

Newsletter



18th September



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- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.



homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

- Use this for any queries about home learning and the website is there for any children self-isolating alongside our google classroom provision.

Home Learning Parent Survey:

Please complete our survey to help us to support your child in the event they are unable to be present in school: <https://tinyurl.com/y5st472t>

PE provision

As previously shared, our PE provision will be slightly different during our full return to school from September 2020.

Children will not bring a PE kit into school in a PE bag, instead they will attend school dressed in clothing suitable for PE lessons. Children will wear trainers or pumps, tracksuit bottoms (black/dark if possible), T-shirt (their school PE T-Shirt if possible) and their usual school jumper. Children will no longer change for PE, which as well as being safer in the current climate will also provide more time to focus on PE lessons!

Please can children arrive in this way on their allocated PE day.

Monday	- Year 5 and Reception	(Reception – No PE kit week beginning 21 st)
Tuesday	- Year 2 and Year 4	
Wednesday	- Year 1 and 6W	
Thursday	- Year 3 and 6D	
Friday	- Rainbow Room and 6LP	

Dear parents/carers,

What a return to school we have had so far! It has been incredible to welcome the children back into our school and to greet our new children Nursery and Reception. Welcome to all our new families - it is great to have you as part of our school community. I have been so impressed with how brilliant the children have been and how quickly they have returned to high-quality learning, outstanding behaviour and showing the "Woodhouseness" which makes our school so special! The children have been thinking about what makes our school special as part of our "We are Woodhouse" project - it has been great to see the super displays of ideas and work in their classrooms. If you have not already talked about it with them, why not ask them to tell you about their trip to Pitts Wood and the work they have done?

I would like to offer my thanks to parents for their support with the necessary adaptations to our school day - especially the staggered pick-up and drop-offs. Hopefully, by now, you have settled into a regular routine - but can I remind you that our system works best and is safest when you are on time, not early or late. We are working hard to limit the time children and parents are waiting so we can be as efficient as possible. Thank you for doing your bit to keep everyone safe by: using the right entrances, sticking closely to the agreed times, keeping a social distance with others, wearing masks where appropriate and also ensuring that you follow the guidance about not mixing with other families. If we all do our bit to keep each other safe, then hopefully we will be able to return to a more normal way of life in time - certainly we will contribute to the eventual lifting of the local restrictions in Birmingham. Please do your bit by following this guidance carefully.

This week we unfortunately had to close one of our class bubbles, class 3A, as a result of a single positive Coronavirus test. Thank you to all the families and staff in 3A for their superb support with this difficult, but necessary decision. As I hope is clear in all my communication and plans for our full opening, the class bubbles in school DO NOT MIX with any other class - so only a positive case in your child's bubble would affect them. The increased cleaning, regular hand washing and strict separation of our class bubbles has been shown to be effective in this situation. For those with children in 3A, please support your child to access our online learning offer and use the details shared to let us know of any problems. If your child is not in school due to self-isolation due to bubble closure or whilst awaiting a test/test result in their home family bubble, then work is provided for them. If you need any support or help, please email: homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible to support you. If accessing the learning online is a challenge - again let us know and we will support you with paper packs of work for the children. Whilst not able to attend school due to self-isolation, we will also be providing support for those children who receive Free School Meals (this does not include children who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals). We will contact those who are eligible for this to explain the process and offer you support.

I am delighted that our school is coping so well with the many challenges we are facing. I am so proud that our children and families - alongside our committed and dedicated staff team - are working so well together to keep everyone safe and get us all back to doing what we do best - learning and developing! I wrote a lot during newsletters in the summer about how proud I was of the strength of our community and the care we show to each other. Your unstinting support and encouragement have been very much appreciated now our new school year has started. Thank you.

Please stay safe and take care of each other,

Oliver Wilson – Head Teacher



The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 18th September.

Nursery

Teddy
Olivia B

Reception

Tobias
Joanna
Carter
Wyatt

Year One

Akif
Lydia
Violet S
Riley

Year Two

Samara
Ijaz
Aryan
Madison

Year Three

Maryam
Jeron
Yuvraj
Arfah

Year Four

Lacey
Matthew
Emily
Tarlia

Year Five

Isaac
Rashi
Raihan
Kyle

Year Six

Lilly
Deshawn
Rebecca
Tamia
Joel
Louis

Rainbow Room

Matilda

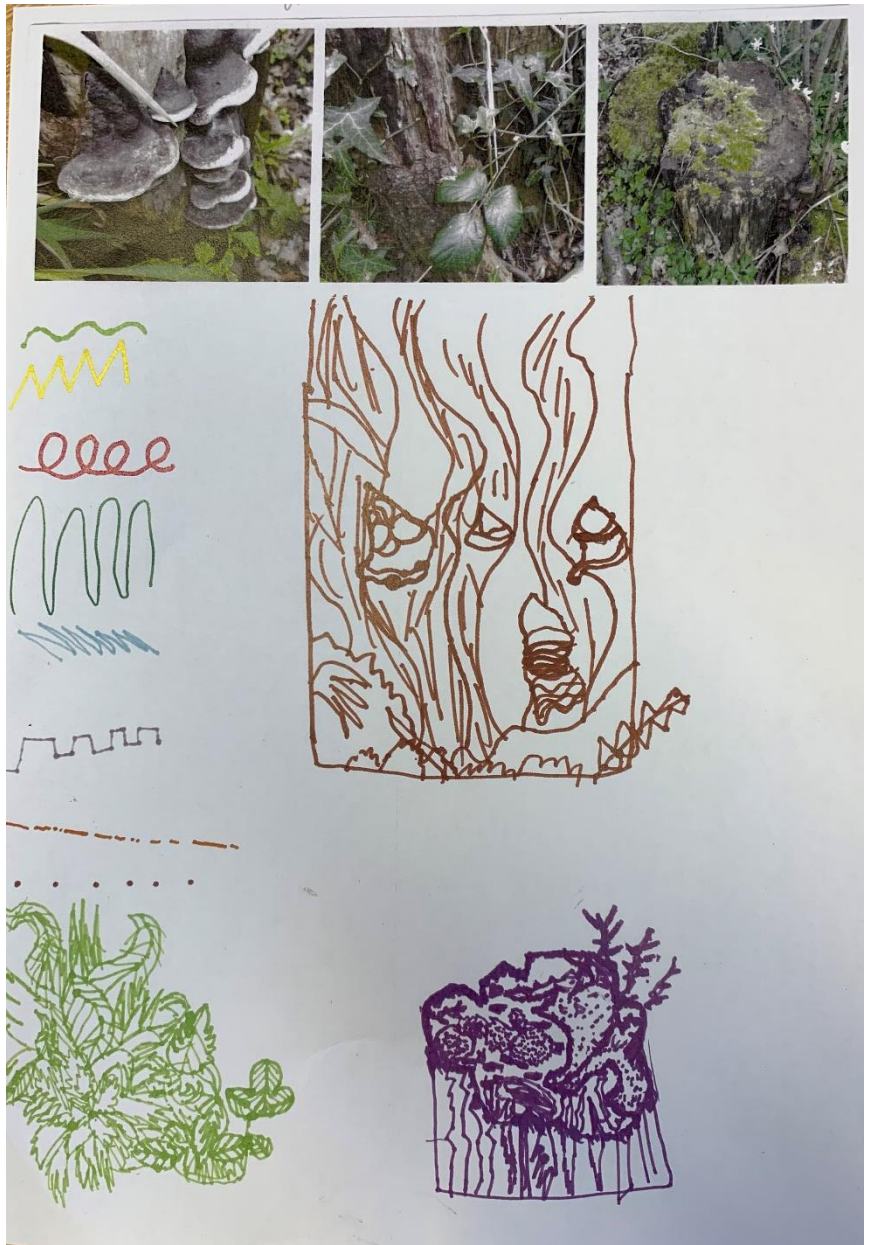
Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week with their home learning. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?

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ART Corner

Year 5 have made these wonderful, textural line drawings using Pitts Wood as inspiration. This one here was done by Berken.

Year 3 have done these fantastic Animal Skin Tonal drawings using pencil and charcoals.



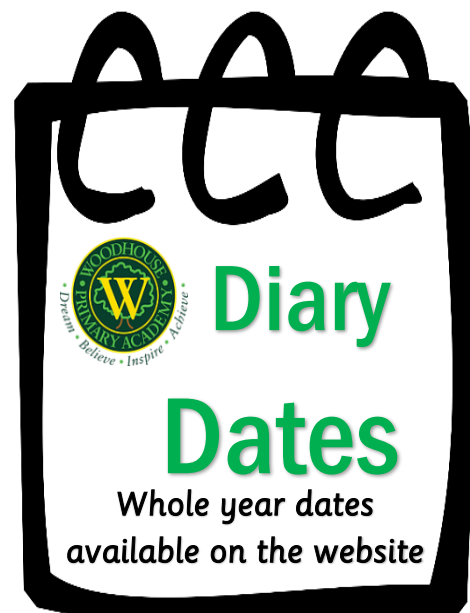
Autumn Term 2020

Friday 23rd October – Flu Vaccines for Reception to Year 6 (Letters sent out on 18/9/20 – Consents to be returned by October 8th)

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020

Monday 2nd November – Inset day, school closed to children

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020



Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – First day school open for children.

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Tuesday 20th July – Last day of school year for children

Wednesday 21st July – Inset day, school closed to children

One of our Year 4 children, Heidi, is raising money for The Little Princess Trust.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hayleys-giving-page-1843>

Heidi wants to donate her hair to the little Princess trust. Heidi loves her long hair but she wants to do something kind for charity. Heidi is such a kind girl and always likes to help others. She has a target of £500. She is having around 8 inches cut off on the 10th September. Can we help her raise some money for a great cause.



The inclusion team at woodhouse



Miss Mason
SENCo
Assistant
Head



Mr Parslow
Deputy
Head
Behaviour
Lead



Mr Kennedy
Learning
Mentor



Mrs
Kennedy
Pastoral
Lead

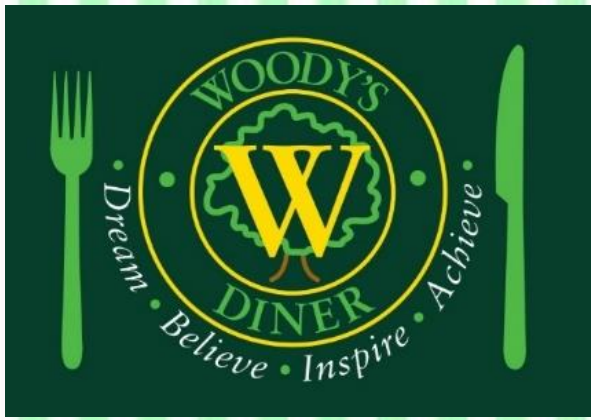
The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse work together with children and families to offer and provide support and opportunities to ensure that all have the chance to achieve and succeed. If you have anything you would like to discuss with a member of the team regarding your child or children's learning, behaviour, well-being or health then please come along to one of our upcoming surgery sessions, contact us on the email address above or book A phone or Zoom appointment through the main office. The most appropriate member of the team, depending on your query, will get in touch with you to discuss next steps.

We would like to remind families that if times are difficult or you are going through a tough time, you need only ask and we will do all we can. Of course, we are always here for your children, and we will do anything which we can do to help them to learn, succeed and become fine citizens. We are also there for our families and the wider school community. If we can help in any way: with food bank support, support with uniforms and clothing or with any other aspect of life, then please get in touch. If we cannot help directly, we can often sign post to the support needed and help you to access assistance. Please don't suffer in silence.

If you'd like to get in touch with the Inclusion Team you can call or text us on 07950368561 or email us at families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

If you'd like to get in touch with us regarding Special Educational Needs, you can do this by emailing us at sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

The Inclusion Team will also be on the front and rear gates at the start and end of the day and will be more than happy to talk.



School Dinner Menu

21st – 25th
September

NB: We are currently running a limited menu to meet the restrictions necessary to combat coronavirus.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Beef Burger	Pork Hot Dog	Fish Fingers	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Vegetable Nuggets	Vegetable Sticks	Vegetable Hot Dog	Vegetable Burger	
Potato Croquettes	Curly Fries	Herby Diced Potatoes	Smiley Faces	Chips
Sponge Cake	Fruit	Raisins	Cookie	Fruit

Food Allergies

We have been updating our records in school and ensuring our dietary and allergy information is up to date.

Please inform your child's class teacher if your child has any allergies or specific dietary requirements. In most cases this will confirm what information we hold already.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please let the class teacher know. In some cases we only have them recorded as vegetarian.

Please either contact the class teacher via Dojo or email the Inclusion Team on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

Hillcrest secondary school for girls



Dear Parents/Carers,

We warmly invite you to the Hillcrest Virtual Tour and Open Week online webinar for 2020. Due to Covid-19, we are unable to offer our normal Open Evening programme of school tours and teaching demonstrations. Therefore, we will be holding three live webinars for you to be able to hear our Senior Leadership Team and key staff talk about life at Hillcrest, you will also have the opportunity to ask questions about your child starting Secondary School.

Our virtual tour will be an excellent opportunity for Year 6 students and their parents to look at the school before deciding on their choice of secondary school by 31st October 2020. Applications can be made through the Birmingham Local Authority. Full details of the process can be found at https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place/3

If you need any support making an application, please contact the school.

Parents and students are encouraged to explore our website for more information and access the link to the virtual tour of our school. Please visit our website <http://hillcrest.bham.sch.uk> where we already hold a wealth of resources about our school, but from 17th September 2020, we will be uploading a video to allow for a 'Virtual' Open Day experience and will also have a FAQs page for both prospective parents and students.

We know this is an exciting, but also an anxious time for parents who are looking for the very best for their child and at Hillcrest we believe we can reassure you that your child's education is in the very best of hands. We look forward to meeting you virtually but in the meantime, If you have any further questions regarding admissions, please email Enquiry@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk or telephone us on 0121 464 3172.

We hope to be able to welcome you back to our beautiful school grounds soon.

In order to attend our Hillcrest Webinars, you will need to contact us via email or telephone to book on one of the following sessions.

There will be a Q & A section at the end of each session.

Session 1 - Thursday 17th September 2020 at 6pm

Session 2 - Monday 21st September 2020 at 5pm

Session 3 – Thursday 24th September 2020 at 5pm

Email with your name, child's name, current Primary School, email address for the invite and which session you would prefer

**Enquiry@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk
0121 4643172**

Year 4 have been studying poetry and onomatopoeias and have written this fantastic poem about the sounds they hear in class and around school.

4W were walking

They wandered round the school

Collecting every sound they heard

They found it really cool!

The talking of the children

The tweeting of the birds

The sneezing of the infants

The singing of the words

The listening of the learners

The buzzing of the bees

The whistling of the wind

The crunching of the leaves

The gurgling of the pipes

The chattering of the teacher

The banging of the chair

The squeaking of the creature

The splashing of the water

The scuttling of the feet

The rattling of the bags

The rocking of the seat

The shouting of Mrs Williams

The whispering of the daughters

The squeaking of the board

The swaying of the waters

The rattling of the rain drops

The squeaking of the drains

The bumping of the chairs

The steading of the vane

The banging of the beat

The creaking of the chair

The turning of the tap

The crunching of the pear

The flushing of the toilet

The splashing of the tap

The scraping of the shoes

The banging of the clap

A teacher came this morning

Dressed all in grey and green

Collecting all these sounds

Life at Woodhouse is never mean.

Accelerated Reader



Last year was a fantastic year for reading at Woodhouse. On Accelerated Reader we had record high word counts, more quizzes passed and a number of children surpassing a million words read during the year.

With the start of a new school year, all data is reset and children can challenge themselves once more to reach their respective targets with their reading.

Since the beginning of September, the total word count for school has already surpassed 1 million words and currently stands at 1,487,547 with a total of 190 quizzes been passed.

If you haven't already, pick up a book or logon to Myon and enjoy reading!



We have started an exciting new partnership with Cicada Sports to supply Woodhouse uniform. Cicada Sports have already made our Year 6 leavers hoodies and also make the hoodies you may have seen some of the staff wearing around school. The uniform is available to purchase now and can be ordered directly from their website. <https://www.cicadasports.co.uk/club-zone/schools/woodhouse-primary-academy>

Items will be embroidered with the Woodhouse logo.

Prices are as follows:

Sweatshirt - £11.95 (Junior Sizes) / £12.95 (Adult Sizes)

Cardigan - £13.95 (Junior Sizes) / £14.95 (Adult Sizes)

Fleece - £14.95 (Junior Sizes) / £15.95 (Adult Sizes)

Reversible Jacket - £29.95 (Junior Sizes) / £31.95 (Adult Sizes)

Polo Shirt - £8.95 (Junior Sizes) / £10.95 (Adult Sizes)

Book Bag - £5.50



Orders will be delivered to school. Please note that bookbags can be purchased but cannot be brought to school at the moment.

We Are Woodhouse!

“If you go down to Pitts Wood today....”

Last week the children and staff at Woodhouse made a discovery in our woods, someone had been camping out and had not only had they left their tent and sleeping bag but a special treasure box and a letter addressed to each class.

The box contained the following items: a school jumper, Star of the Week and Arts Award certificates, a 6L attendance certificate, a sports trophy and a large tub of hot chocolate. Our visitor, Professor Desuwhoo had found the items in Mr Wilson's office and asked us all to find out why Mr Wilson had kept these items.

This led to lots of chatting and discussions and we all came to the same answer- he had saved these things because they are really special to us all at Woodhouse. We wear our school jumper with our motto, 'Dream, Believe, Inspire and Achieve', we celebrate our successes as a whole school and we love having hot chocolate together on Fridays. These are the simple things that we are all proud of.

Each class created some work which shows that even though we hadn't been together as a school family for some time we haven't forgotten our 'Woodhousiness' and we are so happy to be back learning with our friends, teachers - Our Woodhouse Family.

