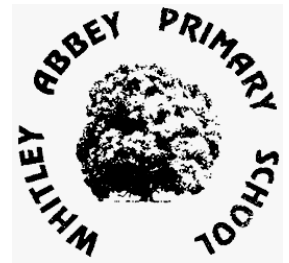


Newsletter



'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,

A very busy week in school this week as Year 6 took their end of Key Stage SATs, we are so proud of them and how hard they have worked during their time at Whitley Abbey and particularly recently in Year 6. Year 2 are also working hard on their end of Key Stage 1 SATs and we are trying to keep those as relaxed and stress free as possible, hopefully the children might not even realise they have done them! Thanks to all our wonderful Year 6 and Year 2 staff for all their hard work.

Consultation: changes to the school day. Please have your say, we have had around fifteen responses and they are very helpful as these share what the impact would be for our families. There have been some really positive suggestions about other things we can do to improve parking and access in the area, all ideas gratefully received. So email the school, send a letter or just catch me for a quick chat. The idea of a walking bus has been met very positively but we really need people to sign up for the trial.

Year 4 and 5 Camp Out - help needed. Calling all camping enthusiasts - we will need help during the week beginning June 4th to put up the tents for the camp out. Over the week all classes use the tents as an outdoor classroom, but it is quite a job to get all the tents up and down. Could you please get in touch if you can help?

Reading. Look out for an information leaflet coming home regarding a reading app linked to our school library system. The app allows children to search for books on particular topics and by favourite authors, which we have in our library. It also suggests next reading choices and children can write a blog to share with their friends.

Warwick Arts Centre - on Sunday our amazing choir went to Warwick Arts Centre to sing with Coventry and Warwickshire Youth Orchestra, Mrs Phythian was so proud of them, they sang beautifully.

Many thanks to everyone who completed the parent's questionnaire at parent's evening, the results are below. We are doing more anti-bullying work next week, we do a termly update on this, ask your children who they can talk to in school and the difference between rudeness, meanness and bullying if you are unsure about how we deal with this matter in school.

Have a fantastic weekend

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison

Head Teacher

Sainsbury`s Active Kids Voucher

Just a reminder that we are still collecting school vouchers until 30th June. Thank you.

Polite Reminder

This is a polite reminder asking parents not to let their children play tig etc and run around the car park in the mornings to avoid damage to vehicles or accidents.

Thank you.

Walking Bus Trial

Please be aware the Walking Bus Trial will take a place week commencing 12th June not 15th May as advertised previously. Don't forget to sign your child up at the office!

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 for 8 years. I first became interested in becoming a Governor as I had two children attending the school. I am now Deputy Chair as well as being a Link Governor to the Local Authority, receiving and sharing information with the governing board. Although both of my children have now left I still feel very much a part of the school because of the work I do as a Governor. I particularly enjoy coming into school and seeing our children thrive in such a friendly and nurturing environment. I currently link with the subject leaders in Art, English and also Abbey Oaks, looking at progress and attainment within those subjects.

House Points – CONGRATULATIONS

	<u>Jaquar</u>	<u>Alvis</u>	<u>Humber</u>	<u>Riley</u>
Weekly Total:	206	202	211	234
Current Term Total:	647	664	676	658

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Freya, Juee, Shrija, Tejasv, Evan, Jack, Muhammad, Rose, Charlie, Jenson, Gabriel, Rubie-Lea, Ellie, Drishika.



Parent Questionnaire - Spring 2017

Statements	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at school.	110 - 79.7%	27 - 19.6%	1 - 0.7%	0	0
My child is safe at school.	106 - 77.4%	30 - 21.9%	0	0	1 - 0.7%
My child makes good progress at this school.	98 - 71.5%	38 - 27.8%	0	0	1 - 0.7%
My child is well-looked after at this school.	103 - 74.6%	35 - 25.4%	0	0	0
My child is well taught at this school.	100 - 72.99%	34 - 24.82%	1 - 0.73%	0	2 - 1.46%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	76 - 55.5%	56 - 40.9%	4 - 2.9%	1 - 0.7%	0
This school makes sure its pupils are well-behaved.	86 - 62.3%	46 - 33.33%	3 - 2.2%	1 - 0.72%	2 - 1.45%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	63 - 46.32%	44 - 32.35%	4 - 2.95%	0	25 - 18.38%
The school is well-led and well-managed.	100 - 72.99%	36 - 26.28%	0	0	1 - 0.73%
The school responds well to concerns I raise.	91 - 66.9%	38 - 27.9%	2 - 1.5%	0	5 - 3.7%
The school gives me regular opportunities to join in school life.	98 - 71.54%	37 - 27%	1 - 0.73%	1 - 0.73%	0
I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress.	85 - 62.04%	46 - 33.58%	4 - 2.92%	1 - 0.73%	1 - 0.73%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	104 - 76.47%	30 - 22.06%	0	1 - 0.735%	1 - 0.735%
I know who the Governors are and I know about the work they do for the school.	51 - 36.96%	59 - 42.75%	11 - 7.97%	0	17 - 12.32%
The school provides me with news and advice on how to keep my child safe on the internet.	82 - 59.85%	49 - 35.77%	2 - 1.46%	0	4 - 2.92%
I know I can use the parents' suggestion box or meet with the staff to share my ideas about the school.	87 - 63.5%	44 - 32.12%	2 - 1.46%	0	4 - 2.92%

Dates For Your Diary

May 2017

Week commencing 15th May Y3 Swimming lessons all week - pm

Wednesday 17th May School Disco - KS2 - 5.30pm
Y6 - Science Campus Day at Warwick University

Thursday 18th May Y1 Ash - Class Assembly - 9am

Friday 19th May Y2 - SATS Party- details to follow

Week commencing 22nd May Y4 Swimming lessons all week - pm

Monday 22nd May Dol-Y-Moch Trip - Y6

YR - Hearing Test

Thursday 25th May Y1 Maple - Class Assembly - 9am

Friday 26th May Last day of term

Week commencing 29th May School closed

Monday 5th June School re-opened- All Pupils to attend

Thursday 8th June September Rising 5 Parent Evening- doors open at 5pm

Friday 9th June Camp out - KS2

Week commencing 12th June Y5 Swimming lessons all week - pm

Monday 12th June Father`s Day meal - YR - 12.15pm

Tuesday 13th June Father`s Day meal - Y1 - 12.15pm

Wednesday 14th June Father`s Day meal - Y2 - 12.15pm

Thursday 15th June Father`s Day meal - Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 - 11.45am

Week commencing 19th June Y6 Swimming lessons all week - pm

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.





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 12th May

FST Chestnut - Billy, Bella-Rose & Mini
FST Willow - Aarya & Eva
Yr 1 Ash - Mario & Rafael
Yr 1 Maple - The Whole Class
Yr 2 Sycamore - Lexi & Faith
Yr 2 Aspen - Emily & Jake

Stars of the Week Friday 5th May

Yr 3 Oak - Megan & Atena
Yr 4 Yew - Aimee M. & Tia
Yr 5 Silver Birch - Callum
Yr 6 Elder - The Whole Class

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

