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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Remembrance Sunday



On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Squirrel Hayes First School proudly joined many other schools across Biddulph in a heartfelt act of remembrance. **Representative pupils from Draco class and staff attended the Remembrance Day parade at the Biddulph Cenotaph, standing together to honour the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country.** As part of the ceremony, representatives from our school laid a poppy wreath at the memorial, paying tribute to those who gave their lives in service.

### Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank Donation - Thank You!



We are incredibly proud to share that during the weeks beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025, Squirrel Hayes First School donated an amazing 51.66kg of food to the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank. On behalf of the foodbank, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your generosity and kindness. Your donations are helping to feed individuals and families in need across Stoke-on-Trent. **The foodbank is currently in urgent need of the following items for November:**

- Sweet treats
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned tomatoes
- Cereal
- Tea bags (40s)

If you're able to continue supporting or help spread the word, it would be greatly appreciated. For the latest updates or to subscribe to the foodbank's newsletter, please visit:

<https://www.stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk>

<https://mailchi.mp/stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk/to-let-you-know-how-together-we-are-making-a-difference-tackling-food-poverty-10494345>

Thank you once again for making a real difference in our community.

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## Inspire Dance



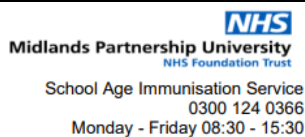
Next year we will once again be working in partnership with Biddulph High School in order to participate in the 'Inspire Dance' performance, held at **Biddulph High School**. This will take place in the New Year on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

The Inspire Dance show:

- Will take place in The Lecture Theatre at Biddulph High School over several dates with different schools performing on different dates.
- Parents form the audience and students would be based in classrooms when not performing where the show will be live-streamed.

Rehearsals commenced on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November in school from 3.15pm - 4.15pm**. The 'Inspire Dance Club' is run by Dance Leaders from the High school but is also supervised by a member of our school staff. The club is open to learners from Years 1 to Year 4. There is still time to sign up if your child has not done so already.

## Flu Vaccinations - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025



**The MPFT team are attending Squirrel Hayes First school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to give the flu vaccine. We would like your consent to vaccinate your child. You can give this by filling in our online form (the link is below).**

This academic year the School Age Immunisation Service are vaccinating students from **Reception to Year 11 and up to and including Year 13 in special schools**. Any young person who has had a consent form submitted and is outside of these year groups will not be vaccinated, and the consent will be removed. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick and painless spray up the nose. Please answer the questions on the consent form as a small number of children cannot have the nasal spray because of medical conditions or treatments. They can be offered protection through a vaccine injection instead. The nasal spray vaccine is the preferred vaccine. It contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected. Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu) MPFT Vaccination Information Videos (HPV, Flu, Booster) - YouTube How to respond It's important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCFu0cQSp8cJ1ffsKX4UzDKROfKfRZ7u>

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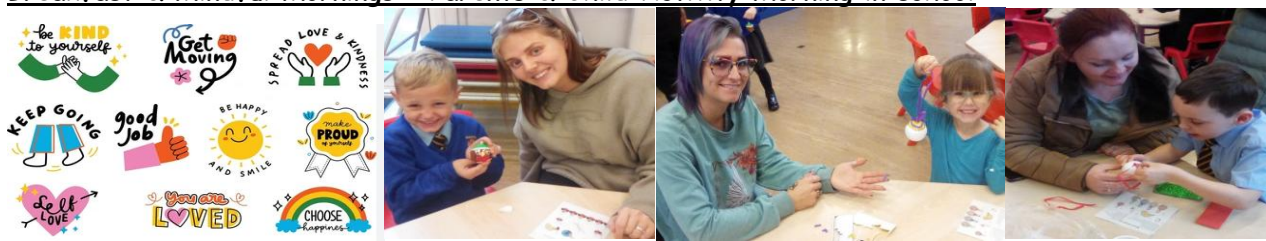
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It will take less than 5 minutes to respond using the link below. **You need to respond by 10AM on the 11/11/2025**  
<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/?session=6667&code=ST124062-25>

When using this link, you should not be asked for a code however, there have been cases where parents have been asked to provide a code to consent for their child's flu vaccination. If this occurs, then please select your child's school and use the code **ST124062-25**

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the School Age Immunisation Service on 0300 124 0366.

**Breakfast & Mindful Mornings - Parents & Child Activity Morning in school**



This morning, we have been delighted to invite family and members of our School's Community into school to join their child/children in Hydra Class for a 'Breakfast & Mindful Morning of Activities'. We have already received lots of positive feedback from those who attended and it was clearly enjoyed by all. All involved enjoyed a hot breakfast followed by Christmas Craft and fun.

Next week on Tuesday 18th November it will be the turn for families in Draco classes. Further details will be sent out soon.

**Anti-Bullying Week - 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



During the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> of November we will be joining schools across the country in supporting 'Anti-Bullying week'. This year's theme is the 'Power for Good'.

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On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of November staff and learners came to school wearing 'odd socks', to celebrate what makes us unique. Throughout this week our learners will be looking at different aspects of 'Anti-Bullying'.

You are invited into school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November to join us for our Anti-Bullying and Well-being Assembly at 9:00am. In this Assembly our classes will be sharing what they have been thinking about and will be promoting key messages about stamping out bullying and celebrating the 'Power of Good'. We will also be sharing our on-going focus on mental health and well-being, including sharing our classes 'play lists' to support well-being that they designed following 'World mental Health Day'

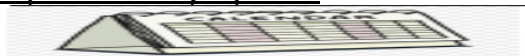
**Children in Need 2025**



This year's theme for Children in Need is "Challenge Yourself". During the week beginning the 10<sup>th</sup> of November we will be taking part in a 'Strictly 25 step dance challenge'. Each day the children will learn 5 minutes of a dance routine which they will then perform on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (Children in Need Day).

We will be inviting our learners to come to school wearing something bright and/or sparkly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and to give a donation of their choice to 'Children in Need'. Parent & carers can now make donations to parentpay.

**Important Diary Updates**



Please find below a table of events that have been planned for the Autumn term 2<sup>nd</sup> half. 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.

Autumn Term 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2025 - Please note dates in blue have been added or changed:

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 9:00am - 9:30am & 5:00pm - 5:30pm	MTC Information Session for Parents/Carers & Children	Draco & Draco Ladon

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Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November pm	Draco class to James Bateman Junior High - Cooking	Draco & Draco Ladon
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Immunisation Team in School - am	Reception - Year 4
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying and Well-being Assembly	All classes & Parents/carers invited.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - Come to school wearing bright and/or sparkly clothing "Strictly 25 Step Dance Challenge"	All classes
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 8:30am - 11:00am	Breakfast & Mindful Morning	Draco & Draco Ladon & Parents/Carers invited
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Draco class to James Bateman Junior High - Science	Draco & Draco Ladon
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 1:00pm - 3:00pm & 3:30pm - 6:30pm	Parent Consultations	All classes
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December Church - am Christmas food & fair on return to school following the carol concert in the afternoon	Carol Concert - St Lawrence's Church followed by Christmas celebrations 'Winter Lunch' and 'fair/Christmas activities fundraiser'	All class, Parents/Carers invited
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Ful Governing Body Meeting	Governors
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December During the school day	Biddulph Grange Santa Visit	Nursery & Reception
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December Afternoon -2:00pm - 2:45pm Evening- 6:00pm - 6:45pm	Christmas Performance 'The Mouse in Santa's House'	Reception - Year 4 Parents/Carers invited
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm - 4:30pm	Christmas Disco	All classes
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 11:30am onwards	Christmas Lunch	All classes, Parents, Carers invited
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day - Learners invited to wear their party clothes	All classes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm	School closes for the Christmas Break	All classes
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School opens for the new Spring Term 2026 08:45am	All children & staff

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

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