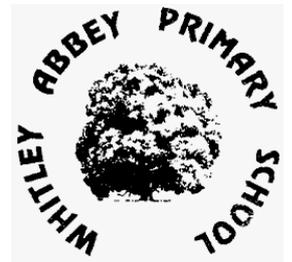


Newsletter



'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 a wonderful week in school this week, with the main focus being on World Book Day. Thank you very much to everyone who came along to our Books and Breakfast event. We were completely overwhelmed by your support. Thank you also for all the thought that went into the amazing costumes and imaginative competition entries. Thanks to all the staff who arranged these exciting experiences for the children: Mrs Holland, Mrs Basson, Mrs Dhami and Mrs Bi.

It is the time of year when we usually start to take our PE lessons outside, despite the weather. Classes will be doing outdoor lessons which will include orienteering, team building and the use of our trim trail. Could you make sure children have an outdoor PE kit which includes a sweatshirt, jogging bottoms, trainers and maybe a light jacket?

Young Minds Week - in the week beginning 20th March we will be focussing on children's mental health during assemblies and PSHE lessons. During this week we will be exploring some of the mental health issues that we all encounter during our lives, how to cope with stress and who to talk to when we are worried. Staff have recently been on training which looked at anxiety and depression in children. For example children can become very stressed and anxious during tests and exams and when significant changes occur in their lives. If you have any questions or thoughts about this please get in touch.

Wishing you all wonderful weekend.

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison
Head Teacher

Mother`s Day Lunches

After the success last year, Mother`s Day Lunches are being held week commencing 20th March 2017. Letters went home this week. If you would like to come to school and join your child at lunch, please return the slip by the 10th March 2017. Unfortunately due to space and safety issues this invitation is not extended to younger siblings and no crèche facilities can be provided.

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 Co-Ordinators 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....



David Lennox

I am currently employed by the Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub as an Enterprise Co-Ordinator. My role is to help schools and colleges to improve their careers and enterprise activities by linking employers and the self-employed to them, with the aim of motivating and supporting young people to make informed choices about their future and help them achieve against those choices.

Prior to joining the Growth Hub, I spent two years working for Hereward College as their Training Services Manager, four years with Coventry City Council as a 14-19 Adviser and nine years as a Partnership Manager with Coventry and Warwickshire Learning and Skills Council, working with local colleges, training providers and schools.

I have been a Co-Opted Governor since November 2015. I wanted to become a Governor of a local school as I want to support all young people to make the best of themselves, whatever their background. An opportunity to become a Co-Opted Governor of Whitley Abbey Primary School arose and living in the vicinity of the school and having a child who attends the school, I made the decision that I wanted to be more involved in supporting the school moving forwards as it continues to grow in size.

House Points – CONGRATULATIONS Alvis

| | <u>Jaguar</u> | <u>Alvis</u> | <u>Humber</u> | <u>Riley</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Weekly Total: | 303 | 390 | 325 | 345 |
| Current Term Total: | 303 | 390 | 325 | 345 |

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 as we have children onsite up to 6pm. 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.

Summer Holiday Camp

You may remember we sent out a letter a couple of weeks ago about the possibility of a Summer camp during the third week of the Summer holiday. We have had some interest but not enough to warrant us definitely going ahead so we are extending this for one more week to see if there is any further interest before we make a decision to proceed with it or not. Please return the reply slip to Ms McGrath in the school office by Friday 10th March. Thank you.

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Megan, Faith, Lilly-Rose, Radoslaw, Eliza, Keanu, Poppy, Amelia, Advik, Oliver, Melissa, Anna, Mikolaj, Tommy, Jovana.



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

March 2017

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

Thursday 16th March Year 2 Sycamore Class Assembly - parents welcome to attend 9.00a.m

Monday 20th March Mother's Day Lunch - FST Willow and Chestnut - 12.15p.m

Tuesday 21st March Mother's Day Lunch - YR 1 - 12.15p.m

Wednesday 22nd March Mother's Day Lunch - YR 2 - 12.15p.m

Thursday 23rd March Mother's Day Lunch - Y3/4 - 11.45a.m

Friday 24th March Mother's Day Lunch - YR 5/6 - 11.45a.m

Red Nose Day

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

FST Yr R & Yr 6 School Nursing Heights and Weights

Thursday 30th March Y 2 Aspen Class Assembly - parents welcome to attend 9.00 a.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**

Monday 24th April School open - all pupils to attend
No clubs this week (Abbey Oaks wraparound service open as usual)



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 3rd March

FST Chestnut - Nathan & Dayyan

FST Willow - Bethany & James

Yr 1 Ash - Lila-Belle & Rafael

Yr 1 Maple - Whole Class

Yr 2 Sycamore - Poppy O. & Indie

Yr 2 Aspen - Poppy S.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

