers in case of an emergency.

Easter Holidays



- School will close at the usual time of 3:15pm on Friday 11th April 2025 for the start of the two-week Easter Holiday.
- School will re-open to both staff and learners on Monday 28th April at 08:45am.

5-19 Drop in Schedule for Staffordshire Schools

Families Health and Wellbeing Service

SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP IN CLINIC

Hosted by School Nurses this is open to parents/carers and young people of Staffordshire. Takes place every **Thursday** between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, even during the school holidays.

The School Nurse is here to help children and young people, aged 5-19, feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and get the best from their education.

- Scan the QR code, or type in the link <https://mpft.live/schoolnurse>
- Enter your contact details
- Wait in the private virtual waiting room (no one else will know you are waiting)
- Your School Nurse will let you in to the virtual room where your conversation can begin

If you need to speak to a School Nurse outside of these times please call the freephone number: 0808 178 0611 & press option 1

MPFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIV

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(a mutual co-operative membership trust)



Health Nurses are here to support children/ young people with any health or wellbeing concerns they may have. In addition to the virtual School Nurse Drop-in sessions there are a number of communities Drop in sessions you can access too, see details in the link below <https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing/staffordshire-clinics/drop-schedule-5-19>

Common winter illness'



Coughs and colds are extremely common in babies/young children and tend to occur more frequently over the winter months. They are usually caused by a viral infection and often get better by themselves. In general, antibiotics do not make them better more quickly. Babies have immature immune systems, which means that they are particularly at risk from infections. Good hand hygiene can really help reduce the risk

of catching viral infections and don't forget it's important to follow THANKS - Think Hands And No Kisses advice to protect young babies too <https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice/infectionand-illness/how-to-keep-babies-safe-from-infection/> Below is an image from The Lullaby Trust explaining some of the signs or symptoms a young baby may have if they are unwell.

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Dehydration can also occur when a baby is unwell, so keep an eye on your baby's wet nappies and feeding and speak to a health professional if they have had fewer than 2-3 wet nappies in a 24-hour period. Some parents also find it useful to use Baby Check too, which is a FREE app from The Lullaby Trust. It features 17 simple checks that parents can do if their baby is showing signs of illness. Each check tests for a different symptom and when completed, the app lets parents know whether their baby needs to see a doctor or health professional.

Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Spring Term. Please note that we always try our best to stick to the planned dates and times but on occasion's changes have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. If this is the case, we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. [Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:](#)

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SPRING TERM 2nd Half 2025

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Inspire Dance Show -Biddulph High School	Inspire Dance leaners
Tuesday 25 th March	Full Governing Body Meeting 6:00-8:00pm	Governors
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Parent Consultations 1.00pm - 3.00pm & 3.30pm-6.30pm	Columba and Hydra
Tuesday 1 st April 2025	Parent Consultations 1:00pm - 3:00pm - 6:00pm	Draco
Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	Zoolab - Educational Workshop in school	All Classes
Monday 7 th April	Academy Photography	All classes
Thursday 10 th April	Easter Celebrations Assembly - Easter Bonnet and Easter Scene creations - 9:30am	Parents/Carers invited
Friday 11 th April	School closes for pupils and staff at 3:15pm for the half term holiday.	All classes
Monday 28 th April	School re-opens for staff and pupils 08:45am	All classes

Yours sincerely,
Mrs E. J. Pickford (Headteacher) & Team

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