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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed some family time. The children have come back to school really relaxed, happy and raring to go. They are all looking super smart in their uniforms, thank you so much.

New Staff

We have welcomed five new members of staff to our school for the start of the year:

Mr Sam Hannis-Williams has joined us as Year 2 Sycamore teacher as Miss Bourne is now teaching in Year 4 Pine, Miss Amy Sharma has joined us as Year 4 Yew teacher as Miss Nzungi has sadly left us to return to Romania and Miss Rachel Froggett has joined us as Year 3 Oak teacher as Mrs Dhama is now teaching in Year 5 Cedar.

We welcome all of our new starters, both children and adults, and look forward to them being part of the Whitley Abbey Team.

Meet the Teacher

'Meet the Teacher' day this year is on Tuesday 10th September from 3.30 - 4.00 pm. Teachers are always available at 3.30 pm each day if you are unable to come on the 10th.

Reading

For all of September the children have only reading as homework as we want to get them off to a great start. Across the school every child has to read a minimum of three times per week (more if possible) and they need their diary signed by you. If you can also write a comment, that would be great. This week we have been getting the children started with their Accelerated Reader Star Tests from Year 2 - 6. This will give us the correct information to make sure the children are reading books at the right level of interest and challenge for them. Please support us in developing this life skill, an ability to read confidently will help them throughout life and a love of reading is a wonderful hobby and is great for mental health.

Dates

Some important dates for your diaries coming up later this term:

Parents evenings on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October

Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance 10th December

Nursery will do their own Christmas performance in the nursery this year, date to be confirmed and KS2 will do a carol concert (tbc) at Christmas with their main performances later in the year.

More dates can be found on the full version of the newsletter on the school website.

Headteacher's lottery

Children can win a ticket for the lottery with good work, effort, attitude or behaviour. Raffle tickets will then go into a weekly assembly draw and small prizes and certificates will be given.

Growth mindset

We will be awarding weekly certificates to our Growth Mindset Superheroes in assembly, this week we are working on team work and the skill of collaboration - a great life skill.

Have a wonderful weekend

Jules Hall

Head Teacher

Polite Request

Please label any property you would like returned to your child. It can be impossible to find otherwise.

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Layla-Rose, Megan, Benjamin, Emily (Y3), Emily (Y5), Rafael, Bradley, Rishabh, Max, Emily (Y4), Joseph, Daniel, Troy & Edward.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10.09.2019	Year 1 Super hero WOW day – dress up as heroes 3.30-4pm – Parents to meet and greet Teachers
w/c 16.09.2019	Clubs start this week
27.09.2019	2.30pm – 3.30pm - Macmillan Cake Coffee Event – details to follow
10.10.2019	9am – Harvest Assembly – Parents invited
14.10.2019	4pm-7pm – Parents evening – by appointment only
15.10.2019	2.30pm – 5pm – Parents evening – by appointment only Y2 – Y6 – School photo- details to follow
17.10.2019	Nursery, YR & Y1 – School photo – details to follow
18.10.2019	School closed for children – Teacher Training Day
21.10-25.10.2019	Half term
28.10.2019	School re-opened – all pupils to attend
31.10.2019	KS2 – Diwali Assembly – Parents invited
10.12.2019	YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance, tickets available from 31.10.19

Reciprocity Ranger Team Work



- Collaboration
- Listening
- Inspiration
- Imitation

 A promotional poster for Blaze Hockey. It features a large image of a player in a blue jersey on the left. On the right, there is text and logos.

BLAZE HOCKEY IS BACK!!
Special school offer

Elite League Skydome Arena

Sunday 8th September vs. Sheffield Steelers (5.30pm)
Saturday 14th September vs. Fife Flyers (7pm)

Adult £10 Under-16 £6
(Normal price Adult £18 Under-16 £10)

To book tickets email: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com
And quote the name of our school (max 5 per-person)

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

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