

LUNCH MENU 30TH SEPTEMBER – 4TH OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Cheeseburger Or Vegetarian Nuggets with Curly Fries	<u>EYFS & Key Stage 1</u> Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Jamaican Jerk, Barbeque or Roasted Chicken with Rice and Peas	<u>Chip Shop Day</u> Breaded Fish Or Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage with Chips	<u>Pizza Day</u> Meat Feast Or Margherita (Larger slice of Pizza instead of chips) Breaded Fish With Chips
	<u>Key Stage 2</u> Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Jamaican Jerk, Barbeque or Herby Quorn with Rice and Peas		
	Vegetarian Sausages with Potatoes	Choice of Accompaniments: Mushy Peas, Curry Sauce, Gravy, Baked Beans, Cheese	Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables	
Sweetcorn Peas	Green Beans Carrots	Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with A Selection Of Fillings	Jacket Potato with A Selection Of Fillings
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Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches	Selection of Sandwiches
Jam Sponge	Pancakes	Chocolate Cracknel	Eves Pudding with Custard	Mousse
Available Daily – Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Fruit Pots, Fruit Yoghurts and Salad Bar				

NEWSLETTER



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Dear parents,

Since our last newsletter, we have been gripped by election fever at Woodhouse. At our school, the children have a strong voice in how our school is run through our school cabinet. Children from Y2-6 have been putting themselves forward, making speeches to their peers and putting themselves up for election to our school cabinet. It was great to see the children voting and exercising their democratic right to select a representative. Congratulations to all those elected by their peers, as well as those who were brave enough to put themselves forward for election. Our year 6 children have applied to be appointed as Head boy and girl, Deputy Head girl and boy, prefects, school cabinet representatives for the younger children or playground leaders. Each child undertook an interview with Mr Kennedy and I and we were so impressed with the quality of their applications and responses to our questions. Congratulations to all those who have earned a role this year – I look forward to hearing the children's ideas for our school.

The children have been hard at work in school this week despite the difficult weather which has kept us inside for so long! It is wonderful to see the growing confidence of our Nursery and Reception children, as they make a positive start with their phonics and early writing. Brilliant to see the expanded noun phrases being tried out and used by our Year 2 children and fabulous to see our Year 6 children putting all their prior learning into action. One of the real privileges of my job is the children sharing their good work with me. Teachers choose those who really impress them to share their learning with me and it is brilliant to see the effort, commitment and pride which the children show in their work.

Thank you to all involved in our MacMillan coffee morning yesterday. It was wonderful to have the support of so many of you – thank you. One of the aspects we want to grow during this year is our work in the wider community. You will have read about the new friends of Pitts wood group which is being established and I would encourage you to get involved if this is something which is of interest. If you have any ideas about how we could better support the wider school community and those beyond our school, please let me know.

We sent a letter about attendance out to families last week. As you know, we worked really hard last year to improve our attendance with the school making a strong improvement in our attendance. Please continue to encourage your child to have strong attendance, including arriving on time and being ready for learning each day. If there is any support which school can offer, please just ask. Thank you to all parents for ensuring your child is so smartly dressed in their uniform, including black school shoes. It is wonderful to see our school looking so smart. Please ensure coats, jumpers and PE kits have names in, as this helps us to return them to their owner if they get mislaid at any time!

Thank you all for your continued support for our school and the encouragement you give to your children each day. As always, if there is anything which we can help with, or if you have any concerns or queries – please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the staff team.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely, Oliver Wilson – Head Teacher

Tuesday 1st Oct – Open Morning (9:30 – 10:30)
 Thursday 3rd Oct – 6D Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited
 Tuesday 8th Oct – Year 6 visit to Black Country Museum
 Thursday 10th Oct – 6WS Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited
 Monday 14th Oct – Year 5 Visit to Tamworth Castle
 Tuesday 15th Oct – Open Afternoon (2 – 3)
 Thursday 17th Oct – Parents Evening (3:30 – 6)
 Wednesday 23rd Oct – Nursery Harvest Assemblies
 (A Group: 9:15, B Group: 2:45) in the Nursery Building
 Wednesday 23rd Oct – KS2 Halloween Disco (4 – 5)
 Thursday 24th Oct – Reception and Year 1 Harvest Assembly
 (2:45) in the Hall
 Thursday 24th Oct – Nasal Flu Spray for Reception to Year 6 (Letters to follow)
 Thursday 24th Oct – 6L Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited
 Friday 25th Oct – Year 4,5 & 6 Harvest Assembly (9:15) in the Hall
 Friday 25th Oct – Year 2 & 3 Harvest Assembly (2:45) in the Hall



Monday 28th Oct – Friday 1st Nov – Half Term Break

Monday 4th Nov – First Day Back at School
 Monday 4th Nov – Year 4 visit to the Sea Life Centre
 Tuesday 5th Nov – Individual and Sibling Photos
 Wednesday 6th Nov – Year 6 Parents Meeting (3:30 – 4)
 Tuesday 12th Nov – Open Morning (9:30 – 10:30)
 Tuesday 19th Nov – Year 1 visit to The Old Rep to see The Snow Queen (9:30 – 12)
 Tuesday 26th Nov – Open Afternoon (2 – 3)
 Wednesday 27th Nov – Reception visit to The Santa Express
 Thursday 28th Nov – Reception Parent Workshop (9 – 10)
 Wednesday 4th Dec – Nursery Nativity (9:15 – 9:45)
 Wednesday 4th Dec – Christmas Fayre (4 – 5:30)
 Tuesday 10th Dec – Reception Nativity (9:15 – 9:45 & repeated at 2:45 – 3:15)
 Wednesday 11th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
 Friday 13th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
 Tuesday 17th Dec – KS1 Nativity (9:15 – 9:45 & repeated at 2:45 – 3:15)
 Thursday 19th Dec – KS2 Carol Concert at St Faith & St Laurence Church
Monday 23rd Dec – Friday 3rd Jan – Christmas Holidays
 Monday 6th Jan – Staff Training Day
 Tuesday 7th Jan – First Day Back at School
 Friday 10th Jan – Reception Visit to Town Hall to see 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'
 Monday 20th Jan – Choir Visit to Young Voices at Resorts World Arena (1 – 10:30pm)
 Friday 24th Jan – 4W Class Assembly (9 – 9:30) Parents Invited
 Thursday 30th Jan – Parents Evening (3:30 – 6)

attendance
MATTERS

16th – 20th September 2019

Yearly attendance is currently running at: **96.72%**

Last week's attendance was: **96.87%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 96%

Class	Attendance for the week	Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	97.47%	3A	97.32%
RM	93.36%	3N	96.77%
RW	97.35%	4W	97.99%
1L	95%	4SO	99.33%
1OW	97.59%	5W	100%
2F	99.31%	5H	97.33%
2G	96.67%	6D	93%
RR	86.15%	6L	97.62%
		6WS	97.89%



Congratulations to **5W** who had the best class attendance for last week. We had 91 lates last week across all year groups. These, no matter how small, are lost learning time.

Weekly Lates	NSY	RM	RW	1L	1OW	2F	2G	3A	3N	4W	4SO	5W	5H	6D	6L	6WS
Before reg	3	4	7	3	2	5	3	4	6	11	6	3	9	0	7	12
After reg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FRIENDS OF PITTS WOOD

There has been a lot of work and consultation going on behind the scenes with Pitts Wood over the past year. Claire from Roots to Fruits has done some amazing work with a lot of our children and will continue to do so this term.

In addition, there has been a group formed called 'Friends of Pitts Wood' that is made up of people from the local community. The group help to manage and maintain the woods. There will be opportunity to open up access to the community and involve local people in this wonderful resource. There will be opportunities to volunteer, including maintenance and ground work in the woods themselves.

There will be a public launch / meeting in November for the adoption of a constitution and the formation of a Management Committee. A room has been booked for **Thursday 7th November 2019 at 6.30 p.m.** at Quinborne Community Centre, Ridgacre Road, Quinton B32 2TW.

All parents and members of the local community are invited to attend. To express your interest, you can contact Clare Sandercock on cmsandercock@uwclub.net

Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 27th September

Nursery

AJ
Amina

Year Two

Remario
Jonathan
Ma-Hawa
Laith

Year Five

Lilli
Leo
Avneet
Terrel

Reception

Julia
Allyson
Reece
Mehtar

Year Three

Dallas
Logan
Yuvraj
Isla

Year Six

Amelia
Ben
Henry
Riha
Kyrell
Marjan
Annmaria

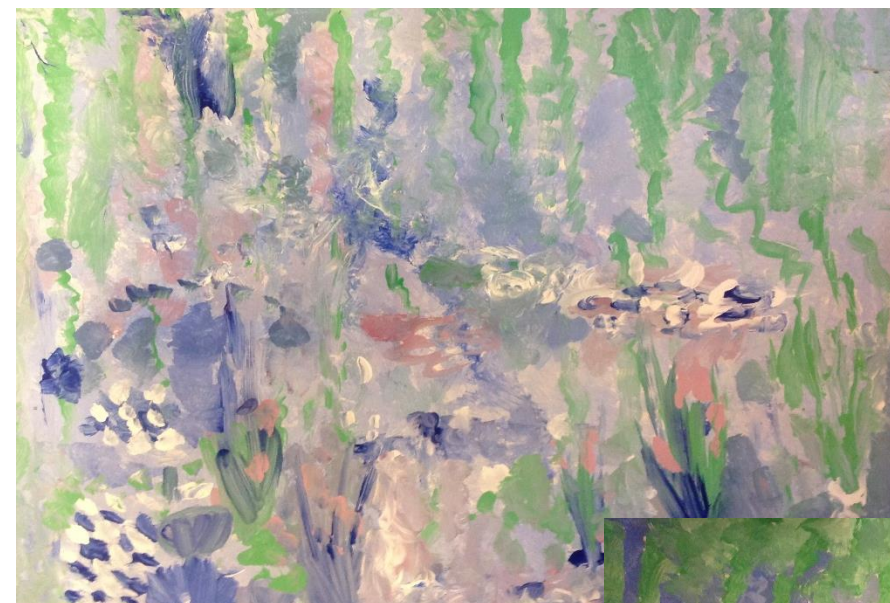
Year One

Amber
Noor
Samara
Mohammed

Year Four

Iffah
Raihan
Kaiya
Akiylah
Daniel

Congratulations to all of these children who have gone over and above with their effort in class and around school this week. We are very proud of each and every one of you. Keep up the good work. Will it be you next week?



Year 4 have worked in small groups to produce these amazing pieces inspired by Monet's Water Lilies. They have used their brushes to dab the paint to create the fine detailing.



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CHILDREN'S TOILET DEVELOPMENT

Over the summer and into the first few weeks of term, we have been having some exciting building work going on at Woodhouse. Our children's toilets have been long overdue an upgrade so in collaboration with our School Cabinet, we have designed some new ones to bring them up to date.

All of the colours and designs were chosen by the children on the School Cabinet and over the summer the work began. Phase one was the KS1 toilets, everything was taken out and replaced, including the walls and doors.

They were open for business for the first time on Monday 16th and all we have heard all day is gasps of amazement at how much better they are.

Phase two work has now commenced on updating the KS2 toilets. All KS1 and KS2 children will be using the new toilets whilst the work is carried out on the KS2 ones.

The work is expected to be completed by half term.



WOODHOUSE CHOIR

Our choir at Woodhouse has become very popular over the last few years and they are forever in demand for performances in the local community; including the local care home and even the Resorts World Arena at Young Voices.

If you would like to join the choir, they meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the hall from 8:30 – 9:00. Come along and sign up with Mrs Cooper, Mrs Hartland and Mrs Pugh. It is free of charge and is open to all children from Years 2 – 6.

Come along and give it a go. They sing a variety of songs and have a lot of fun along the way.

PUPIL LEADERS

Over the past few weeks we have been assembling our School Cabinet for the coming academic year. As in previous years, each class from years 2 – 6 has a class representative. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are each represented by a Year 6 child.

Children were given the opportunity to apply by writing a short explanation as to why they would make a good representative. Between three and six candidates were then chosen anonymously to stand for election. Candidates gave a short speech to their classes on why they should vote for them before they went to cast their votes.

The following children were elected by their classes to represent them:

Raphael 2G, Abdulbaqi 2F, Harry K 3N, Ella 3N, Fraser 3A, Hashim 4W, Zoe 4SO, Tia 5H, Noah 5W, Jack 6WS, Arjun 6L, Arsam 6D and Eisa Rainbow Room. Tamiaka, Cerise and Kyrell will represent Nursery, Reception and Year 1 respectively.

Year 6 children also had the opportunity to apply to be Head Boy, Head Girl or Prefects. The children wrote letters to Mr Wilson outlining why they should be selected. The children were then interviewed by Mr Wilson and Mr Kennedy. All children interviewed very well and were all given roles within school.

Dedar is our Head Boy, Grace B is our Head Girl. They will be supported by Ben and Fatima as Deputy Head Boy and Girl. The four of them will take a lead role on the School Cabinet.

In addition to our Head Boy and Girl we have appointed five prefects; Henry, Vanessa, Yushra, Danielle and Denisa will take an active role in events such as open mornings.

Last but by no means least, we also appointed seven play leaders. These children expressed the interest and desire to support the younger children of Woodhouse at playtimes. Macie, Grace F, Hiba, Tehlil, Salah, Amelia and Annmaria have proved that they are excellent role models for the younger children. They will lead and support games at playtimes as well as leading teams of playground buddies.

We are extremely proud of all of our Pupil Leaders and the way they have gone about applying for the positions they have earned. They are all a credit to their class, their families and the Woodhouse community as a whole.