



Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest Assembly (1st October 2024)



We will be celebrating Harvest with a special Harvest Assembly on **Tuesday 1st October at 2.40pm** in which Parents/carers are invited to join us. Classes have been busy practicing their harvest songs and poems and are excited to share them with you.

We will also be collecting food for our local foodbank so any donations of non-perishable foods e.g. tins, packets or jars of food, with a long shelf life, would be most grateful and much appreciated. Donations can be brought into school from next week (week beginning the 23rd September)

All of your donations will be placed on display in the school library until they are collected by the foodbank the following week.

Spooky Disco



We will be hosting a 'Spooky disco' after school on **Monday 21st October 2024**. The Disco will commence from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Entry will be £1.50; you can now purchase the entry fee on Parent Pay, which will be displayed as "Spooky Disco 2024". The entrance fee will include a snack and drink.

Middle School Open Evenings



Year 4 parents are invited to open evenings:

- James Bateman Middle School on Saturday 19th October - 09.00am - 12.30pm or Wednesday 23rd October 09.00am - 12.30pm.
- Woodhouse Academy on Monday 21st October 2023 at 5.30pm till 7.30pm.

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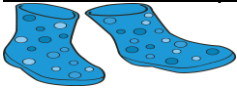
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Attendance



We would like to remind you of the critical importance of your child's attendance and punctuality at school. Regular attendance is essential for your child's academic success and social development. Please be aware that VIP Education continues to work closely with our school to monitor attendance. School starts promptly at 08:45am, and any arrival after this time will be marked as late. The register closes at 09:10am, and arrivals after this time will be recorded as 'U' for unauthorized absence. Accumulating too many 'L' (late) and 'U' marks can lead to letters being sent home and may even result in fines issued by the local authority. Your cooperation in ensuring your child arrives on time every day is greatly appreciated.

Columba R (Reception) Wellie Wednesday



Come rain or shine, learners from Reception class will need to bring in a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat each Wednesday. You can bring a pair of wellies and leave them at school. Please make sure your child's name is in all items.

Academy Photography



Academy Photography will be in school on Thursday 24th October 2024 to photograph individuals and siblings. Please ensure your child is wearing their normal full school uniform on this day.

School Nurse Community Health and Wellbeing Drop-in and Virtual sessions

The School Nurse Health and Wellbeing Drop-in sessions and the Virtual clinic, which is every 2nd Monday of the month 1.30pm till 4.30pm and is based at the Biddulph children center on albert street. School nurse virtual drop in clinic is every Thursday's from 3.30pm till 34.30pm, simply scan the barcode to be connected to a virtual nurse.

Families' Health and Wellbeing Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse virtual drop in clinic

Every Thursday from 3.30 - 4.30pm

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse. We provide a confidential and friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse

Families' Health and Wellbeing Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse Community drop in

2nd Monday of the month 13.30-16.30pm

For parents/ carers of 5-19's and young people not in education

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health

Biddulph Children Centre
 Albert Street
 Biddulph
 ST8 6DT

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www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health -visiting -and -school -nursing

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Parking and School Safety



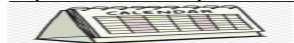
Please can I remind all Parents/Carers about parking safely when dropping off and picking up your children both before and after school. Please do not park on the zig-zags or pull up in the school drive area as this is not a suitable or safe area to park. Please can you also avoid blocking driveways of the residents who live on the roads near the school. I appreciate that this is a very busy and hectic time of the day for many Parents and Carers but the safety of our community remains a priority. Your support in keeping our community safe is much appreciated.

Data Collection and Contact/Permissions Information



We still have a few data collection forms that need to be completed and handed into school. Thank you to all parents who have given theirs in so promptly, it is much appreciated. Text messages have gone out today (20/09/2024) please can these be handed back to school by Monday 23rd September 2024 at the latest to ensure that we have the correct up to date details for your child in case of an emergency.

Important Dairy Dates



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn 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:

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Tuesday 1 st October 2024 2:40pm	Harvest Celebration Assembly (Parents/Carers invited to attend)	All classes
Monday 21 st October 2024 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Spooky Disco	All classes
Tuesday 22 nd October 6:30-8:00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors

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Thursday 24 th October 2024	Academy Photography (Individual & siblings photographs)	All classes
Friday 25 th October	School closes at 3:15pm for the Half Term break	All classes
Monday 4 th November	School opens at 08:45am for all children following the half term break	All classes
Monday 4 th November 09:00am - 9:30am & 5:00pm - 5:30pm	MTC (Multiplication Times Tables Check) workshop/Information session for Parents/Carers	Draco class
Thursday 8 th November	NHS Flu Team in school all day	All classes
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Parade - Biddulph	Year 4 Representatives
Monday 11 th November 09:00am - 9:30am & 5:00pm - 5:30pm	Phonics Screener workshop/information session for Parents/Carers	Hydra class
Wednesday 13 th November 2:40pm	Anti-bullying Assembly - Parents/Carers invited Odd Socks Day	All classes
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need - themes day for charity	All classes
Wednesday 27 th November 1:30-3:00pm & 3:30-6:30pm	Parent Consultations	All classes
Tuesday 3 rd December 6:00-8:00pm	Full Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Wednesday 4 th December 3:30pm - 5:00pm	Christmas Fair	All classes
Tuesday 10 th December 2:00pm & 6:00pm	Christmas Performance	Hydra & Draco
Thursday 12 th December 1:30-2:30pm	Whole School Church Performance & Carols	All classes
Monday 16 th December 4	Christmas Disco	All classes

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Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch - Parents/Carers invited	All classes
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Part day	All classes
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
Friday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holiday at 3:15pm	All classes
Monday 6 th January 2025	School opens at 08:45am at the start of the New Year	All classes

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

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