

Honesty **Respect** **Confidence** **Responsibility** **Independence** **Ambition**

A message from your Headteacher: Mrs Atherton

This week we had a successful open evening and welcomed 4 new families around our school. Thank you to all staff and children for making this possible. It was a great opportunity to showcase our wonderful school. Please come and join us at the orienteering afternoon on Monday 14th October (Oak and Sapling class). Be prepared to get wet and muddy! We are extending the deadline for the co-opted governor vacancy as we haven't had any applicants. It would be great if you could please share the vacancy details with family, friends and work colleagues. Operation paint the classroom: Monday and Tuesday in half term, 28th and 29th Mr Reynolds is looking for volunteers to come and help. Please contact even if you can spare a few hours. Thank you to those who have already offered themselves. Please take a look on the school Facebook at my just giving page. I am taking part in the 3 Welsh Peak hike in half term to raise money for our school and the Royal Stoke Hospital. Donations really appreciated, for such great causes.

Stars of the Week

Our value of the week for this week has been **#honesty**.

The children who have clearly demonstrated this are:

- Little Acorns/Seedlings – Sebastian
- Sapling Year 1 – Stanley
- Sapling Year 2 – Lydia
- Oak Year 3 – George J
- Oak Year 4 – Arthur Gre



Headteacher Awards

This week we have:

Little Acorns/Seedlings: Lola, Thea and Hazel for attending our open evening. **#Responsibility**
Sapling: Robin for her Maths work, Lucy for her writing **#ambition**. Stanley, Caleb, Evie, Naomi, Alice, Erin and Eddie for attending our open evening. **#Responsibility**
Oak: Mia, Lyra, Lucas, Arthur Gre, George J, Maisie, and Finley for attending our open evening. **#Responsibility**

We are so proud of you all 😊

Please see photograph on the Gallery section of the Newsletter.



Well done to you all
© Parents/Carers
are invited to a
celebration
assembly
on 25.10.2024



Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>07.10-11.10.2024</u>
Little Acorns/Seedlings	94%
Sapling Class	99%
Oak Class	98%



All classes have increased their attendance percentages this week which is great to see. Well done to Sapling class for taking back the top spot. Punctuality has also been fantastic this term so far. Keep up the good work everyone!

What Have We Leant?

Little Acorns and Seedlings – Our EYFS children have been learning about 2D shapes, focusing on a circle and triangle. They have been on shape hunts and have been able to correctly name and identify both the shapes.

Sapling – In science Sapling class ventured out into the woods around our school. They identified different types of trees. They looked at tree stumps and counted the rings on them to estimate the age of the tree when it was cut down. Lots of team work!

Oak – Oak class have been learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Italy. They then completed descriptive writing based on what they had learnt.

Book Fair

Thank you to all Parents/Carers and children for your patience as we had a few teething problems with the book fair on Wednesday. We managed to rectify the issues we had ready for Thursday's session. We really do appreciate your support purchasing books from the fair. It is so lovely to see how much the children enjoy looking and picking books. Reading is so important and it is great to see our child have such passion for it. Also big thank you to some of our PTFA members and other parent volunteers for helping out.



Film Club

Thank you to all who have supported and understand the decision to keep Film Club and Tuck Shop separate. This will make things run a lot smoother for both children and staff on Friday afternoons.



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Woodhouse Academy

For our Year 4 Parents/Carers, Woodhouse Academy have their open evening on Monday 21st October, 05:30-07:30pm. There's no need to book.



James Bateman

For our Year 4 Parents/Carers, James Bateman's opening evening will be Saturday 19th October. This is a bookable event. Please call 01782 973900 for more information and to book.



School Admissions

The applications for admissions to both Primary and Middle School, open on **Friday 1st November**. This is for those children who are in nursery but will turn 4 anytime between now and 31st August 2025 and for Year 4 children. The application process will close on **Wednesday 15th January** and Parents/Carers will receive the decision of their place on **Wednesday 16th April**. If you know of anyone whose child is in Nursery now, at any setting, and will be due to start Primary School in September 2025 please let them know about us! Our admissions criteria does not restrict us to only welcoming children from the Biddulph Moor area. We need our current Parents/Carers to spread the word on how great our family-feel village school is and how our children thrive here.



We thank you in advance for this!



Oak Class visit to Wedgwood

On Thursday 10th October our Year 3 and 4 children visited Wedgwood. They had a fantastic time having a tour of the factory and looking around the museum. They were all exceptionally well behaved. Thank you to all Parent/Carers for allowing visits like this to go ahead.



Reading Book, Diary and Homework

Seedlings and Sapling Class – Homework is sent home weekly on a Friday and is due in, completed, the following Friday.

Oak Class – Homework is sent home weekly on a Friday and is due in, completed, the following Thursday.

Reading books and diaries and to be sent into school with your child daily. This enables them to read within school time.



Dates for you Diary

14th October Orienteering afternoon - parents welcome

- Y1/2 01:10pm-01:50pm
- Y3/4 02:00pm-03:00pm

18th October - Oak class assembly 09:00a.m - families welcome

23rd Oct -EYFS maths workshop 03:20pm

24th October – Halloween disco 05:00-06.30pm

5th and 7th November – Parents evenings - 03.30-06.30pm

14th November - Oak class parent maths workshop 03.20pm

20th November – Sapling class parent maths workshop 03.20pm

6th December – Christmas Fayre 03:15pm (choir club performing)

NEW! 7th December – Biddulph Moor Christmas Light Switch on (choir club performing)

12th December - EYFS arts and craft workshop

Christmas Plays: Little Acorns/Seedlings and Sapling class: Tue 17th Dec 09:00am (Sapling) and Wednesday 18th Dec 09:00am (Little Acorns/Seedlings)

Oak class play - Friday 13th Dec 09:00am

19th December – Christmas church service for parents to attend, time TBC



Gallery

