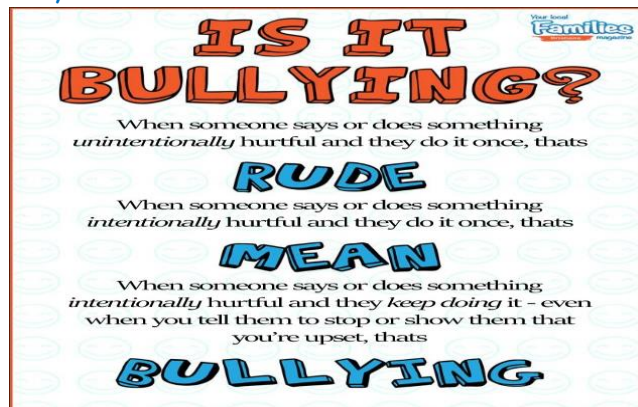


Issue No. 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a chilly week this week, but still no snow, disappointing lots of the children (and quite a few adults too). You should have received a note on Thursday about how we will keep you informed about any school closures due to bad weather. Please see below for further information.

Half-term homework. We will be sending some interesting homework home for the half-term holiday, which will be work which parents and children should do together. This will be an information booklet about bullying, so that children can share their knowledge and understanding with their parents. These booklets will be age appropriate and will have tasks which give you the necessary information for your child's age group. Something which helps all of our team, children and adults alike is:



Curriculum update. Next Tuesday 5th February we will be introducing **Times Tables Rockstars** to all the children with a morning of times tables activities and a spot of dressing up as our favourite rockstars. Please look out for more information on using the app at home. This will support all of our maths work in school, we are working really hard this year to improve children's fluency of key facts in maths.

Parent's Evening. Please book your appointment from Monday 4th February - this mid-year meeting is so important and teachers really appreciate support from home in helping the children to reach their full potential. Please see below for more information.

Harry Potter Night is next Thursday 7th February at 5 pm, if you have booked a place come along, dress up as your favourite character and share your knowledge of these great books and films.

Ilam Hall Residential. Not long to go now until Year 5 go on their very first residential trip to Ilam Hall in the Peak District. The whole class are so excited and there is a very exciting schedule of adventurous, outdoor activities planned for them. Many thanks to Miss Cripps, Mr Bordley and Miss Phillips for supporting the children on this great adventure.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families and stay warm,

Jules Hall and all The Whitley Abbey Primary Team

Nursey Information

Does your child turn 3 before 31st August 2019? If so are you interested in a Nursery place for them from September 2019? Children are eligible for 15 hour nursery funding per week, the term after their third birthday. Please speak to the office to complete our expression of interest form.

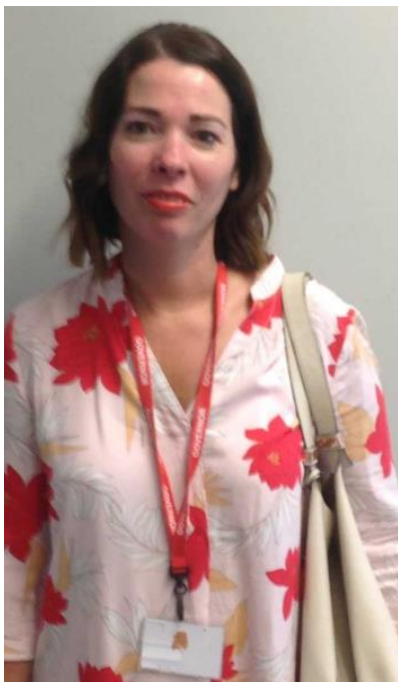
Parents Evening

Our appointment sign up sheets for the upcoming Parents Evening will be displayed on our doors from Monday 4th February. We will be holding Parents evening on Monday 11th February between 3pm and 6pm (last appointment at 5.50pm) and on Tuesday 12th February between 4.45pm and 7pm (last appointment at 6.50pm). Please spread the news. 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 am a Chair of Governors at Whitley Abbey Primary School where I have been a governor for ten years. I am very dedicated to the school.

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.

House Points – CONGRATULATIONS!!!

	<u>Jaguar</u>	<u>Alvis</u>	<u>Humber</u>	<u>Riley</u>
Current Term Total:	821	785	881	763

Congratulations to Y3 Oak & Y6 Elder for the best attendance!!!

Mother`s Day Lunch

We are sending letters home with your child/children on Monday 4th February regarding the Mother`s Day Lunches that we will be holding week commencing 25th March. Please whenever you pay in cash or via Sims Agora still return the slip with your meal choice indicated. Please also remember that we cannot extend the invitation to younger siblings including babies due to health and safety. Closing date for all orders and payments is 8th March due to pre-ordering food. We will be unable to accept slips after this date. Thank you.

Parking Outside of School Drop Off & Collection of Children

We have received numerous complaints lately from local residents regarding parking outside of school, many of which we know belong to our parents. We try to work closely with our neighbours and would ask for the safety of residents, our pupils and their families that you park considerately by not blocking driveways with dropped kerbs, disabled parking bays etc. Parking on the corners of Rutherglen and Ashington is prohibited due to double lines as well as the zig zag lines outside of the school gates. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Minnie, Aiden, Jenson, Kye, Rajveer, Avika, Maya, Rihanna, Alfie and Anish.



Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
05.02.2019	Rock Star Day – no uniform just rock clothes
07.02.2019	Year 3 Oak Class Assembly 5pm - Harry Potter Night
08.02.2019	KS1 Achievement Assembly – YR Chestnut Showcase
11.02.2019	3pm-6pm - Parents Evening – by appointment only
12.02.2019	4.45pm – 7pm - Parents Evening – by appointment only
14.02.2019	Final Session of Cycling Proficiency for Y6 Class
15.02.2019	KS2 Achievement Assembly – Y5 Showcase
w/c 18.02.2019	Half Term Break – back to school on Monday 25.02.2019
19.02.2019- 22.02.2019	Holiday Club - ELITE
25.02.2019	SCHOOL OPEN – ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND
25.02.2019- 27.02.2019	Y5 – Ilam Hall Residential Trip
07.03.2019	World Book Day 8.15 am – 8.45 am – Books for Breakfast – details to follow
25.03.2019	Mother`s Day Lunch – Reception Willow & Chestnut
26.03.2019	Mother`s Day Lunch – Y1 Ash & Maple
27.03.2019	Mother`s Day Lunch – Y2 Sycamore & Aspen
28.03.2019	Mother`s Day Lunch – Y3 Oak & Elm and Y6 Elder
29.03.2019	Mother`s Day Lunch – Y4 Yew & Pine and Y5 Silver Birch
w/c 01.04.2019	CLUBS FINISH THIS WEEK
10.04.2019	YR – Trip to Hatton Country World- details to follow
12.04.2019	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
15.04.2019- 28.04.2019	EASTER HOLIDAY
29.04.2019	SCHOOL OPEN – ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND
w/c 29.04.2019	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
06.05.2019	MAY BANK HOLIDAY
13.05.2019- 16.05.2019	Y6 SATS WEEK
24.05.2019	FRIDAY 24th MAY – NO LONGER A TEACHER TRAINING DAY SCHOOL OPEN AS NORMAL -All staff and children to attend
27.05.2019 – 02.06.2019	Half Term Break
03.06.2019	Teacher`s Training Day – School Closed for Pupils
03.06.2019 – 07.06.2019	Y6 – Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip – details to follow
04.06.2019	SCHOOL OPEN – ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND
18.06.2019	Y2 & Y3 Performances
21.06.2019	Garden Party/Summer Fair
05.07.2019	Summer Fayre – details to follow
w/c 08.07.2019	Last week of CLUBS Art Gallery
11.07.2019	Years 4-6 Performances
16.07.2019	9am - Y2 Moving Up Assembly
17.07.2019	100% Attendance Trip
18.07.2019	Y6 PROM
19.07.2019	Y6 Leavers Assembly LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
22.07.2019	Monday 22 nd July – is now a Teacher Training Day



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 25th January

Reception Chestnut - Roxy & Matin
Reception Willow - The Whole Class
Year 1 Ash - Eva & Brooke
Year 1 Maple - Hadyah & Louie
Year 2 Sycamore - The Whole Class
Year 2 Aspen - Adam & Ashwanth

Congratulations and keep up the good work!



SIMS AGORA INFORMATION !!!



Updates to SIMS Agora

SIMS Agora is getting a new look!

SIMS Agora will be renamed to **SIMS Pay** from February 2019.

Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather over night, we will make sure that we let you know via Facebook and the school website whether school is open. We will aim to post a message as early as possible, between 7 - 7.30 am. Also in the event of bad weather, the following radio stations broadcast regular information.

- **BBC Coventry & Warwickshire (94.8 and 103.7 FM)**
- **Free Radio (97.0 FM and 102.9 FM)**
- **Radio Plus (101.5 FM)**
- **Touch FM (96.2 FM)**
- **Heart FM (100.7 FM)**

The decision is always made with children, family and staff safety in mind.