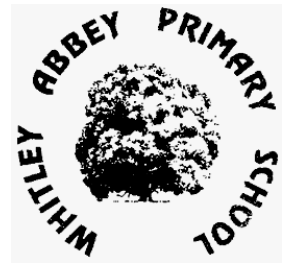


Newsletter



'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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy two weeks since half term with many inspirational activities going on throughout the school.



Last week was **Diwali week** and we had some wonderful parents who came into share the celebration of Diwali with the children. They carried out some amazing art and craft activities with the children, who really enjoyed the afternoon.



This week in assemblies we have been thinking about **Remembrance** and Reverend George from St. James' led our special assembly on Wednesday. Both Diwali and Remembrance weeks linked to the work we do in schools on British Values, the children are learning about respect, tolerance and understanding. At 11am this morning Mr Austin played the last post for our minutes silence as a mark of respect for the fallen.

Next week is **Anti-Bullying week** in school and on Friday 18th November we will be dressing as super-heroes to support the Power for Good campaign. All children should come to school dressed as a super-hero and we are asking for a £1 donation to be shared between the Anti-Bullying Alliance and Children in Need. The children will also receive a Power for Good wrist band. We will be sending information home throughout the week to support children's understanding of bullying and the support which is available to them.

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire on parent's evening, this information is incredibly useful to us and is one way we have of finding out your views. We also have a suggestion box for parents in the entrance and I am always happy to stop for a chat if you have any concerns.

In the next few weeks work will start on the demolition of the old Alice Steven's building in readiness for the building work to begin on the new Tiverton School in January. More information on site security and access arrangements will be coming out to you in the next couple of weeks via school.

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison
Acting Head Teacher



Head Teacher

Update from our Chair of Governors re Vacancy for Head Teacher

The Head Teacher vacancy has been advertised and interviews will take place on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd November. Once the decision has been made we will be notified of the outcome.

Sponsorship of Football Kit

Can you help please? We are looking for a sponsor for our football kit, would you be willing to sponsor our football team and pay towards the team's activities? If you would please contact Miss Bourne. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

The school is committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle so please send only fruit and vegetables into school as snacks. Thank you

Parking on Site

Please do not park on site as this puts the children at risk. Work will be starting on site soon, no vehicles other than staff vehicles will be allowed on site unless you have an arrangement in place with the school office due to disability or other feasible reason.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas dinner this year will be held on 12th December, details are to follow.

Birthdays


This edition we send congratulations to Leo, Nevaeh, Ruby, Ryley, Lucia, Hannah, Evan, William, Alfie, Ruby-Rose, Kimberley, Taha, Lexi and Maximillian.

We hope you have a wonderful day!



Please visit our school website for news and information at <http://whitleyabbeyprimary.co.uk/>
You can also follow us on Twitter with the link on the web page.

Dates For Your Diary

<u>November 2016</u>	
w/c 14 th November	Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday 15 th November	September 2017 Intake Rising 5 Open Morning 9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday 17 th November	Yr 5 Silver Birch Class Assembly *
Thursday 17 th November	Yr 3/4 Reading Workshop
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need. Dress as a Hero day - £1
Thursday 24 th November	Yr 4 Yew Class Assembly *
Friday 25 th November	Yr 2 Theatre Trip
w/c 28 th November	P.T.A Secret Present Room - details to follow
<u>December 2016</u>	
Friday 2 nd December	Fun for Families Christmas Crafts – 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Yr 3 & 4 Theatre Trip
Wednesday 7 th December	Yr 5 & 6 Theatre Trip
Friday 9 th December	PTA Christmas Fayre – details to follow
w/c 12 th December	No Clubs this week (Abbey Oakes, Wrap Around on as usual)
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner – details coming soon
Monday 12 th December	FST Chestnut Theatre Trip – details to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	FST/KS1 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	FST Willow Theatre Trip
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance – details to follow
Friday 16 th December	Last school day of term 

Awards

We are very proud of all our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work but as you know each week some pupils are recognised for their outstanding work, progress or effort.

This week we say a great big WELL DONE to

Stars of the Week

Chestnut	Jenson and Layla-Rose
Ash	David and Radoslaw
Maple	Kasey and Kieran
Sycamore	Bradley and Lexi
Aspen	Grace and Isobel
Oak	Megan and Connor
Yew	Savannah
Silver Birch	Sam and Toby
Elder	Ryan and Michael

Best Class Attendance

W/E 04/11/16 Willow and Ash at 98%

W/E 11/11/16 Aspen 100%

Congratulations and keep up the good work!



Final Word

Our final word this week comes from Leland in Year 5 who clearly has a future career in store as a sport's journalist

Football Match: Whitley Begin Cup Journey with a Win!

On Wednesday afternoon six year 5 children and three year 6 children played for Whitley Abbey against Holbrook Primary School. It was a very tense game. After a good start, where we took the lead, we ended up going behind twice, eventually levelling to make it 3-3 at full-time. During extra time a cross from Leland was met with a superb volley from James making us 4-3 winners. Louis was awarded man of the match for his wonderful goal keeping, which kept us in the game.

Leland (Year 5 - Silver Birch)

With Boy's reading? In our school and nationally boys are lagging behind girls in their attainment in reading. Thankyou for your suggestions, we will certainly be using some of these in school.

*Interest appropriate material. Making reading fun and interactive. **Group reads.** We read a lot at home which I think helps a lot. **Knowing what strategies to use to make it fun.** More feedback on my son's progress. **Make them read as you play a game to get them more involved.** Supporting the teachers. **Regular and appropriate level books on different topics.** Introducing new and exciting book, maybe awards for book read. **Providing books to meet boys interests.***

School uniform

The children have been very smartly dressed in school uniform this term and we have been very impressed with how well turned out they look. There will be a weekly uniform award for the smartest class from next week and the children in the class will be awarded dojo points. A reminder note will be sent home if anyone is not wearing uniform.

Girls

Winter

White Blouse or Polo Shirt

Grey Skirt, Trousers or Pinafore Dress

Bottle Green Cardigan, Jumper or Sweatshirt complete with School Logo

(these can be purchased from the School Office)

White Socks or Tights

Sensible Shoes (preferably black and not trainers)

Summer

White Blouse or Polo Shirt

Grey Skirt, Trousers or Pinafore Dress

Green & White Check Dress

Sensible Shoes (preferably black and not trainers)

Boys

Winter

White Shirt or Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers

Bottle Green Jumper or Sweatshirt complete with School Logo

(these can be purchased from the School Office)

White, Grey or Black Socks

Sensible Shoes (preferably black and not trainers)

Summer

White Shirt or Polo Shirt

Grey Shorts or Trousers

Sensible Shoes (preferably black and not trainers)

PE Kit

It is important that pupils have a change of clothes for Physical Education. Children must have in school at all times Navy or Black shorts, White T-Shirt (not a vest) and black pumps.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME INSIDE. THANK YOU.