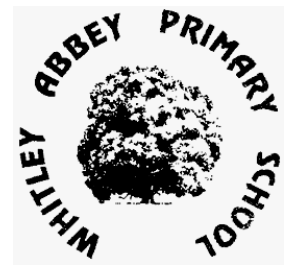


Newsletter



'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,

The sunshine has definitely been inside the building, from the smiles on the children's faces this month. It is just as well, as I can't remember a September as wet and dreary as this one! The children have coped very well with the weather and the return to school and we now have a range of clubs and activities at lunchtime and after school.

Next week we have two exciting events. We are looking forward to a visit from the author of the Pet Defender series of books, Gareth P Jones on Monday afternoon. This will be an inspirational event for the children and the opportunity to meet a 'real' author and hopefully inspire their own story writing. On Friday we are again supporting **MacMillan** with a **Bake-Off**, this time it is the children's opportunity to show off their baking skills by baking the best cupcakes. Parents are welcome to come for coffee and

cake from 2.30 pm, either with or without their children. 🍰

Behaviour in school - behaviour around school is very good and we do many different things to encourage good behaviour. We have introduced a clearer system of level 1-4 for unacceptable behaviour with very clear consequences, you should have received a letter about this already.

Walking bus and parking - well done to all the children who walk to school every day, either with parents or the walking bus. We are really trying to improve the parking situation and safety for the children around school, so if you can walk please do. If there are any volunteers who could walk with the walking bus, we could increase the number of spaces. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer, it all



adds to that daily step count!

Our 'much-loved' Chair of Governors, Bill Faulks has decided to step down as Chair of Governors from this term. Bill has been a governor at our school for thirty five years and has always put our school first. He can frequently be seen in school supporting and encouraging staff and children, both Bill and his wife Judy always help on school trips and support all our school events. He will remain as part of the Governing Body and has a particular interest in working across the whole campus developing links with Tiverton School and ensuring his dream of a school nursery comes to fruition. We want to thank him for being a wonderful friend to our school. Amy McGrory, will take over as Chair of Governors and is really looking forward to the challenge.

If you would like to **volunteer** in school please get in touch with the school office. We are always on the look-out for volunteers, particularly to hear children read.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families

Jules Hall

Headteacher

Taster Week

Week commencing 2nd October, our kitchen will be providing bite size samples of school meal options to all of our children, who currently bringing a packed lunch. This is so they can try some of the options, should they wish to change to the school meal.



Whitley Waist Watchers

Our P.T.A run a confidential 'Whitley Waist Watchers' group every Monday at 9.00a.m in our Abbey Oaks room. It is free to come along to share friendly slimming tips and advice with the optional weigh in.

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....



Helga Haughton

I have been a Governor since 2012, 1st as a Parent Governor and now as a Co-opted Governor. I enjoy the challenge of the role in supporting the school, ensuring a safe and caring environment that encourages all children to learn, develop and progress to the best of their abilities. I have 2 children who attend Whitley Abbey and also work as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant supporting year 2 children at another school in Coventry.

House Points – CONGRATULATIONS

	<u>Jaquar</u>	<u>Alvis</u>	<u>Humber</u>	<u>Riley</u>
Weekly Total:	391	367	427	363
Current Term Total:	391	367	427	363

Thank you to Parents!

Big thank you to ALL parents for supporting the Library Roald Dahl week and we would like to inform you that Author of the Pet defender series, Gareth P. Jones is coming to our school on Monday 25th September for a book signing.

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. Therefore, 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 accepting EDEN RED and FIDELITI Childcare vouchers as well as Care4 for the payment of Abbey Oaks provision.

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Troy, Edward, Nadia, Keira, Janet, Malgorzata, Summer, David, Callum, Gracie-Mae, Lola, Vivian, Joshua, Aryan, Brooke, Freya, Hiren, Hannah, Lewis.



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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

Monday 25th September 9am - Whitley Waistwatchers - Abbey Oaks Room.
Meet the Author - open to Years 1-6

Wednesday 27th September School Photos - school pupils only.

Friday 29th September Macmillan Bake Off - details to follow.

October 2017

Week commencing Taster Week.
2nd October

Thursday 12th October School Photos - external siblings, Supertots and absentees.

Monday 16th October 9am - Y6 Assembly
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 SCHOOL OPEN - ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND

Week commencing Anti-Bullying Week
13th November

December 2017

**Week commencing
4th December**

LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

Friday 8th December

2.15pm-3.15pm- Fun for Families - Christmas Crafts - details to follow.

**Week commencing
11th December**

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 12th December

School Christmas Dinner - details to follow

Thursday 14th December

FST/KS1 - Christmas Performance- details to follow

Friday 15th December

Christmas Fayre - details to follow.

Tuesday 19th December

KS2 Christmas Performance - details to follow

Thursday 21st December

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Tuesday 9th January

SCHOOL OPEN - ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND

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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 15th September

Yr 3 Oak - Beau & Alex

Y3 Elm - Advik & Divya

Yr 4 Yew - Soumit & Alfie

Yr 5 Silver Birch - Nadia & Aimee

Yr 6 - Evan, Alok & William

Stars of the Week Friday 22nd September

Y1 Ash - Ollie & Eva

Y1 Maple - Nathan

Y2 Aspen - Emily

Y2 Sycamore - Harry & Alicia

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

