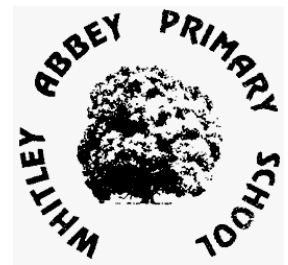


Newsletter



'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,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all have had a great holiday and enjoyed some quality family time. The children have come into school looking very smart in their school uniforms and they have settled in well over the last three days.

Whitley welcomes some new team members to our team; Miss McIntosh in Year 1 Ash, Miss Moriarty in Year 3 Elm and Mrs Kim in Year 5 Silver Birch. Welcome back also to Mrs Nero (previously Miss Collyer) who is back following maternity leave.

After waiting for our Ofsted report throughout the summer, it arrived this week and can be found on the school website. We are delighted that we continue to be a Good school, the report sums us up very well:

"You have established a happy and welcoming ethos within the school. You are ably assisted by a united and supportive team. All adults play a key role in promoting a good standard of education for pupils and providing high levels of nurture and support. Carefully tailored provision is provided for individuals and groups. This ensures that they achieve well. Pupils enjoy school, attend regularly and feel safe."

The report also highlights the next steps for our school and the full report can be found on the school website.

We would like to say a big thankyou to the team from Jaguar Land Rover who have transformed our wildlife garden and created an outdoor learning area for our nursery children, complete with mud kitchen. We have also improved the front playground by having the whole area around the gazebo turfed.



During September our main homework focus is on reading. This will really give all the children the chance to develop good reading habits and a love of reading. We are encouraging the children to read every night to develop this habit, even if it is only for a short time. Children can change their books every day. All children can borrow two books from the library, one fiction and one non-fiction. They will have class time to use the library but the library will be open to everyone 3.30pm-4.00pm on a Tuesday and Thursday. Happy reading everyone! We are consulting with the children to see which new books they would like for the library.

We are all looking forward to our new school year, we have invested in the curriculum for the next year so that topic work is more engaging and challenging for the children. Each key stage will have an Arts Carousel afternoon to focus on art, design technology, dance, drama and music. Our newsletter is updated fortnightly and is available to read on our school website along with lots of other news and information. Paper copies can be requested from the school office.

Please pop into school between 3.30 and 4.30pm on Monday 11th September to meet your children's new teacher and see their new classroom.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families

Jules Hall

Headteacher

Purple Mash

Purple Mash resource is used widely throughout school and can also be accessed from home. Pupil logins can be found inside their reading record diaries. Please take a look with your child to see all the exciting and interesting activities.

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.

Exciting News!

We have been listening to comments and suggestions from our parents and carers, one of which, as the school grows, is for an online payment system, which allows you to pay for items payable to the school without the hassle of sending in cash or cheques to school. We are pleased to advise that we have now purchased Sims Agora, which will allow you to do this with immediate effect. You should by now have received you invitation letter.

Should you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office. Thank You (Ms M McGrath, Finance & Resources Manager)

Staff Car Park

Children are continually playing around the staff vehicles, either running around them or riding scooters, in the car park in front of the main office during the morning while waiting to come into school. We do not want any accidents nor damage/scratches to staff vehicles so can we please ask that you ensure your children do not play in this area at any time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Data Sheets/Pupil Information & Consent

As most of you will be aware in September each year we have sent home your child's data sheet for you to check and amend (if necessary). We have found in previous years that many of these are returned with no changes to them so the decision has been made to no longer send these out at the start of the school year moving forward. We rely on our parents/carers to ensure that their child's data/contact information is **always** up to date in case of emergency so we would ask that if any details change throughout the school year that you notify the office immediately so the office can update the details.

This will also apply to the consent forms that you completed for local visits/trips, photographs etc. Should you wish to change these details at any time please speak with the office so the records can be updated. This means that any information/data we hold for your child will transfer into the next school year.

Vehicles On-Site

Just a polite reminder that NO vehicles are permitted on site that do not belong to staff or known visitors, this is for your own safety. As the Tiverton build progresses parking is becoming increasingly difficult and therefore we would ask that all parents/carers park outside of the school grounds. This applies to dropping off/picking up from Abbey Oaks and after school clubs. Thank you for your assistance.

Attendance

To gain 100% attendance over the year children must have been at school for every registration, both morning and afternoon. In light of this, we therefore encourage parents, where possible to make appointments outside of the school day but we do appreciate that this is not always possible dependent on the medical condition/appointment. In light of this if an appointment is mid-morning or afternoon we ask our parents/carers to bring the child in for registration and then allow them to leave immediately afterwards to enable you to reach your appointment in good time. This means that your child's attendance percentage is not affected but you are also able to attend the appointment in question. In the event where it is not possible for the child to be in school for registration due to the appointment time then in this instance their attendance percentage would be affected, i.e. loss of 100% attendance.

Childcare Vouchers

Just to advise we are now also accept FIDELITI Childcare vouchers as well as Care4 for the payment of Abbey Oaks provision.

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Libby, Betsy, Alok, Sresta, Harry, Olivia, Marcus, Grace, Eila, William, Tia, Lacie, Maisie, Bethany, Cameron, Caspar, Marko, Sophie, Myrah, Elissia, Soumit, Lilly, Mia, Rudy, Dougie, Fiona, Layla Rose, Lila-Belle, Lila-Belle, Leison, Connor, Indie, Charlie, Olivia, Ljyn, Iyiola, Andrew, Layla-Rose, Megan, Benjamin, Emily, Rafael, Emily, Bradley, Rishabh, Arian, Emily, Joseph, Daniel.



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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

September 2017

Week commencing 11th September

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Nursery and Reception start school.

Thursday 14th September

SUPERTOTS Re-starts.

Monday 18th September

CLUBS START THIS WEEK.

Friday 29th September

Macmillan Bake Off - details to follow.

Monday 16th October

Parents` evening - time TBC

Tuesday 17th October

Parents` evening - time TBC

Wednesday 18th October

Fun for Families - details TBC

Friday 20th October

Teacher`s Training Day- SCHOOL CLOSED - No pupils to attend.

Monday 23rd October - 27th October

HALF-TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 30th October

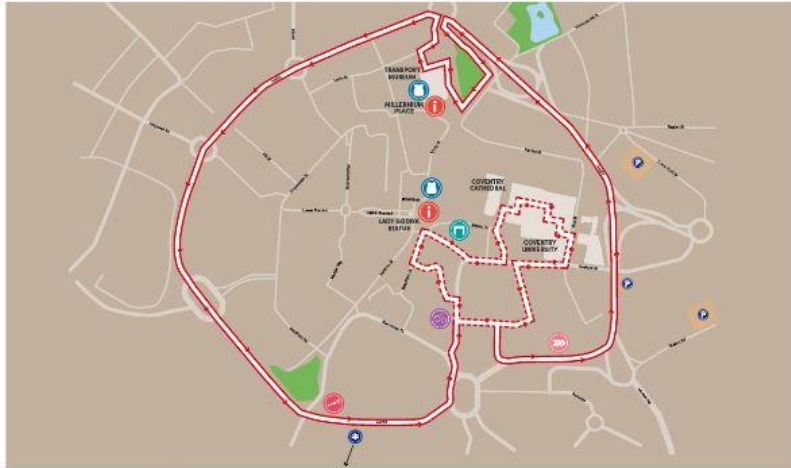
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- BIB COLLECTION
- GANTRY
- TOOT YOUR HORN ZONE
- SIR CHRIS HOY SPEED CHALLENGE
- BUBBLE TUNNEL
- RAILWAY STATION
- PARKING



SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
BROADGATE, 11AM-3PM
ROUTE LENGTH 7KM
LETSRIDE.CO.UK



FOR BIG KIDS.
FOR LITTLE KIDS.
FOR TRAFFIC-FREE FUN.
FOR EVERYONE.
FOR COVENTRY.



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