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Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back



Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term break. We have lots of exciting opportunities planned over the forthcoming weeks.

COVID-19



It is vitally important that you keep school up to date with any positive COVID-19 cases. If your child tests positive during any of the school holidays, please ensure that you make us aware as soon as possible, as we have procedures that we have to follow. If your child tests positive during a school holiday, please inform school in any of the below ways:

Email

Send an email to admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk

Text

Please text in by replying to any previous text message that you have received from the school.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Royal British Legion



We will once again be selling items to support the Royal British Legion. As well as the traditional poppy, additional items will also be on sale.



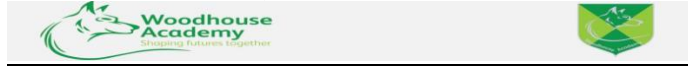
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Woodhouse Academy



Woodhouse have asked for feedback following the Year 4 parents open evening. If you attended this event, please provide feedback by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/XtjPU3wYFU>

Flu Programme



The school nursing team will be in school on **Tuesday 23rd November 2021**. All learners in Reception through to Year 4 are eligible for the nasal spray. Please see attached additional information.

Christmas Celebrations



We are currently in the process of planning our Christmas Celebrations. This year to try to avoid any possible disappointment due to any COVID-19 restrictions that may have to be in place, we are planning to hold an 'Outdoor Christmas Festival'. We are hoping that this will not only enable us to celebrate Christmas with our school community but also offer us a much-needed 'fund raising' opportunity as our funds are running low as we have had little opportunity to raise any money during the pandemic.

More information is to be shared soon.

Special Bonfire Menu - Friday 5th November



The kitchen will be serving a special bonfire menu on Friday 5th November 2021. This will include Hotdogs or Veggie Burger & Chips.

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Maths Week

Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 only

For Maths Week England we want to make maths exciting and high profile in our school. We will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from England from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November. It is all done online via play.ttrockstars.com. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM GMT and 7:30PM GMT on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours - some will play more, some will play less.



If you require any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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

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