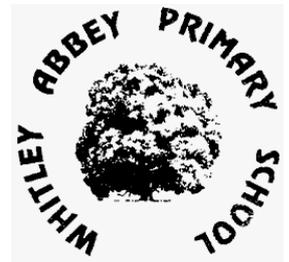


Newsletter



'A high-achieving learning environment at the heart of our community where everyone is inspired, nurtured and encouraged to be their very best.'
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break, I hope you all had time to relax and enjoy the good weather before this week's cold 'snap'. The children and staff have come back raring to go and really look refreshed.

This week it has been world **Climate Change Week**, following **Earth Day on 22nd April** and we have been thinking about the small things we can do to help save the planet, like turning off the lights when a room is empty and turning the tap off to save water while we brush our teeth. We have also thought about the importance of trees and we are running a competition in school, which goes with this. The children can also do this work at home, either create a piece of artwork or a poster showing the importance or beauty of trees. There is a prize of gardening goodies for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2. Entries will be displayed in school.



Enter our exciting competition to win gardening goodies. Entries to Mrs Harrison by Wednesday 3rd May



Nursery. In September this year we will be opening our new nursery to provide our children with the best possible pre-school learning. The nursery will initially be opening within the school, this will give the planners an opportunity to respond to the concerns of local residents regarding access and parking and to get everything just right for the opening of our brand new nursery building. At the moment we are able to do this as we have an empty classroom which will be a good temporary nursery and the school is not yet full to capacity, this will not happen until 2020. A separate letter consulting you about proposed changes to the school day should be with you today.

Our assemblies over the next two weeks will be 'Good to be me' and our school anti-bullying strategies, which we are focussing on termly. 'Good to be me' explores feelings in the context of the child as an individual, developing self-awareness and helping the child to realise that it really is 'Good to be me'. The theme is about understanding our feelings as well as considering our strengths and weaknesses as learners.

Code of conduct. This week we have been checking up on school uniform as part of our code of conduct. Children who don't have correct school uniform will be given a reminder note. Plain black shoes or trainers please. This includes correct PE kit, football strips are not allowed for PE lessons but are fine for after school football practise. A white t-shirt and dark shorts for PE lessons please.

Have a fantastic weekend

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison

Head Teacher

Uniform Reminder

Code of Conduct - We wear our correct school uniform.

Girls

- **Winter**

White blouse or white polo shirt, grey skirt or grey trousers, bottle green cardigan/jumper or school sweatshirt/cardigan, white socks, sensible shoes preferably plain black

- **Summer**

White short sleeved blouse, white polo shirt with grey skirt / trousers or green and white check dress.

Boys

- **Winter**

White shirt or white polo shirt, grey trousers, bottle green jumper or school sweatshirt, white, grey or black socks, sensible shoes - preferably plain black

Summer

White short-sleeved shirt or white polo shirt with grey shorts or trousers. (Year 6 can be black).

Parents are asked to support us by ensuring that their children wear school uniform. The wearing of jewellery is not allowed. Only stud earrings and wristwatches may be worn. Pre-loved uniform can be purchased for 50p per item from the rail in the main reception.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PE kit

A plain white t-shirt and dark shorts.

Pumps for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE.

Jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor, cold weather PE (teacher will inform).

Childcare Vouchers

Following some interest and enquiries from parents/carers regarding school introducing Childcare Vouchers for payment of sessions of Abbey Oaks and our Nursery in the future, we have looked into this and have now set up an account with Care-4. We will be looking at other voucher providers in the future based on information provided by our parents/carers and will keep you informed of developments. In the first instance we will start with Care-4 and trial this provider. If you are interested in using Childcare Vouchers or require further information please contact the Abbey Oaks team. Alternatively you can find information on the Care 4 website www.care-4.co.uk.

Litter

We have recently been made aware of some litter issues along the Ash Path and have also brought it to the attention of Whitley Academy. Please encourage children to 'Love where you live' and to dispose of litter responsibly. Please report any litter problems within school to the office or out of the school grounds to Coventry City Councils Street Scene. <http://www.coventry.gov.uk/streetscene> Thank you



Please be aware that from Wednesday 3rd May we will no longer be able to accept the old style £5 notes. Thank you.



House Points – CONGRATULATIONS

	Jaguar	Alvis	Humber	Riley
Weekly Total:	204	211	215	185
Current Term Total:	204	211	215	185

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....



Jessica Mason

Hello, my name is Jessica Mason and I have only very recently joined the *Governing Body* of Whitley Abbey Primary School (at the end of the last school year), so I`m still taking time to settle in and meet everyone and get to understand how the school operates.

I currently work as a Tax Adviser (specialising in VAT) for a local practice based in Leamington and Coventry and have worked in this specialism for approximately 25 years.

On a personal note, my family consists of myself, my partner, my daughter (who is now in Year 8 at Secondary School) and the family pet (Olly, the dog, who likes to push boundaries when it comes to where he sits and sleeps).

I chose to become a *Governor* as it is my opportunity to give something back and support a local school to achieve one of its ambitions to be the best provider of life chances through the education it provides to the children of the school.

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Gabriel-Alexandru, Joseph, Charlie, Joseph-James, Aimee, Darcy.



Dates For Your Diary

May 2017

Monday 1st May

Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 2nd May

School open - all pupils to attend

No clubs this week (Abbey Oaks wraparound service open as usual)

Monday 8th May

Clubs start this week

Wednesday 17th May

School Disco - KS2 - 5.30pm

Week commencing 15th May

Y3 Swimming lessons all week - pm

Thursday 18th May

Y1 Ash - Class Assembly - 9am

Week commencing 22nd May

Y4 Swimming lessons all week - pm

Monday 22nd May

Dol-Y-Moch Trip - Y6

YR - Hearing Test

Thursday 25th May

Y1 Maple - Class Assembly - 9am

Friday 26th May

Last day of term

Week commencing 29th May

School closed

Monday 5th June

School re-opened- All Pupils to attend

Thursday 8th June

September Rising 5 Parent Evening- doors open at 5pm

Friday 9th June

Camp out - KS2 - details to follow

Week commencing 12th June

Y5 Swimming lessons all week - pm

Monday 12th June

Father`s Day meal - YR - details to follow

Tuesday 13th June

Father`s Day meal - Y1 - details to follow

Wednesday 14th June

Father`s Day meal - Y2 - details to follow

Thursday 15th June

Father`s Day meal - Y3/Y4 - details to follow

Friday 16th June

Father`s Day meal - Y5/Y6 - details to follow

Week commencing 19th June

Y6 Swimming lessons all week - pm

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.





Awards

We are very proud of all of our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work,

In this edition we recognise..

KS2 Achievement Assembly Friday 07/04/2017

Gold Award - Juee (Y3), Savannah (Y4), Isabelle (Y5), Dylan (Y6)

Silver Award - Hannah (Y3), Libby (Y4), Rory (Y5), Vinny (Y6)

Bronze Award - Philip (Y3), Osam (Y4), Gosia (Y5), Sophie (Y6)

Stars of the Week Friday 28/04/2017

FST Chestnut - Harris & Lily

FST Willow - Hannah & the Whole Class

Yr 1 Ash - Amelia & Ruby-Rose

Yr 1 Maple - Joseph & Lillie-Rose

Yr 2 Sycamore - Gracie & Mihnea

Yr 2 Aspen - Summers & Anna

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

