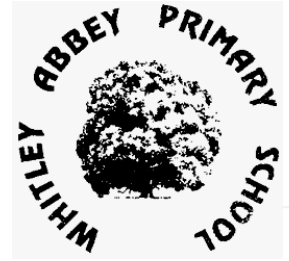


Newsletter

'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



12th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all have had a great holiday and enjoyed a well-earned rest! The children all seem to have settled well and have made a good start to the term.

Whitley welcome some new team members to our staff; Miss Jenkins in Reception Chestnut, Mrs Ofori in Year 2 Aspen, Miss Johnston in Year 3 Oak, Mr Brown in Year 5 Silver Birch and Mrs Riley who is our P.P.A Cover Teacher throughout the school. Welcome back also to Mrs Dhimi, who is back following maternity leave.

As you may know I am Acting Headteacher and hope that this will give our school the stability which is needed. Our children are wonderful and they do deserve the very best opportunities that we can give them. I love Whitley Abbey Primary and all of our team are just fantastic – children, parents and staff, there is nothing we cannot do together. Always please call in for a chat if you have any queries or concerns, it is much better to get any problems sorted out straight away.

We would like to say a big thankyou to the apprentices from Jaguar Land Rover who have transformed our courtyard area with picnic tables, a great sandpit and a mural on the wall. We are really pleased with the difference it has made.

We are just starting a new house points system in school based on the famous car manufacturers of Coventry: Jaguar, Alvis, Humber and Riley. All staff and children will be in one of these houses for the whole time they are at Whitley Abbey Primary School. All of the Dojo points children earn will count as house points too. Throughout the year we will have different events in school to help build pride in their houses and develop team work, such as sports events and quizzes. At the end of each half term the winning house will receive a special treat.

During September our main homework focus is on reading. This will really give all the children the chance to develop good reading habits and a love of reading. We are encouraging the children to read every night to develop this habit, even if it is only for a short time. Children can change their books every day. All children can borrow two books from the library, one fiction and one non-fiction. They will have class time to use the library but the library will be open to everyone 3.30-4.00 on a Wednesday and Friday. Happy reading everyone!

We at Whitley are all looking forward to our new school year, with new staff and pupils settling in, seeing how the children progress and moving forward with all the exciting and varied things every new day brings. Our newsletter is updated fortnightly and is available to read on our school website along with lots of other news and information. Paper copies can be requested from the school office.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead,

J. Harrison

Mrs Jules Harrison
Acting Headteacher

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant within school. Hours of work will be from 12 noon to 1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only excluding teacher training days. If you are interested please speak to Ms McGrath in the school office for an application form and details of the post. Closing date Friday 30th September with an interview date to be arranged.

Data Collection Sheets

We will be sending data collection sheets home this week. Please check them, amend any changes, sign and return them to school. Please ensure they are signed and returned even if there are no changes as it is imperative we have up to date contact and medical details for the children in our care.

School Dinners & Payment

We have returned this September to the same lunch menu as the last school year, however following Ms McGrath and the kitchen team conducting surveys with the pupils a new menu has been devised which shall start after the October half term.

Please can we remind parents and carers that the school's policy is a week's notice if you are changing from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa. All school meals must be paid for in advance or on the day taken, priced at £2.00 a day unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Infant School Meals (KS1 and FST only).

Fun for Families

Mrs Holland, Mrs Basson and Coventry City Council are holding an Autumn Fun for Families course for parents and pre-school children, running for 4 weeks from Monday 26th September 1pm – 3pm. It will involve lots of fun activities, storytelling, songs and rhymes etc. For more information please see Mrs Holland and Mrs Basson.

Birthdays

This week we send congratulations to Megan S, Ruby H, Emily B, Bradley, Emily H, Joe D, Daniel H, Kiara D.

We hope you have a wonderful day!



Please visit our school website for news and information at <http://whitleyabbeyprimary.co.uk/>
You can also follow us on Twitter with the link on the web page.

Dates For Your Diary

<u>September 2016</u>	
W/C 5 th & 12 th Sept	No after school clubs this week (Abbey Oaks wraparound will be on as usual)
Tuesday 13 th September	'Tea and Tissues' PTA event for Rising 5 new starter parents
Monday 19 th & Tuesday 20 th September	'Tea and Tissues' PTA event for Rising 5 new starter parents
W/C 19 th September	Clubs start for those who have received a confirmation of place
Wednesday 28 th September	School Photographs (Pupils/Siblings only)
Friday 30 th September	McMillan Coffee Event – details to follow
<u>October 2016</u>	
Thursday 13 th October	School Photographs (Supertots Group)
Friday 21 st October	Last day of term
W/C 24th October	School closed for half term
Monday 31 st October	School re-opens, all pupils to attend

* At these events please only take photos of your own child at the end – Thank you

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