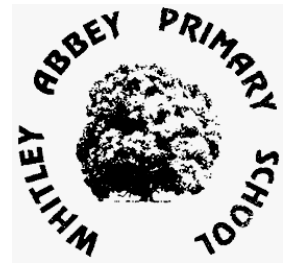


Newsletter



'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,

What an amazing two weeks we have had in school. The children inspire all of us on a daily basis and this morning's **Key Stage 1 assembly** really reflected this. We were treated to a showcase by Reception Willow which really showed the incredible learning the children are doing in literacy using Talk for Writing. Our Year 2 gymnasts really shone by achieving certificates for their recent success in the Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire County School Games Gymnastics Competition at The Alan Higgs Centre, they came first out of seven schools! The next round is in Solihull. What all of the Key Stage One award winners shared is a fantastic attitude to learning, with great resilience and a growth mindset. Thank you to Sycamore for an inspirational and educational assembly on Transport this week, we all learnt such a lot about this interesting topic. In Key Stage 2, Year 3 and 4 went on a trip to the **Mosque and Gurdwara**. This really helped the children to understand and share their different cultures. The work from this trip is already being used to inspire the children's writing and there are plans for an assembly and artwork based on the trip. The children were all complimented on their fantastic behaviour and great questioning! Thank you to Mrs Ferguson and staff for organising and to all our parents for supporting this important work. Reverend George from St. James Church said that he was incredibly proud of the children and that they were great ambassadors for our school. See below for some of the children's reflections on the trip.

"We went to the Mosque and the Gurdwara with Y4. The Mosque was very interesting. We've learned which Mosque profit Mahamid died and we also learned how Muslims pray. We went to the Gurduara. It was very interesting. We've learned all about the Holy Book and all about the Gurus".

"My favourite part was the singing the man sang at the Mosque. I've learned how Muslims and Sikhs pray".

"On the trip I most enjoyed the Gurdwara when we all have to be... quiet! I liked it when I saw the man with a stick that had Yak`s hair on it."

"My favourite bit was when the man sang us a page of the Quran. At the Gurdwara we saw a man waving the Chauri Sahib over the Holy Book."

"I really enjoyed being in the Mosque. In the Gurdwara, Sikhs wore a special bangles that are gold or silver. The Holy book was called the Guru Granth Siheb."

"I really enjoyed when we saw Guru Granth Sahib's bed and the Langar and I think that it's amazing that everyone is welcome no matter what."

"I enjoyed learning about how they eat. I enjoyed the trip! I loved it, it was exciting."

"I learned that the 2 main Mosques is were Muhammad died and was born, so the first one was where he was born, the second one is where he died."

"I enjoyed learning about how they all do most things on the floor together, rich or poor on the ground. Only the disabled and elderly sat on chairs. In the Langar food is free and that's equal".

Next week in school is our **Young Minds Week**, this is to raise awareness across our school community that it is up to all of us to improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health of our children. Problems can be caused by simple worries and anxiety from moving classes and taking tests, to more complicated issues like bereavement and divorce. Please check our Whitley Abbey Primary School Facebook page for updates about activities in school.

Please come along and enjoy some coffee and cake at our fundraising event next Friday in aid **Myton Hospice**. It's a great chance to catch up at the end of the week and support a wonderful cause.

Good luck to all our runners doing the Dol-y-moch mile on Sunday, I'm really looking forward to it!

Have a wonderful weekend with your families.

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison
Head Teacher

Childcare Vouchers

Do you use our Abbey Oaks provision or considering it? If so we are looking into the possibility of accepting childcare vouchers as payment. We would be interested to know which childcare vouchers you would use if you were to use this facility as there are so many voucher options available to parents wanting to use childcare. If you have an interest in this please provide the school office with information. We will keep you updated with developments. Thank you

Summer Camp

Following our letter earlier in the term we have received interest from parents regarding the possibility of a week's Summer Camp during the main Summer holiday, w/c 7th August working with one of our regular sports providers in school. Originally we advertised this as a Football Summer Camp, however we have decided to incorporate a variety of activities during the day as opposed to the camp just doing football, so that there will be enjoyment for everyone. If you did not return the slip but are interested in your child/children attending this camp please speak with the office for the information. The cost per day for the camp is £12.50 (9am-3pm) or £17.50 (8:30am - 4:30pm). A deposit (non-refundable) is required with the balance due at the end of June. If you have any queries or questions regarding this or require a booking form then please speak with the office.

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 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....



My name is Jason Holmes and my role is parent governor having started the role in November 2016. My eldest daughter is currently in year three and youngest is in Acorns. I have worked around education for the last twelve years and am looking forward to working with the governors, parents and staff in the future.

<u>House Points – CONGRATULATIONS</u>				
	Jaquar	Alvis	Humber	Riley
Weekly Total:	236	267	400	313
Current Term Total:	303	1111	1277	1129

Uniform Price Increase

We have been notified by our suppliers that as of April 2017 there will be a small increase on the school uniform prices. Orders can be placed via the school office.

Movie Munchie Night.

Abbey Oaks will be holding a movie munchie night on Monday 27th March for Foundation and KS1, and on 30th March for KS2. This will begin immediately after school from 3.30pm and finish at 6pm. Please collect your child promptly from the main office door at 6pm.

Thank you.

Football Holiday Camp.

Sky Blues in the Community run Fun Football Holiday Camps every school half term. Football Camps are open to boys and girls aged 5-12 years old. The emphasis of these camps is for players to have fun and play plenty of games regardless of age or ability. Each camp day consists of a morning of skills, games and challenges followed by an afternoon of football matches and tournaments. All children attending a full camp will receive a Sky Blues Medal, CCFC Tickets and will be in with a chance of receiving one of three awards - the Respect Award, Star Player or the Coaches' Award. Winning any of these awards and you will play on the Ricoh Arena Pitch at half time during a CCFC game. To book please contact 02476 786 349 or visit <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/coventrycity/>

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Alena, Ayyan, James, Minerva, Charles, Kian, Samantha, Kasey, Gracie, Rachit, Harry, Samuel, Summers, Isabelle, Divya.



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

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

Fundraising for Myton Hospice - please look out for a flyer from Mrs Holland

Monday 27th March Movie and Munchie Night - FST & KS1

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

Movie and Munchie Night - KS2

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

Parents Evening 4.30p.m - 7.00p.m

Thursday 6th April

Awards Assembly - FST & KS1

Friday 7th April

Awards Assembly - KS2

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)

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May

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 17th March

FST Chestnut - Roxy & Marcus

FST Willow - Ben & Rose

Yr 1 Ash - Jackson & Alex

Yr 1 Maple - Tejasv

Yr 2 Sycamore - Joshua & Shaney-Ellis

Yr 2 Aspen - Amelia & Millie

[Well done Y2 Gymnastic Team!!!](#)

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

