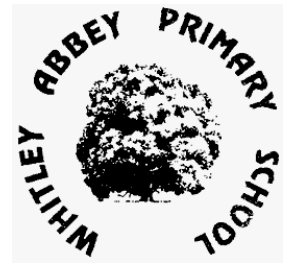


Newsletter



'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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February 17th 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really exciting half-term at Whitley Abbey Primary School with lots of exciting learning taking place. Just this week Year 1 were out in Whitley Woods enjoying a wellie walk, Year 2 had a visit to Saint James' Church and Year 4 had an exciting day out at the Roman Museum in Alcester. After the holiday Years 3 & 4 will be going on an exciting Mosque and Temple visit to find out more about the different cultures and religions, which are an important part of our school community. This also helps the children to understand the British Values of Tolerance and Respect, which are an important part of our Code of Conduct.

On Thursday 2nd March it will be **World Book Day** and we have a very exciting competition going on this year. The children need to dress as a character from a favourite book and make an object for that character. A prize will be awarded to every year group and we are hoping to display the special objects in the school library. World Book Day starts extra early this year with our special **Breakfast with Books** event at 8.15 am, all are welcome.

Every year group has held maths workshops for parents, (Year 3 & 4's being held in March), thank you very much to staff for organising these very informative events. Parents said they found them incredibly useful in knowing how to help their children with their maths. We have now carried out maths and reading workshops for parents, if you have any ideas for further workshops please let us know.

Our brand new **nursery** will be opening in September, application/expression of interest forms are available from the school office.

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 fantastic half-term holiday

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. Please can we ask that you park your vehicles safely outside of the school gates, avoiding resident driveways with dropped kerbs, the yellow zig zags 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.

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.

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....



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

House Points – CONGRATULATIONS Jaguar

Jaguar 2586	Alvis 2461	Humber 2514	Riley 2584
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Come and join us for 'Breakfast with Books'.

Reading with your child should be an enjoyable experience but finding the time is sometimes difficult. With that in mind, we are holding a 'Book Breakfast'. We would like to invite children, parents, grandparents & carers in to come along and share a book with your child as well as enjoying breakfast together! We will be providing breakfast snacks and books. We hope to see you there!

Date: Thursday 2nd March

Time: 8.15 - 8.45am

Place: School Hall



Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to Alfie, Dylan, William, Eva, Jake G, Mille, Keir, Joli, Billy, Harris & Lily-Ann.



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

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 - Costume & Competition

Fun for Families - Books and Breakfast 8.15-8.45am

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

Friday 10th March Abbey Oaks Open Session & Cake Sale 3.10pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 15th March Yr 3/4 Mosque Visit

Week beginning Monday 20th March Mother's Day lunches this week - details to follow

Friday 24th March Red Nose Day

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

FST Yr R & Yr 6 School Nursing Heights and Weights

April 2017

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

Continued.....

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)



One Body One Life Programmes

FREE 6 week course designed for families includes:

- ✓ 45 minutes of FUN physical activity
- ✓ 45 minutes of healthy eating workshop
- ✓ Health Checks at the beginning and the end of the course

Alan Higgs
Thursday 10:30 – 12:00pm
Starting 27th July

What's in it for you

- ✓ Gain confidence to live a healthier life
- ✓ Feel fitter and healthier

For more information on dates, times and to book your place please contact:
BABH Team on Tel: 024 7678 5627 (spaces limited)
www.coventry.gov.uk/beactivebehealthy
e-mail: beactivebehealthy@coventry.gov.uk





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PA FEBRUARY HALF TERM

active holidays **active MOVERS**

Monday 20th - Friday 24th February

CENTRE AT7

Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd	Friday 24 th
Street Dance Arts & Crafts Film Club Disco	TROLLS THEMED DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club	Gymnastics Cheerleading Zumba Active Movers Got Talent	DISNEY THEME DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club	Musical Theatre Arts & Crafts Irish Dancing Ballet

XCEL LEISURE CENTRE

Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd	Friday 24 th
TOY STORY THEMED DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club	Musical Theatre Cheerleading Gymnastics Ballet	TROLLS THEMED DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club	Street Dance Arts & Crafts Active Movers Got Talent Disco	DISNEY THEMED DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club





THE ALAN HIGGS CENTRE

Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd	Friday 24 th
DISNEY THEMED DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club	Gymnastics Cheerleading Zumba Active Movers Got Talent	TOY STORY THEMED DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club	Street Dance Irish Dancing Arts & Crafts Ballet	TROLLS THEMED DAY Includes Singing, Dancing, Arts & Crafts and Film Club

Time: 9.00am-3.00pm **Age:** 4-11 years

Cost: £12.00 per child, per day **OFFER:** £50 for the week, per site

Pick up a Get Active Children's Activities brochure in Centre, email vpearson@covsf.com or call 024 7630 8258 for more information

024 7630 8258 info@covsf.com www.covsf.com twitter.com/covsf facebook.com/covsf



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 10th February

FST Chestnut - Billy & Hollie
 FST Willow - Hannah & Mason
 Yr 1 Ash - Joseph-James & Harrison
 Yr 1 Maple - Kieran
 Yr 2 Sycamore - Joe & Olivia
 Yr 2 Aspen - Daniel & Alena

Stars of the Week Friday 17th February

Yr 3 Oak - Sresta
 Yr 4 Yew - Elsa & Rhys
 Yr 5 Silver Birch - Rory & Gosia
 Yr 6 Elder - Holly-Jo & Vinny

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

