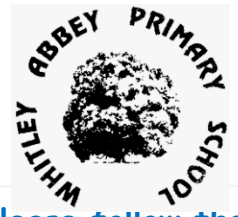


# Newsletter

*'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*



Issue No. 9 (For the full version of the newsletter including dates please follow the link on the school website.)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unbelievably we have reached February half-term already. It is wonderful to see the days becoming longer again and that the children can arrive and leave school in full daylight.

## Curriculum News

**Countries Day** was a great success this week with the children experiencing the language and culture of a variety of countries around the world; including France, Romania, South Korea, Italy and India. Thank you very much to Mrs Phythian (our Modern Foreign Language Lead) and all the staff for offering such exciting opportunities to the children.

**World Book Day will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** this year and the children are being asked to dress as a favourite book character and to either bring a the book or a copy of the cover to school. This isn't a normal non-uniform day, so anyone not dressed as a character will need to come in school uniform. There will be a book-token prize for the best costume from each class. Mrs Dhami (our Literacy Lead) is arranging all the Book Day and Book Week Activities and has already sent a letter home about all the activities.

**Times Tables Rockstars** got off to a great start last week with our launch day. Please encourage the children to dip into this over the holiday.

**Accelerated Reader Awards** Assembly and bouncy castle treat will be after the holiday. Many parents commented on the success their children have enjoyed since beginning Accelerated Reading during Parent's Evenings. Thank you so much for your support with this, the work you do at home with the children really does have a huge impact.

An **Anti-bullying Workbook** should be with you now for the half-term holiday. The main purpose of this is to encourage discussion around what bullying is and to raise awareness of the dangers children face on line. Please let us know how useful this was to you as a family. All booklets should be returned to school after the holiday for a chance to win a 'Worry Monster' in the prize draw. Please also follow this link to carry out an interactive on-line exercise on the Anti-bullying Alliance website:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/interactive-anti-bullying-tool-parents>

**British Science Week.** We will be celebrating British Science Week from 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March. Each year group has been allocated a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) practical investigation to complete. Some of these activities require a whole day, some are only an afternoon. They are scientific enquiries based on real life situations that allow the children to design and create something at the end. These activities will all be done during the school day but we are also looking for any parents/carers/family members who were in STEM industries to come into school to share what they do with the children. More information on this soon from Miss Cripps (our Science Lead).

Thank you so much to everyone who completed a questionnaire, parking comment slip or Accelerated Reader comment slip at Parent's evening. I will report back on this after half-term, there was some incredibly useful information.

Have a wonderful holiday  
Jules Hall

**Final payments**

We are currently working on the school`s financial year end and therefore all charges for wraparound sessions, dinners, trips, clubs etc. up to and including Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March must be included in this year`s accounts. In light of this can you please ensure payments for all these are paid no later than close of business on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

**Snack Alert**

Please when providing your child with round or cylinder shaped fruits/vegetables such as grapes, cherry tomatoes etc. make sure they are cut in half to prevent choking. 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...



**Patrick Smith**

My Career - My background is a technician working predominantly in the Life and Pension business.

Why a Governor? - With the intention (hope) of helping the children and the school. I believe that when learning has an element of fun it will be desired more. Improvements, even small ones, can set a child on an ultimately brighter course for life.

Type of Governor - 'Co-Opted'

How long I have been a Governor - since May 2012

**House Points – CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

|                     | <b>Jaguar</b> | <b>Alvis</b> | <b>Humber</b> | <b>Riley</b> |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Current Term Total: | 1506          | 1358         | 1561          | 1480         |

**Congratulations to Y6 Elder for the best attendance!!!**

## Mother`s Day lunch reminder

Just to remind all Parents/Carers about 8<sup>th</sup> March as closing date for placing orders for Mother`s Day lunch.

## Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: William, Eva, Samantha, Jake, Meenakshi, Lokesh, Kyron, Sai Shanmukha, William, Lily-Ann, Muhammad, Faith & Lilly-Rose.



Whitley Abbey Primary School

Code of Conduct

We celebrate our diversity and include everyone.

We have good manners and treat everyone with respect.

We use kind words, hands and feet.

We work hard to achieve our goals by being ready to learn, listen and take part.

We are honest.

We care for our school and everything in it.

We wear our correct school uniform.

We walk quietly around school.

We are good friends and try to help others

**Dates for your Diary**

| <u>Date</u>                | <u>Event</u>   |
|----------------------------|--|
| w/c 18.02.2019             | Half Term Break – back to school on Monday 25.02.2019  |
| 19.02.2019-<br>22.02.2019  | Holiday Club - ELITE   |
| 25.02.2019                 | <b>SCHOOL OPEN – ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND</b>  |
| 26.02.2019                 | Willow Music performance for Parents   |
| 25.02.2019-<br>27.02.2019  | Y5 – Ilam Hall Residential Trip  |
| 27.02.2019                 | Chestnut class music performance – Parents are welcome   |
| 07.03.2019                 | World Book Day<br>8.15 am – 8.45 am – Books for Breakfast – details to follow  |
| 17.03.2019                 | Children`s Mile  |
| 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             | <b>CLUBS FINISH THIS WEEK</b>  |
| 03.04.2019                 | 4.45pm - New Nursery Parents Evening   |
| 10.04.2019                 | YR – Trip to Hatton Country World  |
| 12.04.2019                 | <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>  |
| 15.04.2019-<br>28.04.2019  | <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>  |
| 29.04.2019                 | <b>SCHOOL OPEN – ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND</b>  |
| w/c 29.04.2019             | <b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</b>  |
| 06.05.2019                 | <b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>  |
| 13.05.2019-<br>16.05.2019  | <b>Y6 SATS WEEK</b>  |
| 24.05.2019                 | <b>FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY – NO LONGER A TEACHER TRAINING DAY<br/>SCHOOL OPEN AS NORMAL -All staff and children to attend</b> |
| 27.05.2019 –<br>02.06.2019 | Half Term Break  |
| 03.06.2019                 | Teacher`s Training Day – School Closed for Pupils  |
| 03.06.2019 –<br>07.06.2019 | Y6 – Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip – details to follow   |
| 04.06.2019                 | <b>SCHOOL OPEN – ALL PUPILS TO ATTEND</b>  |
| 12.06.2019                 | 5pm – 6.30pm – Fun for Fathers – details to follow   |
| 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<br>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<br><b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>   |
| 22.07.2019                 | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3 Oak - Whole Class

Year 3 Elm - Ryley & Lila-Belle

Year 4 Yew - Grace

Year 4 Pine - Joshua

Year 5 Silver Birch - Amieleigh & Atena

Year 6 Elder - Whole Class

**Congratulations and keep up the good work!**



**SIMS AGORA INFORMATION !!!**



**SIMS Agora is getting a new look!**

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