



Newsletter

Issue No 14

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. It was lovely to see the Year 3 parents in school on Thursday enjoying the dance performance that the children have been working so hard on last term. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us. We are saying goodbye to Ms Simmonds today and she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in our Celebration Assembly by the Head Boys and Head Girls. We wish her every success in her new venture and thank her for supporting our children.

We have been working to produce our Positive Behaviour Policy which is now ready to share with you on the school website. We have decided the following points will be included as our Pupil Code of Conduct. These have been shared with the children.

Pupil Code of Conduct

At Whitley Abbey Primary School pupils are expected to:

1. Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way
2. Show respect to members of staff and to each other
3. In class, make it possible for all pupils to learn
4. Move quietly around the school
5. Treat the school buildings and school property with respect
6. Wear the correct uniform at all times
7. Accept consequences when given
8. Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside of school



Hand in hand we learn

Following the Parents Evening last term, please find my responses to the questions asked by parents and carers.

We asked - What could the school do better? Parents / Carers replied with...
1. Inform parents which topics are being addressed each week / month.
<i>Response: This information is on the school website for parents to view. If you look under the curriculum tab, there is a list of the classes, and you will find what your child is studying. Please note that because of the nature of learning it is not exactly possible to say what point the children will be at.</i>
2. School could improve on communication, especially when asked about certain things.
<i>Response: There have been a number of changes made this term to improve communications across the school. These include a weekly newsletter, a School App, Staff are always available on the classroom doors for a quick message, office staff note every communication on a note pad with details. Following COVID we are hoping to re-establish our parental links and we are aware that this is an area we can improve on.</i>
3. Holiday club back. Working parents need it please.
<i>Response: The school is keen to provide childcare for working parents during the holiday times and we would consider all high-quality good value providers. Our school sport partner, CV Life often hold holiday clubs at all 3 of their venues, including the Alan Higgs Centre, Whitley Academy do too for children aged 7+</i>
4. More presence at a.m. & p.m. to help with traffic and inconsiderate parking.
<i>Response: The school is aware that parking cars is a problem at the beginning and end of the school day. To alleviate some of this a 'drop off and collection window' of time is provided for parents. We have removed the one-way system this term and 'the flow' seems to be consistent. From time to time the Community Police will visit schools and the school caretaker is present but the school cannot enforce parking restrictions on a public highway. We rely on our parents / carers and visitors being considerate and safe at these busy times.</i>
5. A better drop off facility, specifically in the a.m. - sometimes traffic can cause uncertain attitudes.



<i>Response: This is a problem most schools have, and we understand many parents also need to get to work. It is up to us all to be reasonable and recognise how best to address each other. We are responsible for our own behaviour.</i>
6. Staff to be more approachable.
<i>Response: We are working hard to ensure we are available to meet the needs of our parents and the community and to make sure everyone feels they can approach / contact us if they need to.</i>
7. Abbey Oaks is too expensive, especially if you have more than one child, at least some discount for second child. Thank you.
8. Abbey Oaks is too expensive.
<i>Response: Looking at other local schools before and after school provision what we provide is competitively priced. Although we do recognise it is expensive if you have more than one child attending. We will look at our pricing policy later this term summer term. It is also worth noting that some schools do not provide food and snacks and some do not provide the service at all. We provide high quality, extensive care that meets different peoples working patterns in a caring and purpose-built environment.</i>
9. Could engage with sports training providers to create opportunity like gymnastic classes, dance classes for after school club. This chance will be good for students to develop skills & interest on arts and other forms.
<i>Response: I agree children should be provided with a variety of different opportunities including the arts. We recognise there is always things we can improve on. The curriculum we offer is broad and balanced. We regularly consider our afterschool provision so there is something for all ages. The school receives PE funding (detailed on the school website) and it is spent on a number of things including after school clubs, dance lessons and a PE trained learning support assistant.</i>
10. Ash path is very muddy and less space to walk with kids.
<i>Response: This might be more of a problem in the winter months. The Ash Path is maintained by Coventry City Council – Highways Department</i>
11. Could do with something to keep bikes / scooters in (when children are riding back & forth).
<i>Response: I agree this is a good way to encourage children to get to school. We will look into the cost of a covered bike shelter & the site safety implications later this summer term.</i>
12. Improve the school menu and portions for some kids.
<i>Response: School meals are provided by Solihull Catering and generally the menu is well received by the children. The portion size is compliant with School Food Standards (KS2 portions are larger than KS1). Generally, we find the amount is about right for most children and we have recently reintroduced the self-service salad bar (following it's removal during the pandemic) and children are free to top up the meal portions here.</i>
13. More time in the spinney / forest school etc.
<i>Response: I agree this is an important part of what we offer at Whitley Abbey. We have a number of staff who are Forest School trained and during the summer groups of children will be using the forest to take part in crafts. We are also looking into using the piece of land next to Nursery for forest school.</i>
We asked - What is school doing well? Parents / Carers replied with...
I don't think there is anything they can do better; Whitley Abbey is fantastic.
I like how it's structured and the rules they are trying to keep up with.
Staff are always very helpful and very supportive. Always approachable, never a problem.
SEN support and understanding.
Teaching.
The school is doing very good, and we are very happy - thanks for all of you.
Learning all sorts of subjects. All nice children and teachers.
They are great with phonics and teaching the students. Also making the kids feel welcome.
The school is doing well by introducing new ideas / formats to the kids.
I like the school environment. The children are doing well, improving academically. This is quite obvious to me as their father. The teachers are easy to approach and speak about anything.
Everything is good



I feel the teachers at W.A.P really encourage children to be the best version of themselves.
Teachers and other staff are extremely kind and encouraging kids to learn and other activities. Please keep going.
The school is doing well by having lovely teachers and looking after anyone, even if they're not in their class.
Encouraging children to be themselves. All teacher and staff are really caring about the kids.
Caring welfare children's and parents around school.
Preparing our children for a better outcome in life, contemporary with today's technology. Thank you kindly WAPS.
Lovely school, more like a big family.
Our children enjoy school and look forward to the school day.
Great work and support from the Teachers, doing well and enjoying.
Communications between staff and parents - especially with parents that have disabilities.
Communication is lots better. Lots of support to my child and myself (parent).
Love the school app. All teachers are very helpful and approachable.
Well organised staff
Very nice.
Clean school.
My child enjoys the hot dinners
Amazing changes we have brought to school, especially with the PA meeting result card. It makes a clear image of what is needed and what is expected.
Doing well already.
Doing well with Maths.
Thank you for all your feedback! Parent comment and suggestion forms are always available at the school office reception area by the suggestion box.

Happy Birthday to the following children

Hamza	Year 06
Tanoshree	Year 06
Charlie	Year 06
Dexter	Year 06
Samuel	Year 05
Sara	Year 05
Nathan	Year 05
Ollie	Year 05
Arron	Year 05
Alexander	Year 06
Rayan	Year 06

Briseis	Year 03
Aayat	Year R
Devanshi	Year R
Maksims	Year 06
George	Year R
Kiyansh	Year R
Harikrishna	Year 02
Aisha	Year 06
Bethany	Year 03
Joseph	Year 06
Isla	Year 02

Joshua	Nursery1
Harley	Year 06
Madison	Year 02
Santana	Year 03
Noah	Year 02
Joseph-James	Year 06
Shana	Year 02
Ardra	Year 02
Alan	Year R
Alfie	Year 02
Louisa	Year 01



Congratulations to these classes for having the best attendance this week.

Whole School Attendance 93.5%

Attendance week from 04/4/2022- 08/04/2022

Position	Class	Year group	Teacher	Score
1st	Yew	Year 4	Mrs Nero	99.6%
2nd	Oak	Year 3	Mrs Large	98.1%
3rd	Sycamore	Year 2	Mrs Prestidge	96.4%
4th	Maple	Year 1	Mrs Pearson	95.6%

Please remember it is vitally important to send your children in with their water bottle each day, and as the weather improves to apply sun protection to your children in the mornings before school. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend

Kind Regards

Robbie Walker

Head Teacher

Whitley Abbey Primary School

Please see following page for diary dates – thank you





Dates for your diary

<u>Date 2022</u>	<u>Event</u>
w/c Monday 9 th May	Yr 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 18 th May	Reception Vision Screening
Saturday 21 st May	Nursery open morning 9.30a.m -11.30 a.m
w/c Monday 23 rd May	KS1 SATs Week
Wednesday 25 th May	Year 3 trip to Herbert Art Gallery - POSTPONED – new date TBC
Thursday 26 th May	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Whitsun Half Term 2022
Friday 27 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Training Day- School and Nursery closed
Monday 6 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday- School is closed. (in lieu of the bank holiday during Whitsun half term)
Tuesday 7 th June	BACK TO SCHOOL – all pupils to attend
w/c 7 th June	Yr4 Multiplication check and Yr 1 / 2 Phonics screening in school
w/c 13 th June	Creative Art Week
Wednesday 15 th June	Yr R & Yr 6 Heights & Weights
Tuesday 21 st June	Nursery New starter meeting for September '22 – 4.30pm
w/c Monday 27 th June	Sports Week for whole school
Wednesday 29 th June	Rising 5 Meeting for September '22 new pupils – 4.30pm
w/c Monday 4 th July	Careers Week
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day
Monday 11 th July	School reports going home
Tuesday 19 th July	Open Session time TBC – Yr 1 / 2 & 3 - Meet the Head Teacher & see children's work – details to follow
Wednesday 20 th July	Open Session time TBC – Yr 4 / 5 & 6 - Meet the Head Teacher & see children's work – details to follow
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00 a.m – Year 6 Parents welcome to attend Pupils finish school for Summer Holiday
Monday 25 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED - Teacher Training Day-School and Nursery closed
Friday 9 th June 2023 - Tuesday 13 th June 2023	Dol-y-moch trip (Next years Yr 6)



Staff Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant REQUIRED SEPTEMBER 2022

Do you enjoy working with Children and have a flare for enhancing our lunchtime activities? If you do and would like to become part of our school team and have a few hours each week to spare, then this role could be for you. We require a

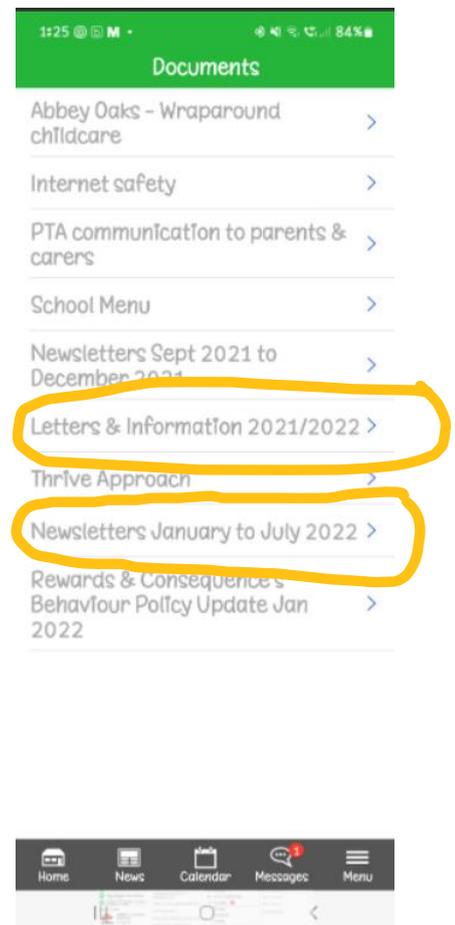
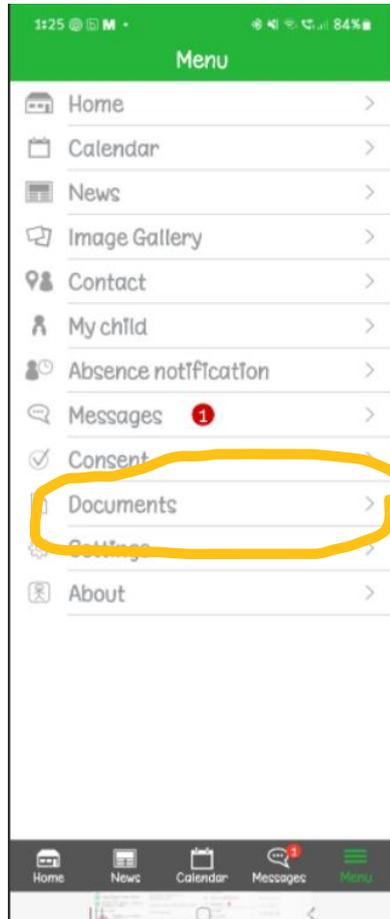
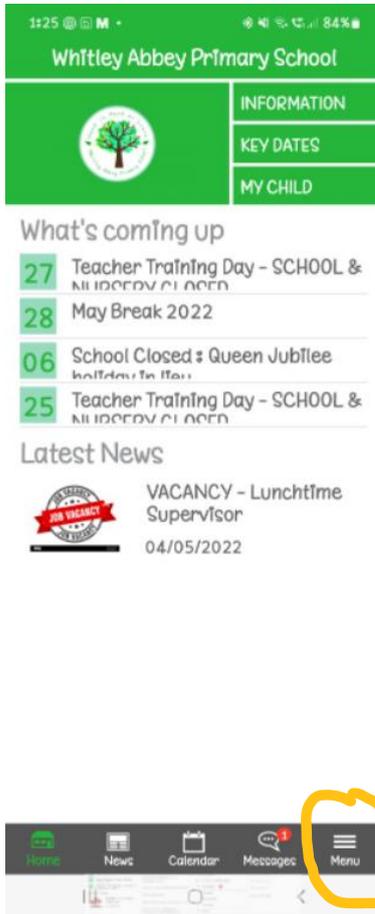
Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to join our team in September 2022. Hours of work between 11.45am and 1.15pm Monday to Friday excluding Teacher Days working 1.25 hours per day. If you are interested in learning more about this role and wish to apply please speak with the school office to obtain an application form and copy of the job description and person specification or email admin@whitleyabbey-pri.coventry.sch.uk.

All completed applications to be received by Friday 10th June 2022



Newsletters like this one are published approximately every one / two weeks and are available on the [myschool app](#), our website or from the school office. (Other letters and communications are available too.)

To access via the app...



Multi Sports Summer Camp
Monday 26th July – Friday 19th August
9am – 3pm
Ages 7 – 11

£20 per child a day or £80 a week per child
@ Whitley Academy School, Abbey Road, Coventry, CV3 4BD

Activities Include:
Dodgeball, Basketball, Football, Cricket, Rounders, Competitions and Games.

Limited Spaces- Booking Required
Contact Tye 07554942438