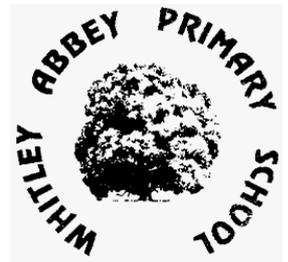


Newsletter



'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,

From all the team at Whitley Abbey Primary we would like to wish you a very happy family Christmas. It has been a long, tiring term for the children and they are really ready for a rest and a break from the early mornings.

Concerts

Thank you to all members of our school community for being such a great audience at our Christmas Concerts. The children and staff worked really hard to make these memorable occasions. A special thanks to Mr Austin for his technical skills, Mrs Phythian for coordinating the KS2 concert and Miss Bourne for coordinating the KS1 concert.

Choir

A massive thank you to our choir, Mrs Phythian and Mr Austin for their marvellous work in the community. They have brought Christmas cheer to the Cathedral, Humber Court Residential Home, Phil Mead Residential Home and University College Hospital.

PTA

Thank you to all the wonderful members of our PTA who have organised both the Secret Present Room and the Christmas Fair. They do a wonderful job organising these events and fundraising for the children and we really value the work they do. I know they are on the look-out for helpers and new members too.

E-safety

Thank you for your support with concert photographs, it is a constant battle to keep all the children safe and make sure they are allowed to be photographed. There is more information included in this newsletter regarding E-safety, it's a challenge for all of us, as adults, to keep up with all the many changes to social media, which the children find so easy, Mrs Webb our I.T. Technician is always happy to help if you have any queries.

From all the staff, a huge thank you for all your support this term, we really have got the best children in the World here at Whitley.

Merry Christmas time to you all.

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison
Head Teacher



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.

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.

Access

Please remember to NOT bring your cars onto site unless you have specific permission to do so, especially whilst, the building work is being carried out.

Menu Amendment

Please note a change, the green week one Wednesday meal choice and Friday week two desert. The menu is available online on our school website for more information.

Meet the Governors

Hi My name is William (Bill) Faulks and I have the honour to be the Chair of Governors. Prior to retirement I worked for Coventry City Council Environmental Health Department for 42 Years, I have been a Governor for over 30 years gaining a lot of experience and been a resident in Whitley for 44 years. I became a Governor firstly as a Parent Governor then as a Community Governor and now as a Co-Opted Governor because I have an interest in education and as a Governor could help to ensure that the children at our school get the best education possible in a safe and happy environment. I am always willing to talk to parents/carers if you have any concerns and can be contacted via the school office.

Concert Collection Buckets

Thank you everyone for your generosity. We raised £264.46 from the concert collection buckets for the school fund and it will all go to benefit the children..

Birthdays

This edition we send congratulations to Holly, Rebecca, Sadaf, Tanaka, Jack, Louis, Rhys, Sophie, Owen, Leland, Elsa, Kayleigh, Amelia, Hannah, Ayva, Amieleigh, Advika, Holly-Jo, Samuel, Charley, Lucas, Aniruddha, Rory and Toby.

Happy Birthday. We hope you have a wonderful day!



Dates For Your Diary

<u>December 2016</u>	
Friday 16 th December	Last school day of term  Christmas Party afternoon.
<u>January 2017</u>	
Tuesday 3 rd January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4 th January	Children's first day back at school
Thursday 5 th January	Supertots Restarts
Monday 9 th January	No clubs this week
Tuesday 10 th January	Acorns Restarts

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	Mia and Minerva
Willow	Oliver and Lily-Robyn
Ash	Ruby-Rose and Eila
Maple	Whole Class
Sycamore	Andrew and Owen
Aspen	Kye and Emily

Best Class Attendance

W/E 28/11/16	Silver Birch at 99.7%
W/E 09/12/16	Silver Birch at 98.6%

Bronze, Silver and Gold Assembly Key Stage 1

Class	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Chestnut	Max	Lilly B	Layla-Rose
Willow	Jenson	Janet	Anup
Ash	Shree	Radoslaw	David
Maple	Sadaf	Vikram	Emily H
Aspen	Divya	Jake	Amelia
Sycamore	Faith	Poppy	Mihnea

Best Class Attendance For The Term

Well done to Maple and Ash
Well done to Yew in Key Stage 2

Congratulations and keep up the good work!





Online Safety: Advice for Parents

There are a number of key points to remember that can help you to keep your child safe online.

- Talk to your child about the sites they visit and check these on your own to make sure they are age appropriate
- Set appropriate parental controls for all devices (see below for how to get support with this)
- Check that your child has set their controls to private on social media sites and that they are not giving out personal information
- Talk to your child about who they are talking to online and make sure that they aren't talking to people they don't know
- Agree with your child who they will talk to if they come across something online which makes them feel worried or uncomfortable
- Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents for further help and support

Further information and support

The **NSPCC** have guides for parents on how to ensure their child is safe online. These are available at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> . Alternatively parents can call 0808 8005002 or visit any O2 phone shop for advice on how to set parental controls and privacy settings. See <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/> for more information or to book an appointment at an O2 store.

CEOP can provide advice on online safety and provide support if you believe your child is being bullied online or if you've come across illegal online material. Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents for more information. If you believe your child has been inappropriately contacted by an adult you can also report this to them directly via www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

