



Issue No. 4 - November 1st 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it's been a very busy week at Whitley Abbey and the children have really benefitted from the weeks holiday. Let's hope everyone can stay fit and healthy up till Christmas.



We had a wonderful Diwali assembly this week which all of KS2 took part in; the children had found out so much about this wonderful celebration through their Religious Education lessons. We also enjoyed an amazing Bharatanatyam dance from a group of our girls who had learnt the dance outside of school. They were definitely a highlight and wowed us with the intricacy of their performance and their beautiful costumes.

Attendance - thank you for all your support in encouraging your children to have such good attendance, it makes a huge difference to their learning as the children cannot make progress if they are not in school. It is also a government requirement that children have a minimum of 95% school attendance. Poor health is unavoidable but if you can work with us to take holidays during the school holidays only this has a massive impact on children's achievement in school. We now have a regular attendance panel meeting which parents will be invited to if a request for term time holiday is received.

Safeguarding

Please support us in not using mobile devices on the school site. This is to safeguard the children. Anyone who does this will be tackled by school staff. Assemblies and performances always include an opportunity for individual photographs at the end.

Christmas Plays

This year there will be separate Christmas plays from Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1. Nursery's play will be performed in the nursery. Reception and Key Stage 1 will both have two performances. We are selling tickets for these performances for 50p a ticket from the school office (available now). For the reception performances 4 tickets per family for each performance and for the KS1 performance 2 tickets per family for each performance (due to numbers) This is to raise money for school fund so that we can have wow days and class treats. There are no tickets needed for nursery. KS2 will have their plays later in the year.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the Rugby.

Kind regards

Mrs Hall

Headteacher

Tickets on SALE!!!

Dear Parents/Carers KS1 Christmas Performance tickets are currently on sale at the school office for £0.50 each. All money will go towards school fund.

Change in dates for Reception Nativity

Reception Nativity will be hold now on Thursday 12th December at 10 am and 2 pm.

Flu Vaccination Reminder

Due to Flu Vaccination on Wednesday 13th November, please return forms ASAP. Thank you

Birthdays

This edition we say 'Happy Birthday' to: Hannah, Avyukt, Roxy, Adithya, Sofia, Andrei, Cody, Arsh, Isla, Chloe, Igor, Jaxon, Olivia, Ryley, Lucia & Amelia-Rose.

Good bye and Good Luck!

We are saying a sad farewell to Miss Sabela who has been an important part of our office team. She has a new full time job at Baginton Fields Special School. We will miss her very much!

<u>House Points – CONGRATULATIONS!!!</u>				
	<u>Jaguar</u>	<u>Alvis</u>	<u>Humber</u>	<u>Riley</u>
Current Term Total:	389	348	327	342

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
05.11.2019	New Reception children 2020 tour
06.11.2019	Year 4 WOW Day – details to follow
07.11.2019	Y5 Silver Birch Class Assembly
08.11.2019	KS2 Achievement Assembly – Y4 Pine Assembly
w/c 11.11.2019	Anti-Bullying Week
11.11.2019	3.30pm-5.50pm - Y2 Sycamore Parents Evening – by appointment only 3.45pm & 5.30pm – Y3 & Y4 Reading meeting
13.11.2019	Flu vaccines – YR-Y6
14.11.2019	3.30pm – 5pm – Y2 Sycamore Parents Evening – by appointment only
15.11.2019	Children in Need Event TBC
22.11.2019	KS1 Achievement Assembly – Y1 Maple Showcase
w/c 25.11.2019	Last week of Clubs
28.11.2019	Y5 Cedar Class Assembly YR Hearing Test
29.11.2019	KS2 Achievement Assembly – Y6 Showcase
w/c 02.12.2019	Test week
05.12.2019	YR Trip to Warwick Arts Centre 9am – Y4 Yew Class Assembly
06.12.2019	Y1 Trip to Warwick Arts Centre 9am – KS1 Achievement Assembly – Y2 Aspen Showcase
10.12.2019	10am & 2pm - Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance, tickets available from 01/11/2019
11.12.2019	Y3/Y4 Theatre Trip to see Peter Pan – details to follow
12.12.2019	10am & 2pm – Reception Nativity – tickets on sale from 01/11/2019 Y5/Y6 Theatre Trip to see Peter Pan – details to follow
13.12.2019	2pm – 3.15pm - Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Crafts
17.12.2019	11.30am – School Christmas Lunch for pupils
20.12.2019	Last day of school before Christmas
23.12.2019 – 03.01.2020	Christmas Break
06.01.2020	Back to school



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 1st November

Year 1 Ash - The Whole Class
Year 1 Maple - Aaron
Year 2 Sycamore - Jenson & Lola
Year 2 Aspen - Macie & William

Stars of the Week Friday 11th October

Year 3 Oak - Salahuddin & Janae
Year 3 Elm - Paige & Charlie
Year 4 Yew - Kevin & Rafael
Year 4 Pine - Tejasv
Year 5 Silver Birch - Amelia & Samuel
Year 5 Cedar - Kye & Amelia
Year 6 Elder- Jake and Daniela

Congratulations and keep up the good work!





DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

Come and meet other parents in a similar situation as you. Relax over coffee/tea and chat in a friendly, non-judgemental environment together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2019
10 am – 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

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SEND Information, Advice and Support Service
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

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SMITHFORD WAY
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CV1 1FY



DO YOU CARE FOR A CHILD WITH
ADDITIONAL NEEDS AGED 0-5?

COME ALONG TO OUR FREE WORKSHOPS!

Our welcoming and informative sessions cover a
range of topics, including:

Help and support near you | Help with education
How to handle meetings | Encouraging positive behaviour

Venue: Limbrick Wood Centre, Thomas Naul Croft, Tile Hill,
Coventry CV4 9QX

10.00 am – 12.00 pm (refreshments at 9.30 am)

contact *For families
with disabled children*



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WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Tuesday 5 November

WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT & HELP IN YOUR AREA

Find out about the range of local and national support services available for you and your family.

Tuesday 12 November

HANDLE MEETINGS: PRACTICAL HINTS & TIPS

Develop skills to feel more confident in making decisions about your child when meeting and communicating with professionals, and help you look after yourself and your family.

Tuesday 19 November

ENCOURAGING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

We will look at why our children behave the way they do, how to encourage positive behaviour and top tips to help.

Tuesday 26 November

GET WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

We will focus on the educational support that children and young people are entitled to with regards to their special educational needs.

Tuesday 3 December

UNDERSTANDING SLEEP

We will look at the importance of sleep and why sleep problems may occur, how to introduce a sleep routine and top tips to help.

Bookings can be made by calling Helen Davies on **07966 161 753** or by emailing **bookings@contact.org.uk** or contact Coventry IASS on **024 7669 4307** or **IASS@coventry.gov.uk**

Additional childcare costs can be reimbursed if required.
Please ask when booking.

