

A message from your Headteacher: Mrs Atherton

Communication reminder: Parents can message class teachers on seesaw in relation to learning, please send all other communication through to the office email, not the Headteacher email or me directly. Myself and Miss Derricott always oversee the office emails and will forward your message to the appropriate teacher/person. All safeguarding concerns can be referred to Mrs Atherton or Mrs Watson Lazowski. Our Safeguarding governor is Mrs Cheryl Smith and Chair of governors is Jim Garvey.

It would also be greatly appreciated if any communication sent home, that requires a response, is sent back into school, either verbally or written. This helps us out a lot and stops us having to chase parents/carers or pupils for an answer. We always try to ensure communication sent to you is clear and concise and sent via the platform you prefer.

Stars of the Week

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

The children who have clearly demonstrated this are:

- Little Acorns/Seedlings – Hazel
- Sapling Year 1 – Maggie
- Sapling Year 2 – Henry
- Oak Year 3 – Jack
- Oak Year 4 – Arthur D



Headteacher Awards

This week we have:

Little Acorns/Seedlings: Hazel, Louis, Lola and Thea for their teamwork.

Sapling: Stanley, Erin, Alice C and Naomi for their **#independence** and teamwork in Computing.

Oak: Harry and Hudson for their **#ambition** in writing for pleasure. Jack, Ella-Rose and Robyn for their excellent art work, also showing **#ambition**.

We are so proud of you all 😊
Please see photograph on the Gallery section of the Newsletter.

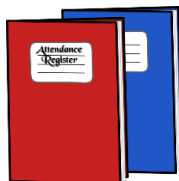


Well done to you all
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are invited to a
celebration
assembly
on 25.10.2024



Attendance

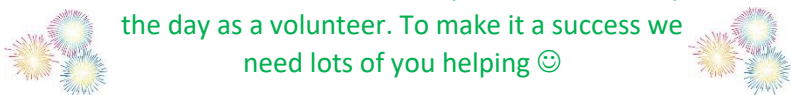
Class	30.09-04.10.2024
Little Acorns/Seedlings	88.9%
Sapling Class	91.7%
Oak Class	91.9%



Oak class just about take the top spot for class attendance this week. Well done Oak! We understand that illness is unavoidable and there will be times throughout the year where your child cannot attend school because of this, please do not be offended if we ask for medical evidence to support their absence. This is something that Ofsted and the Educational Welfare Officer expect schools to do.

Fireworks

It is already nearly that time of year!! Biddulph Moor Firework display is on **Saturday 2nd November**. This is always a fantastic fundraising event for Moor First. A letter will be sent out shortly with more details. It will also ask if you are able to help out on the day as a volunteer. To make it a success we need lots of you helping 😊



PTFA Meeting

Our PTFA are fully established now and doing some great work fundraising and buying educational resources etc. for our school. We would love if more of our Parents/Carers or family members would join! The more the merrier as this helps decision making and sharing of roles/responsibilities. Our next PTFA meeting is on Monday 7th October at 03:20pm. You are welcome to come along even if you are interested but not sure if you can fully commit.

Thank you

Big thank you to all Sapling and Oak Parents/Carers who attended our arts and crafts workshop this week. The children really enjoyed you all being there. For those who unable to make it due to other commitments, there will be many more opportunities throughout the year to come and spend time with your child/ren in school.

Bee Active Scooter Skills Workshop



Sapling class really enjoyed this workshop last week! It was great to see Year 1 and 2 having such fun whilst learning important skills. Thank you to Bee Active.

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

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.



Why is Homework so Important?

- Develops your child's independence and resilience
- Ambition for learning – autonomy of their own development
- Prepares them for life
- Can give them a sense of pride
- Helps them to remember learning
- Opportunity to spend learning time with family – forming relationships



We really need your help to complete 3 things with your child at home:

- 1) Reading 3 x weekly
- 2) TT rockstars/Numbots - Our data for timestables and basic number fact knowledge is not as high as we want it to be. This week we had only a small amount regularly using this at home. Can you help us to get this to 100% weekly? The more they play, the more we can see data and target next steps vis their heatmaps. Y4 children take part in a national assessment in June 2025 and at present predicted scores are:

Year Group	Numbots	TT Rockstars
Y1	40%	0%
Y2	18%	36%
Y3	0%	33%
Y4	0%	25%



Can your child improve their scores, play more often etc and beat their classmates? Trophy to be won for each class in assembly – bring it home for the weekend. We have provided you with a copy of their heat map so far in homework books.

Also we have a Rockstar badge if your child can answer questions in less than 3 seconds (Y4 TEST has 25 questions and each questions needs completing in 6 seconds)

- 1) Spelling practice – even better if you say the spellings in a sentence and ask your child to write a well punctuated sentence - then check the spelling of the one word is correct. Useful to recap spellings from previous weeks to see if it has been retained.

Tuck Shop

Big thanks again to our PTFA who have decided to get the 'Tuck Shop' back up and running. It has started today, 4th October. We are going to trial it to see how the children from Film Club get on attending it. However it may be that from next week Film Club children continue to have the sweets/chocolate paid for on Parent Pay and given to them in the club. It may be too time consuming for the children to attend both tuck shop and film club.

Competition Time

BeWILDerwood are running a competition for schools to win a FREE day out with them! Please go to their website to enter. For KS1 (as well as nursery) you can download the 'Colour the Twig or Treat Halloween Door' and KS2 'Create a Unique Door.' Both activity sheets can be found by following <https://bit.ly/3XG1D1>. Bring your finishes pieces to the office and we will send them into the competition. Also let the office know if you require us to print the sheets.

Save the Dates

8th October; 04:00-6:00pm open day

14th October Orienteering afternoon - parents welcome

- Y1/2 01:00pm-01:45pm
- Y3/4 02:00pm-03:00pm

18th October - Oak class assembly - 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

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

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



Gallery



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