



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th October 2016—ESC Beta Trip to Tesco.

Monday 10th October 2016 — Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils.

Thursday 20th October 2016 — School Photograph Day.

Friday 21st October 2016 - Non-uniform day for Stand Up To Cancer (Details to follow)

Friday 21st October 2016 — Last day of half term.

Monday 31st October 2016 — Pupils return to school for second half of Autumn Term.

Monday 31st October 2016 — Reception whole class photos.

Friday 18th November 2016—Children In Need Day (Details to follow)

SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS

We currently have vacancies for supervisory assistants, should you be interested please collect an application form from the office.

Thank You

Year 5 & 6 Art Club

There are still places available in Years 5 & 6 art club. Please speak to the school office if your child is interested.



Health Snacks at Break Time!

Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack into school for break time e.g. fruit, yogurt raisins or a cereal bar. Please ensure that this is not kept in their lunchbox as the children will be unable to access it.



Exciting News—New School Garden

We now have a new school garden. We would be grateful if you have any cuttings from plants that might be suitable for potting and then planting in the school garden. Please could you bring them into the school hall at **8:30am on Friday 7th October 2016** in a suitable container that is labelled. We are also still looking for volunteers to help out. If you are interested please speak to the school office.



Year 2 Visit to Selly Manor



On **Thursday 15th September 2016**, Year 2 went to **Selly Manor** in **Birmingham** to learn about the 'Great Fire of London'. This is their topic for this term. We learnt about the story of the Great Fire of London through role play, story-telling and artefacts.

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a great start to the new year! It's a pleasure to welcome our new staff, families, Nursery and Reception children who have all settled in so well. The children are working incredibly hard and we are delighted with their attitude to learning. We are all excited about the learning opportunities that lie ahead.

The children are enjoying the new reading rewards and are enthusiastic about the books they are reading. Keep up the good work!

Mrs J McGibney
Head Teacher

Whole School Photo Day

Thursday 20th October 2016 is school photo day. Sibling photos will be taken at **8am** in the school hall. **Year 3 and ESC will need to come into school wearing their school uniform and change into their PE kits afterwards.**



Reminder for Autumn!

Now that the weather is becoming more unpredictable please ensure that your child brings a coat to school each day.



Year 3 Visit to Creswell Crags

On **Monday 12th September 2016**, Year 3 children went on a trip to **Creswell Crags** in **Nottinghamshire** to learn about the 'Stone Age'. Whilst they were there they built a shelter in the style of a Stone Age person, learnt how to build a fire from wood and how they used to hunt. They had a look around the inside of a cave and finally they then looked at an exhibition with lots of interesting artefacts.



Year 5 Trip to Coventry Cathedral and Coventry Transport Museum

As part of our topic on local history, Year 5 have been looking at Coventry's role in World War 2 and in particular the night of the blitz. We visited the New and Old Cathedral where we were able to go into an old classroom and kitchen to see what life was like back then. We also went to the Coventry Transport Museum and went through a blitz experience so we could imagine what it was like being evacuated.



Year 5 Gamma Festival of Imagineers

In 5 Gamma children have been reading Fantastic Mr. Fox as their class novel. As part of this the children were able to become Imagineers and built model tractors with help from artists and engineers.



Reading News

Thank you for all of your support with reading. So many more of our children are reading regularly. Each week you will receive a text showing the percentage of children in the year group who read 3 times a week or more. We look forward to giving out lots of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards after half term.



ATTENDANCE Ms Morris's News

Our whole school attendance to date is currently **96.5%**

I am pleased to see that we have had a very good start to the new academic year and I hope that together we will continue to improve our schools attendance and punctuality; giving the children the best chance in life to achieve and reach their full potential.

Just a quick reminder on how to report any absences:

Contact the school by **9.30am** to advise us why your child is absent. Please provide a clear explanation for the absence and not just 'unwell' or 'poorly'.

Keep the school advised if your child is absent on the morning of each day of absence.

If you are unable to phone the school, please email or write a letter confirming why they are absent.

admin@whitmorepark.coventry.sch.uk

Please provide evidence for any other medical appointments which have to be taken during school time E.g. Consultant appointments.

Please arrange dentist, doctors and eye test appointments outside of school hours.

I would also like to draw your attention to the schools policy regarding **holidays** during term time. Please have a look at our website for information regarding this or pop into school for a copy of the **EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE IN TERM TIME** leaflet.

Please note that all absences without a clear reason will be marked as unauthorised and may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice and a fine.

If you do have any concerns regarding your child's attendance at school, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Miss Caswell (School Liaison Officer) and we will be happy to discuss this with you and offer support as required.

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPT 2017

All Year 6 pupils will be starting secondary school in Sept 2017. Parents / Carers must apply online by **31st October 2016** at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

SCHOOL CAR PARKS

The school car parks are for staff, visitors to the school site and disabled badge holders only. These regulations have been put in place for Health and Safety reasons and also to safeguard our children. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

MEDICATION AND INHALERS

Can parents / carers please make sure that their child's medical history is up to date. It is parents responsibility to inform the school of any changes and to make sure all medicines and inhalers are in date and in school. Please can parents collect any medication or creams that their child has that are no longer needed or are not prescribed. If they aren't collected they will be thrown away.

DINNER MONEY AND MEAL OPTIONS

All dinner money must be paid in advance on the **Monday** morning for the week. Any outstanding dinner money needs to be paid to the main School Office. Payments can be made in instalments by arrangement. Children cannot change meal options daily. If they wish to change from a packed lunch to school dinners, or vice versa, you need to notify the School Office **NOT THE CLASS TEACHER**. If your child is on the list for school dinners and they bring a packed lunch into school, you will still be charged for the pre-ordered meal. Thank you.

ENVELOPES

Please ensure that you provide your own envelope when sending money into school as the school office has a very limited supply.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Can all parents/carers ensure that they keep the school office up to date with any changes of contact numbers or email addresses in case your child is unwell during the school day or in case of an emergency.

GOVERNORS

There will be a governor forum on the first Monday of each month. A governor will be in the school reception area at 3:15pm to speak to parents. The next session will be on **Monday 3rd October 2016**. All welcome.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Can parents / carers please keep us informed with regards to any changes to personal circumstances to enable us to communicate relevant information regarding your child's progress. E.g. copies of reports, invites to parent progress meetings.

Website: www.whitmorepark.co.uk or email: admin@whitmorepark.coventry.sch.uk