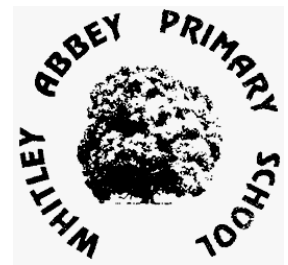


# Newsletter



*'A high-achieving learning environment at the heart of our community where everyone is inspired, nurtured and encouraged to be their very best.'*  
*Shared Vision 2016*

Issue No. 4

October 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well it's the end of the first half term of the year and what a great half term it has been. The children have all settled well into their new year groups and are working hard.

We are really developing the wider curriculum this year and the children are enjoying exciting learning experiences and new engaging topics through the Cornerstones Curriculum. Throughout the school we are also doing an afternoon art carousel where the children are taught art, dance, drama, music and design technology by a teacher who has an interest or specialism in that subject. The impact of this was seen in our Harvest assembly, where both year 2 classes demonstrated their musical talents and singing skills which had been developed during carousel.

Thank you for the excellent turn out at our Parent's Evening, the children are so lucky to have such fantastic support from home and there was a lovely atmosphere on both evenings. The staff really appreciate all the support you give throughout the year.

Parking has become an issue again in the streets surrounding the school, with thoughtless parking across resident's drives. We have had a number of complaints about this and we are trying to work with parents and residents to improve the situation. Remember a walking bus is available through the office, which means you can drop the children off safely with us. We will be asking the local community PCSO to do spot checks to help us improve parking and make it safer for everyone.

There are lots of dates for your diaries for next half term, the anti-bullying week assembly will include performances by KS2, more information in the first week back.

Thank you for all the support with our chosen charities this half term, especially MacMillan, the sense of community in Whitley is really amazing.

Have a wonderful holiday with your families and I hope the autumn sun shines

Jules Hall

**Lunchtime Supervisor position available at Whitley Abbey Primary School**

Would you be interested in joining our Whitley Abbey Team, we currently have a lunchtime supervisor position available. Please contact the Office for more details and application form. Thank you

**Our Governing Body**

All of our Governors work really hard for our school and children and have been in school a number of times to meet Curriculum Co-Ordinators and discuss issues related to each subject. Pictures of our Governors are in the main entrance so that you can identify who they are and there is more information on our website about their roles. This edition we meet....



**Patrick Smith**

My Career - My background is a technician working predominantly in the Life and Pension business.

Why a Governor? - With the intention (hope) of helping the children and the school. I believe that when learning has an element of fun it will be desired more. Improvements, even small ones, can set a child on an ultimately brighter course for life.

Type of Governor - 'Co-Opted'

How long I have been a Governor - since May 2012

**PTA Information**

The PTA held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The new committee was elected as follows:

Chair: Phillipa Bruce

Vice-Chair: Theresa Reed

Secretary: Teresa McCauley

Treasurer: Keri Husband

We have some exciting events planned later in the term: Movie Munchie Night, Secret Present Room and KS2 Disco. Look out for the dates in the diary and more information nearer the time. Thank you.

**House Points – CONGRATULATIONS**

	<b><u>Jaquar</u></b>	<b><u>Alvis</u></b>	<b><u>Humber</u></b>	<b><u>Riley</u></b>
Weekly Total:	272	270	252	246
Current Term Total:	1357	1262	1353	1250

## Sims Agora - Online Payment System

Just a reminder to any parents who have not yet registered for Sims Agora, our new online payment system, you can still register. The unique reference you will have been originally sent may have expired. If this is the case please speak with the office who can extend this date for you which will allow you to continue with your registration.

We are receiving payments from parents for school meals, uniforms and trips so the system is proving popular as opposed to sending in cash or cheques to school. We will be introducing online payments for Abbey Oaks in early November with After School Club payments being introduced later in the school year

If you have any queries or questions on the system please speak with a member of the office team. Thank you

## Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Mohammed, Skye, Atena, Poppy, Lillie-Rose, Hannah and Avyukt.



## Safeguarding Children

In the interest of safeguarding children there may be occasions when the school has to consult other agencies without a parent's prior knowledge. The school's first concern is the child's welfare and the school has a duty to act to protect the child at all times. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social services and/or the police.

We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, but we can only assure you that we follow the procedures laid down by the Coventry Safeguarding Board, a copy of which is available in school and our own Child Protection Policy can be found on the school website.



## Dates For Your Diary

### October 2017

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**      Teacher`s Training Day- SCHOOL CLOSED - No pupils to attend.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 27<sup>th</sup> October**      HALF-TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**      SCHOOL OPEN - ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND  
9am- Whitley Waistwatchers

### November 2017

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**      3.45pm - Year 3/4 Reading Workshop  
5.30pm - Year 3/4 Reading Workshop  
3.45pm - Year 5 - Reading Workshop  
5.30pm - Year 5 - Reading Workshop

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**      3.45pm - Year 2 Reading Workshop  
5.30pm - Year 2 Reading Workshop

**Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November**      Anti-Bullying Week

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**      3.30pm - KS1- Movie and Munchies- details to follow

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**      YR- Y4 - Flu Vaccines - details to follow

### December 2017

**Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December**      LAST WEEK OF CLUBS  
Secret Santa Week - details to follow

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**      Y4, Y5 & Y6 Theatre Trip- details to follow

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 2.15pm-3.15pm- Fun for Families - Christmas Crafts - details to follow

**Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December** NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** School Christmas Dinner - details to follow

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** FST/KS1 - Christmas Performance- details to follow

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Fayre - details to follow.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** KS2 Christmas Performance - details to follow

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** 3.30pm-5.30pm- KS2 Christmas Disco- details to follow

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**January 2018**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** Teacher Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED - No Pupils to attend

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** SCHOOL OPEN - ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND

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# Awards

We are very proud of all of our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work,

In this edition we recognise...

## Stars of the Week Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Yr 3 Oak - Poppy & Amelia

Y3 Elm - Poppy & Dhanshri

Yr 4 Yew - Archie & William

Yr 5 Silver Birch - Rhys & Jayden

Yr 6 - Callum M. & Kayleigh

**Congratulations and keep up the good work!**





## Sky Blues in the Community October half-term football holiday camps

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As your child attends a current partner school of Sky Blues in the Community, we would like to make you aware of some football holiday camps that are running during the October half term at 3 local locations. Sky Blues football camps are a great way for your children to have fun and improve their football skills during the holidays.



**Want to keep your children to have fun and keep active during the half-term holidays?**

Sky Blues in the Community football holiday camps are the perfect way to achieve this. Designed for children of all abilities, SBitC run 3 camps locally for children aged 5-12. Each day (Mon-Thurs) consists of a mix of skills and drills sessions designed to engage and improve the children's football skills and small-sided tournament matches. There are prizes to be won throughout the week and each child attending the full week will receive a free ticket voucher (1 adult and 1 child) to a CCFC home league match in the 2017/18 season.

**Friday Football Fundays** (Fridays) are less structured and consist of games, challenges and tournaments, the theme of this Friday's camp is **SPOOKY HALLOWEEN** where activities will be geared towards this exciting event!

All 3 camps can be booked online at: [www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/coventrycity](http://www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/coventrycity) or by contacting the Sky Blues in the Community Office on the number above.

**Prices start from just £10 per day and you can choose to book either: 9am – 4pm OR 10am – 3pm.**

**Bedworth Oval** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**The Alan Higgs Centre** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bablake Playing Fields** - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October only.

