



Newsletter

Issue No 17,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support with our arrangements to combat Covid. As I am sure you are aware there is a rise in cases in the local area and this has also led to a rise in cases in school. This week year 1 and 2 were informed of a confirmed case, but at the moment we do not need to close the bubble as there has only been one case. Please continue to err on the side of caution and keep children at home if they have symptoms until you have a negative pcr test result. Symptoms can include a cough, high temperature, loss of taste and smell, a sore throat and cold-like symptoms. We have had several staff isolating with suspected symptoms awaiting pcr results so there has already been disruption within the school. Due to the increase in cases across the city there was no supply cover available today.

On last week's newsletter we detailed all the protections we have in place which effect parents directly but there have also been other changes to the school day. To keep bubbles separate and ensure we had the best lunch time support possible we reduced lunch time to 45 minutes from one hour. During this time teaching staff supervise children eating lunch in classrooms which has led to much quieter and calmer lunch times. This has enabled us to have additional support outside at lunchtimes to organise more activities and again to keep bubbles separate. Although this was done as a covid protection it has been hugely beneficial to the children, lunchtime behaviour issues are virtually unheard of and the children have much calmer and happier lunchtimes. It has also meant that we have increased the teaching time each day. To make up for the 15 minutes of lost playtime we have introduced a short 15 minute PE lesson each day, led by the class teacher as the children's fitness and wellbeing continues to be a priority for us.

When we first suggested the earlier finish time on a Friday this was only to do a deep clean but it has also enabled us to shorten lunchtime. We are continuing to deep clean on a Friday and Wednesday whilst Covid is prevalent but we would like to continue with the earlier Friday finish of 2.20-2.30 pm to maintain the lunchtime benefits. To make this a permanent change there will need to be a parent consultation which will be done when we can remove the other Covid mitigations. Our priority is to keep the children safely in school, so that they have the education and experiences they need and to protect everyone in the school community.

From Monday we will return to our original morning opening times; gates will open at 8.40 am for nursery and doors will be open from 8.45 – 8.55 am. We would encourage all children to get to school on time as they will receive a late mark if they are late, on the rare occasions they arrive later they should enter via the main entrance.

We have added a slight staggered collection to the school day, which we would like to keep. So collection is from 3.20 – 3.30 pm, 2.20 – 2.30 pm on a Friday. Parents can collect anywhere within this ten minute time slot. The last collection for nursery is 3.45 pm, 2.30 pm on a Friday.

Working with



MacMillan Fund Raiser – to raise children's awareness of the importance of citizenship, one of our curriculum drivers, we will be talking about this throughout today. Thank you very much for your contributions, the children look so cheerful and colourful today.



Harvest – unfortunately there will be no parent assemblies but the children will be involved in harvest celebration assemblies in school in the week beginning 11th October. A virtual presentation from Food Bank will be shared with them and again we will focus on citizenship and community. We will be doing our usual collection for food bank and a list of the key items they need will be in next week's newsletter. Please send donations into school from Monday 11th October.

As ever if you have any questions or remarks regarding our newsletter or any part of school life, please contact us via email, phone or by catching us on the playground.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Jules Hall

Head teacher

Whitley Abbey Primary School



Dates for your diary

<u>Date 2021</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 24th September	McMillian fund raiser and dress up day.
8th October	Mental Health Day in school – activities throughout the day
Week beginning 11th October	Harvest week in school. Parents please send in donations for Food Bank throughout this week.
Tuesday 12th October	School Photos for whole school
Week Beginning Monday 18th October	Parents Consultations by phone or teams this week. Consultations for SEND children organised prior to this week
Friday 22nd October	Teacher Training Day-School Closed for all children.

Thrive activities of the month - September 2021

Each month we will send home a fun, creative activity for you and your child/ren to engage in together. Play releases lots of good chemicals that help us feel calm, steady and connected.

This month's activity is...

Make a den

- Look for sticks and branches.
- Find logs.
- Hunt for interesting things to put in your den.





Be the best you can be

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Whitley Academy Open Evening 23rd September 2021 at 6pm



High quality relationships are at the heart of everything we do at Whitley Academy.

We are extremely proud of our strong sense of community where every learner is nurtured to ensure that they are happy, confident, curious and resilient, leaving school prepared for their next steps in education. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

You are invited to:

Meet the Headteacher Mrs Wright and the CEO of Finham Park Multi-Academy Trust Mr Bailie at 7.00pm-7.20pm followed by a guided tour





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Special Coventry Blaze Ticket Offer:

Adult £12 Under-16 £7
Per-ticket, per-game. Normal price £19 and £11

Wednesday 15th September vs. Manchester Storm
at 7.30pm (pre-season)

Sunday 19th September vs. Guildford Flames
at 5.30pm (Challenge Cup)

Saturday 25th September vs. Fife Flyers
at 7pm (Elite League opener)

Skydome Arena, Croft Rd, Coventry CV1 3AZ

To book, complete the online form at:
tinyurl.com/blazearebackpromo

Or scan the QR code.

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

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Enjoy the show.

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