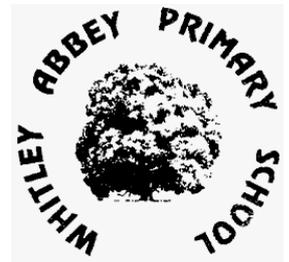


Newsletter



'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,

It has been a very exciting two weeks in school, with lots of exciting learning opportunities throughout the school. The choir had a very exciting day on Tuesday when they took part in the Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. It was an incredible experience for everyone, including all of us spectators. Many thanks to the choir, Mrs. Phythian, Mr. Austin and Miss Bourne, we are so proud of you all.

Reading continues to be a whole school focus this year and we really want our children to enjoy reading. On the parent questionnaire in October there were some fantastic ideas from parents about how to encourage the children in their reading. With this in mind we have a very exciting World Book Day planned for March 2nd. The children will need to dress in fancy dress and make a special object for their character. I'm giving my choice a lot of thought at the moment! Please encourage your children to read every day and to read books they love. Remember the school library is open every Tuesday and Thursday after school.

To support our children's progress in **maths** we have got maths workshops for all year groups coming up this term, you should have received a letter from your child's Teacher. Methods in maths have changed a great deal in recent years and this is really a chance for you to find out how to support your child with maths at home.

More nursery news this week! Application/expression of interest forms are now ready to collect from the school office. Our nursery is on schedule to open in September 2017.

Next week we will be doing more work with the children on how to share their worries and who they can go to if they have a worry in school.

Parent evenings will be at the end of term on the 5th and 6th of April, but if you would like to have a chat with your child's Teacher or myself before then please get in touch.

Wishing you all wonderful weekend

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison
Head Teacher

Parking Safety at School and Surrounding Area

Please can we advise parents and carers that NO vehicles are permitted on to the school site at any time to drop off or collect children, this includes Abbey Oaks and After School Club collection. For your safety and wellbeing as evenings are still a little dark we have had additional lighting fitted along the driveway so that your walk into school is clearly visible. We are still encountering a few problems with vehicles coming on to site when not permitted to do so, so please can we ask that you park your vehicles safely outside of the school gates.

On a similar subject we have been contacted this week by a local resident on Abbey Road who has advised us that parents/carers dropping off and collecting their children are doing so in an unsafe way. Parents with buggies are having to walk on the road as footpaths are being blocked by people parking on them. Please for the safety of all our children, local residents and yourselves, please park sensibly and considerately to avoid any accidents. Please avoid resident driveways with dropped kerbs, zig zag and other road markings which prohibit parking.

While our building work is going ahead on site we are going to encounter traffic issues both on and off site so please work with us during this time to keep our children safe. Thank You

Year 6 Elder Maths Meeting

Please note this is taking part on Wednesday 8th of February at 3.45pm and 5.45pm not in March as listed on the last newsletter.

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 coordinators 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....



'My name is Leanne Murphy and I'm a Parent Governor. I have two children at the school, Keir Sawbridge in Year 5 and Mia in Reception. My background is in administration but my passion is education. I sit on three committees, Performance and Standards, Data and the Pay Committee. Having the opportunity to contribute to the success of our wonderful school which I care about passionately is an honour and a privilege. We are committed to supporting the school in delivering the best education possible for our children and encouraging them to be the best that they can be.'

House Points – CONGRATULATIONS Jaguar

Jaguar	Alvis	Humber	Riley
1953	1786	1913	1924

Toy Donations

Our Abbey Oaks wraparound team are appealing for any donations of unwanted toys that the children can play with in the mornings and at the after school sessions. Donations would be gratefully received, please see Danielle or any of the Abbey Oaks Team. Thank you

School Nurse Drop In Session

Stress **Sleep** **Relationships**

Toileting **DROP IN TO SEE YOUR SCHOOL NURSE Hayley Grigg** **Behaviour**

Family Problems **Coffee Morning at school** **Weight Concerns**

Confidential **FRIDAY 10th February 2017** **HEALTHY EATING**

Bullying

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to Ben, Jenson, Kye, Rajveer, Avika, Max S, James and Rihanna.



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

February 2017

Wednesday 8th February FST Yr R Vision Screening
Yr 6 SATs Maths Workshop 3.45p.m & 5.45p.m

Thursday 9th February Yr 3 Oak Class Assembly
Yr 2 Parent Maths Meeting 3.45p.m & 5.45p.m

Friday 10th February School Nurse Coffee Morning Drop-In

Tuesday 14th February Yr 4 Yew Alcester Museum Trip

Wednesday 15th February Yr 5 Parent Maths Meeting 3.45p.m & 5.45p.m

Thursday 16th February Yr 1 Parent Maths Meeting 3.45p.m & 5.45p.m

Friday 17th February Last day of school

Week of 20th February School Closed for Half Term

Monday 27th February School open - all pupils to attend

Book Week

March 2017

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day - details to follow

Fun for Families - Books and Breakfast

Thursday 9th March Yr 3/4 Parent Maths Meeting 3.45p.m & 5.30p.m

Wednesday 15th March Yr 3/4 Mosque Visit

Continued...

Friday 24th March Red Nose Day

Wednesday 29th March Dol-y-Moch Parent meeting 3.45p.m

April 2017

Week beginning Monday 3rd April No clubs this week (Abbey Oaks wraparound service open as usual)

Wednesday 5th April Parents Evening 3.00p.m - 5.00p.m

Thursday 6th April Parents Evening 4.30p.m - 7.00p.m

Friday 7th April Last day of school term

Monday 10th April - Sunday 23rd April School Closed For Easter Holidays

School open - all pupils to attend

Monday 24th April No clubs this week (Abbey Oaks wraparound service open as usual)




NHS South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

The Coventry School Nursing Team have launched two websites to provide health information for children, young people and parents.

Please share the website addresses below with anyone who may find the resources useful.

www.healthforkids.co.uk

HEALTHFORTEENS.CO.UK

For more information please email: Anne.Kennedy@swft.nhs.uk

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 this edition we recognise..

Stars of the Week Friday 27th January

- FST Chestnut - Connor & Mia
- FST Willow - Ben & Kaydon
- Yr 1 Ash - Alfie & Amelia
- Yr 1 Maple - Whole Class
- Yr 2 Sycamore - Oliver & Manvi
- Yr 2 Aspen - Advik & Joshua

Stars of the Week Friday 3rd February

- Yr 3 Oak - Hannah & Mikolaj
- Yr 4 Yew - Tanaka & Aniruddha
- Yr 5 Silver Birch - Leland & Ellie
- Yr 6 Elder - Millie & Josh (Young Voices)

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

