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Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Lateness - Punctuality Matters**



We've noticed a **significant increase in the number of learners arriving late to school recently**. Being on time is crucial as it sets the tone for the rest of the day and ensures students don't miss out on important learning at the start of lessons. **We kindly ask all Parents and Carers to support their children in arriving promptly each morning at 08.45am promptly so they can begin their day in the best possible way.**

**SMART Uniform in school with their pop-up shop - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**  
**2:30pm - 4:00pm**



Once again, we have arranged for Smart Uniform to come into school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 2.30pm onwards so that you can purchase your child/children's school uniform in readiness for September 2025. This opportunity will enable you to see examples of the uniform first hand, check sizing and will save you having to purchase on-line or make a journey to the Uniform shop.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals and your child/children will be attending Squirrel Hayes First School in September 2025, please ask at the school office regarding a School Uniform Voucher to help towards the cost of your purchase.

**Changes to contact details**



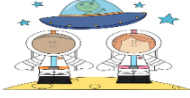
Please can we remind parents that if any circumstances change i.e. phone numbers, emails or address details please could you let the school office know so we can update the system and have the correct details on file. **We always need two contact numbers in case of an emergency.**

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### Biddulph Parade - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Many of our learners have been contributing to our Biddulph Festival Craft Club at lunchtimes in school. They have been busy creating artwork and props to parade with in order to represent our school's interpretation of this year's theme 'Space' at the Biddulph Festival Parade.

Letters have gone out today with permission slips to be completed if your child would like to join us 'dressed in a Space themed costume' on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

We will be meeting at 10:30am at the Biddulph Library and signs will be posted on the walls indicating where each group participating should be positioned. The Parade will set out at 11:00am  
Your child will need to be collected after the parade by the Town Hall.

### Year 4 Leavers and Annual School Awards Assembly Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



In order to help us celebrate our 'Year 4 Leavers' and our 'End of Year Awards' you are invited to attend our Annual 'Leavers and Awards Assembly' on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 10.30am - 11. 30am. This event will be followed by a special buffet lunch for our Year 4 leavers and their Parent/Carer guests. Further details will be sent out next week regarding the arrangements.

### Free School Meals/ Universal Free School Meals



Please can we remind parents that when your child moves up to year 3 / 4 their universal free school meals end. Universal free school meals are for Reception age up to year 2 age. Unfortunately, if your child wants a School meal and your child will be going into years 3 or 4 then you will have to pay via Parent Pay. Currently the price for a school meal if you are not in receipt of free school meals is £3.20 If you need parent pay login details please contact [admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@squirrelhayes.staffs.sch.uk) to receive your login details.

If you believe you are entitled to Free School Meals then please apply online by going to <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx> and completing the form.

### Updates

Over the next week we will be sending out information about our new class arrangements for September 2025. We will also be sending out your child's End of Year School Report. If you wish to speak to your child's current teacher about their report we will be holding a 'Parent/Carer Drop-in' session on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. No appointment is required as you can just 'drop-in' if you wish.

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**Important Diary Updates**



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

**Summer Term 2025**

| DATE   | EVENT  | CLASS                |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July<br>2:30pm - 4:00pm                 | SMART Uniform in school with their pop-up shop   | All classes          |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | Biddulph Parade- Meeting 10:30am at the Library  | Learners taking part |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July<br>3:30pm - 5:00pm                   | Parents/Carers Drop-in following reports going out                                       | All classes          |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July pm                                  | Year 2 learners Multi-Skills Event at James Bateman - pm during school time              | Year 2               |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Party Day  | All classes          |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Last day with current class - Film and Disco celebrations                                | All classes          |
| Week beginning the 14 <sup>th</sup> July - 18 <sup>th</sup> July | Transition Week - All learners move to their new classes in readiness for September 2025 | All classes          |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July<br>10:30am                          | Leavers Assembly and End of Year Awards Celebrations                                     | All classes          |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July<br>11:30am - 12:30pm                | Year 4 leavers Lunch with guests   | Year 4               |

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

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