

NEWSLETTER



17th September 2021

How to get in touch



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07950368561 – Families mobile to call or text with any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

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



homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this for any support with home learning or using Google Classroom.



Newsletter@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this to send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.

Useful links

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

Additional learning resources and activities.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/parental-assistance>

Our parental assistance page with plenty of avenues of support.

Up to date school news.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-news>

Access our latest risk assessment, detailing our safety measures.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/wider-opening>

The Food Pantry – Quinton

<https://your-local-pantry.force.com/s/member-sign-up>

Dear parents/carers,

My first Newsletter contribution of the new school year. I want to whole-heartedly thank you and your families for the manner in which the children have returned to Woodhouse this term. Your children have been brilliant, and I am grateful to our superb staff team for how hard they have been working to welcome children to their new classes, to establish their high expectations and to ensure that the ambitious curriculum we have in our school gets off to the right start. It has been fantastic to see so much superb work from the children during this week, especially our youngest children in Nursery and Reception who have started so well in their first proper week in school. Let us keep this positive start going - ensure your child is in school every day, is on time and ready to learn.

I hope you have enjoyed the greater access to staff which we are able to offer this term. Face to face conversations are crucial to our successful relationship with you as parents. Please speak to your child's teacher or teaching assistant if there is anything which you are concerned about or if you want to share anything. I want to be clear that we won't get everything right - but it certainly won't be through lack of effort! If there is something we can improve to better support you or your child, then it is crucial you tell us. Please remember that no one in our staff team sets out to get things wrong or make mistakes, but of course we are human! Can I please ask that you ensure that your feedback remains constructive and supportive, we are all on the same team for your child. Thank you in advance. I appreciate that for those working parents for whom pick up is not possible, then this may be harder. Please feel free to use Class Dojo or email the school email address on enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk if you need to share information with your child's teacher, have queries or concerns. We will get back to you and resolve this.

From Monday 27th September we will be reopening our free breakfast provision for any children in school who may require it. As our gates open at 8:35am, children can visit the school canteen for free toast and cereal as necessary, before going to their class to ensure they are on time for the start of the day at 8:50am. Any child is welcome to this free breakfast, if this will help them in any way. At present we will not yet be returning to charged provision for families and non-Woodhouse children as we used to do. This may return in the future if this can be managed safely. For now, it will be for children only please.

Thank you for your efforts with uniform and with equipping your child for school. Please ensure that anything you bring into school is clearly named so that it can be returned to the correct child if it is mislaid. There is already a great deal of lost property without names - just write the child's name on the label or similar and we will reunite what we can. Thank you in advance. I would like to remind you that your child should attend in their PE kit on the two days a week that their class has PE as has been shared with you. There are some children who are not able to get the full benefit of our outstanding sports provision because they are not in sports kit but are in school uniform. If you are unsure, then please ask.

I hope you have a good weekend when it comes.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr O Wilson – Head Teacher



The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 17th September.

Nursery

Ella May
Jean-Paul

Reception

Skylah
Ayaan
Ariel
Logan

Year One

Porscha
Surayia
Amiyah
Margot

Year Two

George
Henry
Violet S
Feb

Year Three

Carmen
Harley
Renee
Adelina

Year Four

Nyemah
Anyah
Mohammed
Nabiha

Year Five

Emily
Harun
Cody
Lagan

Year Six

Dalah
Monique
Natalia
Husna
Decarey
Sapphire

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week. 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?



School Dinner

Menu

20th – 24th September

NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Barbeque Basted Chicken	Picnic Day	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza with Chips
Quorn Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding	Beef Lasagne	Barbeque Basted Quorn	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich with Vegan Sausage Roll	
Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Ravioli	Savoury Rice and Corn on the Cob	With Crisps and Fresh Salad	
Ice Cream	Rice Pudding with Sultanas or Jam	Chocolate Cracknel	Jam Sponge with Custard	Selection of Fruit Desserts

Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email the Inclusion Team on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October – Half Term

Monday 1st November – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 2nd November – School open for children

Friday 17th December – Last day of term for all children

Monday 20th December to

Monday 3rd January – Christmas Break

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Inset day, school closed to children

Wednesday 5th January – First day school open for children

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February – Half Term

Friday 8th April – Last day of term for all children

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – First day school opens for children

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term

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

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



Big Green Week - Pitts Wood open day

A chance to see our wonderful green space and find out more about the woods.

Saturday 25th September 10am - 4pm.

Entry from Overdale Road gate into Pitts Wood. All welcome.



Pastel animal skin patterns by Renee and Adelina, 3N

David Hockney inspired paintings by Nyemah and Adam, 4H



The
ART
Corner

Healthy Start Scheme

Healthy Start <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/> aims to reduce child poverty and health inequalities by providing free vitamins, nutritional advice and weekly vouchers to buy food or formula milk to low income families with pregnant women and children up to the age of 4.

April 2021 the value of vouchers increased from £3.10 a week to £4.25 (£8.50 for a child under one year)

February 2021 data shows there was 61% uptake of HS Vouchers in Birmingham

Approx. 7,631 eligible families are missing out on £64k of free food.

- Healthy Start Website - [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)
- Healthy Start telephone number – 0345 607 6823 (applications can be made via phone – interpreter available if required)
- Healthy Start application form - [ES1042332 CCS155 CCS1120511728-001 HS01A Application Form Booklet.pdf \(healthystart.nhs.uk\)](#)
- HS retailers - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Healthy-Start-retailers.xlsx> (put first 3 digits of post code into find & select)

If you are eligible for support from the Healthy Start Scheme and aren't already receiving vouchers, take a look at the website for further information or speak to a member of the Inclusion Team.

14th July 2021



The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse from September



Miss T Mason
SENDCo
Assistant Head



Mr R Kennedy
Learning Mentor
DSL



Mr C Oakley
Assistant Head
Key Stage 1



Miss C Lavelle
Assistant Head
Key Stage 2



Mrs H Sumner
Year 2 TA
Pastoral Support

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, health or anything else then please get in touch. 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.

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.

Feeling overwhelmed? Struggling to cope?



Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families

Text AFC to 85258

Text the free, confidential textline

All texts are answered by trained volunteers,
with support from experienced clinical specialists

shout
85258
here for you 24/7



We've all been through a tough time recently.

The following organisations have partnered to provide services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...

Birmingham Children's Partnership includes: Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, West Midlands Police and Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council.

There is support available for domestic abuse, parenting courses, mental health support, financial help, alcohol and drug problems, bereavement support and more.

Follow these links to find out more:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/love>

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham-children-s-partnership/2156/birmingham-children-s-partnership-resources>

Alternatively, speak to a member of the Inclusion Team for more advice / support.

In most cases, you can self-refer for support.

One example of support they can offer is with emergency food and supplies grants of up to £100.

Bike to School Week

27 September to 1 October 2021



[Bike to School Week](#) is a week-long event designed to showcase the benefits of cycling and scooting to school across the UK.

Bike to School Week is a great opportunity to promote the positive impact that an active lifestyle can have on pupils' wellbeing and health.

At Woodhouse we have a fantastic bike shed where children can securely park their bikes and scooters.



The fun starts here



Rainbows learn by doing - they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.

For girls aged 5 to 7
(4 to 7 in Northern Ireland)

Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.

For girls aged 7 to 10

Brownies



'I got to do activities and things I wouldn't normally do and meet new people.'
Laura, Guide



Guides

At Guides you can explore new places, get involved in leadership opportunities and learn a huge range of new skills.

For girls aged 10 to 14

In Rangers you'll have exciting opportunities to travel the world, get your voice heard, support your community, and build skills for the future.

For young women aged 14 to 18



Rainbows - 5 to 7 years old

Brownies - 7 to 10 years old

Guides - 10 to 14 years old

Various venues in Quinton

edgbastundivision@gmail.com



Join us today

girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
or call **0800 169 5901**

Registered charity number 10401

