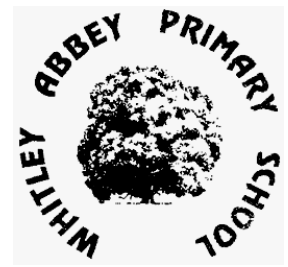


Newsletter



'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/Carers,

Well the holiday is here and what a whirl wind half term it has been. The children are working really hard and have really hit their stride since they came back after Christmas. Attendance has really improved as we seem to be winning the battle now against the many sickness bugs which caused so much illness in the Autumn term. Regular attendance in school has a huge impact on a child's progress - if they are not in school they can't learn and they struggle to catch up when they come back in. Children who regularly miss a Friday or Monday are significantly behind their classmates. Thank you for all your support on this, it makes a huge difference.

World Book Day 1st March - this year we will be celebrating World Book Day by continuing our Fairy Tale theme which got off to such a great start with our Story Telling Workshops and Performances. The children can either come dressed as a favourite fairy tale character or one they have invented through their story writing. There will be prizes and certificates for each year group.

Uniform and PE kit - just a reminder that children are expected to wear a white t-shirt and either black or navy shorts for PE. No football shirts. Football kits can be worn for after school football clubs only.

Carousel - every week the children take part in a carousel of arts activities. For one month they do either art, dance, drama, music or design technology with a teacher who has a specialism or interest that subject. Over the next two years we are working towards achieving the Artsmark and carousel is a key part of this. At the end of each term we have a special celebration of all of the arts where children perform and share their work with the school. After the holiday we are including our friends from Tiverton School in our carousel afternoons and we are very excited about the work we will be doing and the new friendships we will make.



Have a wonderful holiday with your families.
Jules Hall, Head Teacher



Sims Agora - Online Payment System

Just a reminder we would like to encourage our parents who have not yet registered for Sims Agora, our online payment system, to register. The unique reference you will have been originally sent may have expired. If this is the case please speak with the office who can extend this date for you which will allow you to continue with your registration.

We are receiving payments from parents for school meals, uniforms, trips and Abbey Oaks sessions so the system is proving popular as opposed to sending in cash or cheques to school. Moving forward in the future we will be requesting that parents pay for certain things via Sims Agora only, to avoid large amounts of cash being received in to the office.

Therefore, please register for an account as soon as possible.

If you have any queries or questions on the system please speak with a member of the office 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 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....



Amy McGrory

My name is Amy McGrory, and I have been a governor at Whitley Abbey Primary School for nine years. I am very dedicated to the school and am looking forward to my new role as Chair.

I started as a parent governor when both my children were at the school and now am a co-opted governor. I am also chair of the resources committee as well as being a link governor with the local Authority. I have spent a lot of time in school over the years both as a parent and as a governor and feel I know our school extremely well.

I feel it's a privilege to be part of such a great school and I am excited about the years ahead, with our fantastic Ofsted report and the opening of the new nursery to come!

House Points – CONGRATULATIONS

	Jaguar	Alvis	Humber	Riley
Weekly Total:	225	215	250	327
Current Term Total:	1475	1318	1400	1268

Pupil Attendance

Big Congratulations to Year 2 Aspen for the best attendance!

Medicine

If your child needs medication during the school day, upon completion of our Medicine Form, we can administer prescribed medication only. Parents or carers are welcome to come in to school to administer any other necessary non-prescribed medication. Please do not send any medication in with your child; it must come in via the office.

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Jake, Lokesh, Keir, Jolanna, William, Harris, Lily-Ann, Faith, Lilly-Rose, Radek, Eliza, Finley.



Safeguarding Children

child

after afternoon registration

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 2018

Monday 26th February SCHOOL OPEN - ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND
9am - PTA Waist Watchers at Abbey Oaks

March 2018

Thursday 1st March 8.15am-8.45am - Books for Breakfast Event - details in the Newsletter
World Book Day - details to follow

Monday 5th March 12.15 - Mother`s Day Lunch - Reception Willow & Chestnut
PTA Mother`s Day Gifts - details to follow

Tuesday 6th March 12.15 - Mother`s Day Lunch - Y1 Ash & Maple
PTA Mother`s Day Gifts - details to follow

Wednesday 7th March 12.15 - Mother`s Day Lunch - Y2 Aspen & Sycamore
PTA Mother`s Day Gifts - details to follow

Thursday 8th March 11.45 - Mother`s Day Lunch - Y3 Oak & Elm

Friday 9th March 11.45 - Mother`s Day Lunch - Y4/Y5/Y6
PTA Mother`s Day Gifts - details to follow

Wednesday 14th March 3.40pm - Football Match via Cannon Park- HOME

Week commencing 19th March Sport Relief Week
Last Week of Clubs

Tuesday 20th February 4.30pm - NURSERY OPEN EVENING

Week commencing 26th March NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday 26th March 9am - PTA Waist Watchers at Abbey Oaks
Parent Evening (afternoon) - details to follow

Tuesday 27th March

Parent Evening (evening) - details to follow

Thursday 29th March

KS2 Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
Autism Awareness Day
Last Day of School

April 2018

Monday 16th April

SCHOOL OPEN - ALL PUPIL TO ATTEND
NO CLUBS THIS WEEK



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 9th February

- Reception Chestnut - Ava & Troy
- Reception Willow - Olivia, Minnie & Hattie
- Year 1 Ash- Lilly & Paige
- Year 1 Maple - Layla-Rose & Samuel
- Year 2 Aspen - Samuel & Agjiec
- Year 2 Sycamore - Jack

Stars of the Week Friday 16th February

- Year 3 Oak - Logan & Beau
- Year 3 Elm - Grace & Tommy
- Year 4 Yew - Seresta & Antena
- Year 5 Silver Birch - Ben & Sophie
- Year 6 Elder - Whole Class

Congratulations and keep up the good work!



ICE HOCKEY AT THE SKYDOME ARENA

24th Feb vs Guildford Flames, 7pm

3rd Mar vs Edinburgh Capitals, 7pm

School Promotion

£7 PER TICKET

(CANNOT BE EXCHANGED FOR CASH
MAXIMUM OF 2 ADULTS AND
3 CHILD TICKETS PER BOOKING)

**TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL
DALEBUCKLAND@COVENTRYBLAZE.CO.UK
BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE GAME**

