



Newsletter

Issue No 2

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been a long half term for the children, and we all need a rest and a chance to recharge our batteries over half term. Staff have been working hard to get to know your children and to identify what support they need with their learning.

We have all been troubled by the unfolding events in the Middle East and the impact this is having in our own community. During our *International Day* this term, I was inspired by the way everyone in the Whitley Community came together and shared food and customs. We are all role models for our young people, and I am very proud of our school and how it supports community cohesion. Our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone affected by these events.

Last week it was good to see *Reverend Anne Richards* from St James's Church who came to school to lead our Whole School Harvest Assembly in the school hall. We decided not to collect items of food this year because we have recently celebrated International Day. Anne talked about harvest on the land and in the sea, showing us photographs of her holiday to Scotland. The children inspired us all singing two songs and we all enjoyed a fizzy fish at breaktime.



On Tuesday and Thursday a couple of weeks ago, the children smiled brightly because we had the photographer in school. These have now been sent out to you to purchase.



We have introduced positive rewards for children making good choices. Each week the children collect House Points, which they can use to exchange for prizes from the *Whitley Wonders Catalogue*. This was introduced to the children last week during our Key Stage Assemblies. Miss Carter has been busy interviewing children who want to work in the Whitley Wonder shop. We had lots of children volunteering so well done to those who made the shortlist and were then chosen. Children are developing an understanding of what skills they will need to be successful in the future.

Thank you to everyone who brought cakes in on Tuesday. All the money raised will help to pay for the coaches taking our children to *Young Voices* next term. This is a wonderful national event at the NEC in Birmingham, where thousands of children from all over the country sing together. I have been going for many years and it is always an inspirational evening and so I would recommend it to you all.



Can I politely ask that parents and carers dropping and collecting children, wait for the gates to be opened by the SSO before entering the school site. This will be at 8.35am and 3.15pm each school day. You will appreciate we are trying to keep everyone safe!

We have been busy organising exciting events for next half term. Please note the Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 *Parents Evenings* will be held on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November. For Years 4, 5 and 6 it will be on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December. You can book appointments using the online system. We look forward to seeing you.





Over half term we are asking that children regularly practice their reading. Please could you fill in the *Home School Reading Diary* each time they read, and we can reward those who read regularly when they return to school.

Have a lovely half term and stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mr Robbie Walker

Headteacher Whitley Abbey Primary School

House Champions

4. Attenborough Red 442

3. Mandela Blue 483

2. Austen Green 516

1. Malala Yellow 525

Well done Malala, 525 good choices made in 2 weeks.



Happy Birthday to the following children



Forename	Year	Forename	Year	Forename	Year
Husaina	Nursery2	Nikita	Year 01	Jack	Year 04
Saavi	Nursery2	Zidane	Year 02	Aleksander	Year 04
Sebastian	Nursery2	Isaac	Year 02	Ronel	Year 05
Charles	Nursery2	Aurelia-Daniela	Year 02	Kathleen	Year 05
Jessica	Year R	Lexi-Rose	Year 03	Andrew	Year 05
Neeraj	Year R	Lucas	Year 03	Coleen	Year 05
Nihal	Year R	Yashvardhan	Year 03	Ewan	Year 05
Nima	Year R	Al-amin	Year 03	Ezmae	Year 05
Finn	Year R	Andrea	Year 03	Harley	Year 05
Thakshan	Year R	Folabomi	Year 04	Vosandi	Year 05
Preston	Year 01	Ayyub	Year 04	Omar	Year 06
Chikamso	Year 01	Seraya	Year 04	Lola	Year 06
David	Year 01	Alex	Year 04	Brooke	Year 06
Mikaeel	Year 01	George	Year 04		



Dates for your diary

<u>Date 2023</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 27 th October	Last day of School break up for half term
Monday 6 th November	School Closed (Teacher Training Day)
Tuesday 7 th November	All pupils return to school
W/C 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 14 th November	EYFS, KS1 & Y3 Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00)
Thursday 16 th November	EYFS, KS1 & Y3 Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00)
Tuesday 21 st November	Coffee Morning Parents Welcome (9:00 – 10:30)
Thursday 23 rd November	Y3/4 Cinderella Theatre Trip
Thursday 7 th December	Y1 Pantomime Trip
Tuesday 12 th December	Y2 Pantomime Trip
Tuesday 12 th December	Y4, 5 & 6 Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00)
Wednesday 13 th December	Y5/6 Cinderella Theatre Trip
Thursday 14 th December	YR Carols, Reception Parents Welcome (9:05 – 9:30)
Thursday 14 th December	Y4, 5 & 6 Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00)
Monday 18 th December	Nursery Carols, Nursery Parents Welcome (9:05 am & 3:20 pm Session)
Monday 18 th December	Y1/2 Carols Parents Welcome (2:45 – 3:10)
Tuesday 19 th December	Y5/6 Carols Parents Welcome (2:45 – 3:10)
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner – Wear Christmas Jumper / Outfits
Thursday 21 st December	Y3/4 Carols Parents Welcome (2:45 – 3:10)
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of School break up for Christmas – NON-UNIFORM DAY

