



Whitmore Park Primary School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th December— Christmas Lunch for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and ESC

Friday 9th December— Christmas Lunch for Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Monday 12th December 2016— Years 1,2 and ESC Alpha Performance Assembly at 9:05am.

Tuesday 13th December 2016— Reception Nativity play at 9.30am.

Wednesday 14th December 2016—Years 3, 4 and ESC Beta Performance Assembly at 9.05am.

Wednesday 14th December 2016— Reception Nativity play at 2.00pm.

Thursday 15th December 2016—Nursery Nativity play at 10.30am and 2.15pm.

Friday 16th December 2016—Years 5 & 6 Performance Assembly at 9:05am.

Friday 16th December —Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 16th December —Last day of Autumn Term.

Tuesday 3rd January —Teacher Day. School Closed to pupils.

Wednesday 4th January—Pupils return to school for start of Spring Term.

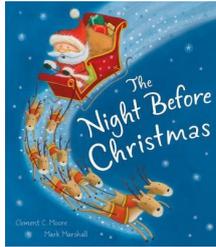
Tuesday 10th January 2017—Year 1 trip to St Johns Museum.

Tuesday 31st January 2017 — Young Voices

We had a fantastic time supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Thank you to all of the parents and carers that supported us.



Mr Marshall our reading technician is also an illustrator. He has illustrated a book called 'Night before Christmas'. It will be being read out on the children's TV channel Cbeebies on Christmas eve at 6pm!



Thank you to everyone who came along to the book fair we raised £1586.69.



Extra Curricular Clubs

All before and after school clubs, including Art and Choir, will be running straight through the Autumn Term and will be finishing week commencing **Monday 5th December.**

Dear Parents / Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at the parents evenings in November. We have had a fantastic start to our Christmas celebrations. A big thank you to everyone who attended the evening of festive fun.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Nativity plays and assemblies.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J McGibney
Head Teacher

SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS

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

Thank You

Stand Up To Cancer

This year the school raised £372.47 for Stand Up To Cancer with our non-school uniform day. Well done everyone!

Well done wonderful Whitmore pupils and parents!

We now have 80% of pupils reading 3 times a week or more compared to 49% last year. This is the result of parents, carers and the school working together to support the pupils. Reading is the most important skill for life and reading at home combined with lots of reading at school will ensure that all of our pupils achieve. Our aim is for all pupils to leave Whitmore Park as 'readers' who can access the curriculum and enjoy reading for pleasure.



But it doesn't stop here our next target will be for 100% of pupils to read at home 3 times a week and then 5 times a week!

Last week we gave out lots of Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for reading and the pupils were very proud of themselves.

A MASSIVE thank you to our parents and carers for all of the support you are giving with reading. Keep it up everyone and let's see what we can achieve by Christmas ... I 'm sure we can improve our 80%!



You can now pay online

For school meals, trips, activities, uniform, clubs, etc.

If you haven't already created a School Gateway account please sign up via the website at www.schoolgateway.com or download the app from your app store

You can easily see dinner money balances and you will receive an emailed receipt for any payments you make. No more scrabbling around for the correct change and an envelope, no more worrying that the money will be lost before it reaches us.

If you are having trouble activating your account it may be because the school does not hold up to date email and mobile details for you. Please email the school on admin@whitmorepark.org or call into the school office for a change of details form.

DATA COLLECTION AND PUPIL CONSENT FORMS

It is really important that the school has up to date information recorded for your child, we may need to contact you in an emergency. If you haven't already returned your updated and signed forms please get these back to us as soon as possible. Thank you

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is the reading scheme we have in school and it is great to see how much enthusiasm children have towards it. How it works:

Once children have read their book, they can take a quiz on the Ipad. The quiz is based on the book they have just read and checks their understanding of the text. If children score 100%, they receive a slip for the 100% board and are entered into our prize draw which takes place every term.

You will have received login details for your child with the last newsletter which allows you to check and monitor your child's quiz results. Please note: the school have a unique reference number therefore you need to enter the whole web address from your login sheets into the address bar on your computer. Typing it into google unfortunately doesn't work. If you need another copy of the login details, please inform your child's teacher.

ATTENDANCE

Ms Morris's News

Our whole school attendance to date is currently 95.9%
Our target figure is 96.4%

We would like to thank parents for their continued support regarding their children's attendance.

Just a quick reminder on how to report any absences:

- a) 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'. **Absences without clear reasons will be unauthorized.**
- b) Keep the school advised if your child is absent on the morning of **each** day of absence.
- c) If you are unable to phone the school, please email or write a letter confirming why they are absent.
admin@whitmorepark.coventry.sch.uk

If your child has a minor illness such as a cough or a cold, please send them into school as we are able to manage this and distraction is often the best way forward.

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
(These appointments can affect your child's attendance level)

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 and we will be happy to discuss this with you and offer support as required.

PARKING

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.

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.

GOVERNORS FORUM

There is a **Governors Forum** on the first **Monday** of every month. A governor will be in the school main reception area from **3:15pm—3:45pm** on **Monday 9th January 2017** to speak to parents. 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.

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