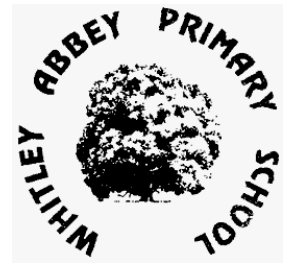


Newsletter



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Shared Vision 2016

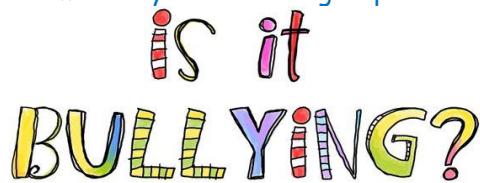
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25th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to say that I am now the Head Teacher of Whitley Abbey Primary school, which is an incredible honour. The children of Whitley are absolutely fantastic and the team and I want to give them the best start we possibly can. I have been overwhelmed by the support I have had from everyone this term; children, parents, staff and governors. Now with the help of the team and with your support, I just want to do the very best for the children.

Last week in school was Anti-Bullying week based on the Power for Good campaign. All of the children enjoyed discussing the issue of bullying and the different classes chose issues relevant to them. The theme this year was being Superheroes against bullying and understanding what bullying is.



When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it*—even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**

Anti-bullying Week Across the School:

Reception: Understanding bullying through story telling and who to speak to if they are worried.

Year 1: 'Is this bullying?' Understanding what bullying looks like, sounds like and feels like.

Year 2 and 3: Exploring what bullying is.

Year 4: What to do if you are bullied. Song and raps about bullying.

Year 5: Work on resolving conflicts, recognising bullying and what to do if you are bullied.

Year 6: Posters about bullying and the definition, work on diversity and respect. Further work on cyber-bullying before Christmas.

How you can help:

If it is Rude, we are encouraging the children to work together to tackle minor conflicts using the code of conduct, we have done lots of work on who they can talk to in school.

If it is Mean, please talk to your child's class teacher or teaching assistant or ring the office to help nip it in the bud quickly.

If it is Bullying, please come into school to speak to a member of the Safeguarding team: Mrs Holland, Mrs Basson, Mrs Phythian or myself immediately.

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison
Head Teacher



Results of the parent questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire at parent's evening. These are incredibly helpful and help us to make positive changes in school. I will make sure comments are included in newsletters and are displayed around school. Remember we have a suggestion box in the entrance too, which we check regularly.

Statements	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at school	74%	25%			1%
My child feels safe at school.	76%	22%	1%		1%
My child makes good progress at this school.	66%	32%	1%		1%
My child is well-looked after at this school.	64%	34%	1%		1%
My child is well taught at this school.	79%	21%			
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	43%	51%	4%		2%
This school makes sure its pupils are well-behaved.	50%	48%	1%		1%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	38%	38%	1%		23%
The school is well-led and well-managed.	54%	40%			6%
The school responds well to concerns I raise.	45%	43%	3%		9%
The school gives me regular opportunities to join in school life.	56%	43%	1%		
I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress.	43%	55%	1%		1%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	56%	43%	1%		
New Questions for 2016-2017					
<i>The school provides me with news and advice on how to keep my child safe on the internet.</i>	45%	45%	1%	1%	8%
<i>I know I can use the parents' suggestion box or meet with the staff to share my ideas about the school.</i>	42%	51%	2%		5%
<i>I know who the governors are and I know about the work they do for the school.</i>	35%	47%	7%	1%	10%

Dates For Your Diary

<u>November 2016</u>	
w/c 28 th November	P.T.A Secret Present Room
29 th November	Football Match between Whitley Abbey Primary School and Pearl Hyde (Home) – 3.30pm
<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
Monday 12 th December	FST Chestnut Theatre Trip
Tuesday 13 th December	FST/KS1 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm and 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	FST Willow Theatre Trip
Thursday 15 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm and 5.30pm
Friday 16 th December	Last school day of term  Christmas Party afternoon.

Head Teacher

We are very pleased to announce that from January 2017 our new Head Teacher will be Mrs Harrison. Mrs Harrison will carry on being acting Head Teacher until this time.

Free School Meals

If you claim any benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals. If you would like any information about claiming Free School Meals, please see the School Office, thank you.

Fun for Families Christmas Crafts

Calling all Parents, Grandparents and Carers. Come and join your child for a Christmas Craft Session on 2nd December at 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Please collect your child from their class and then go to the School Hall. You can stick, glue and paint at this free event. For more information please ask Mrs Holland or Mrs Basson.

Football

On Tuesday 6th December the School Football Team are taking part in the under 11 Football Tournament at Bluecoat – 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Abbey Oaks

Abbey Oaks is a fun and enjoyable Before and After School Club. We open 7.45am in the morning and we are open till 6pm at night. Maybe you have an appointment or are running late why not book your child into Abbey Oaks for some fun activities and a snack. For more information please feel free to speak to a member of the Abbey Oaks team or contact the office.

Christmas Sack Campaign

If you would like to contribute a Christmas Present for those in Need at Christmas, Mrs Holland is collecting them at School to distribute them to the drop off centres.

Christmas Dinner

The Christmas dinner this year will be held on 12th December, letters have been sent home asking if your child would like a Christmas dinner and their menu choice. If you did not get a letter please see the office for a replacement. As food has to be pre-ordered for this dinner we need the choices in by Wednesday 30th November. If you pay for your child's meal we also need the payment for this by the same date. Thank you.

Children in Need

Thank you to all who supported Children in Need. We raised £183.70. Well done everyone.

Birthdays

This edition we send congratulations to Erika, Callum, Brodie, Harrison, Erin, Maisie, Jack and Liam.

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.

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	Arron and Chloe
Willow	Kai and Lola
Ash	Charlie and Rohan
Maple	Hamza and Vikram
Sycamore	Lucia and Mihnea
Aspen	Tommy and Divya
Oak	Leison
Yew	Nadia, Nevaeh and Devang
Silver Birch	Kayleigh and Rudy
Elder	Sameer

Best Class Attendance

W/E 18/11/16	Yew at 98%
W/E 25/11/16	Yew and Ash both at 98%

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

