



December 2016

Whitmore Park Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a very successful Autumn term and have worked with passion and enthusiasm! Thank you for all of your continued support.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs J McGibney

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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.

Friday 13th January 2017—Year 3 Romans workshop .

Tuesday 31st January 2017 — Young Voices

Choir

Choir has been very busy on the run up to Christmas they have been to the Ricoh to sing at the Wasps game along with 300 other children from Coventry primary schools. They have also been to the University Hospital, Holbrooks Evangelical Church and Cottage Farm Lodge to sing to residents. They have had a fantastic time and sang beautifully!

Thank you to all that supported the evening of festive fun! A fantastic £1210 was raised!



We have started the year successfully in a number of different sports. The boys football team have been undefeated in the league and the cup winning all of their fixtures convincingly. The Years 5 and 6 team have also won their heat of the Sky Blues in the Community kids cup. They will now to play at the Ricoh arena before a Coventry City game to try and qualify for the regional finals. The year 3 and 4 football team are through to the county finals after winning the Coventry West competition at the AT7 centre. The netball team have also started the year undefeated in the league winning all three of their fixtures to date with the highlight being a 15-0 win over Holbrooks.

The athletics team have qualified for the Coventry West finals after winning their first round comprehensively. They won every race on the day which shows that the hard work they have put in on a Saturday morning has paid off.

On 10th December we took 24 boys to compete in the Coventry Cross Country championships. We had some excellent team and individual performances from the children, who were competing against 500 boys from schools across the city.

On behalf of the PE team I would like to thank all the children for their hard work in clubs and lessons this term and also to the parents for their continued support.

We hope you all have a good Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr Openshaw



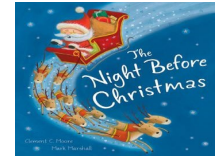
Caught being Gold trip

On Thursday, Mrs Squires took 22 children who had been 'Caught being Gold' on the reward trip to Waterstones and McDonalds. Each child was able to purchase a book and an ice-cream of their choice. This is our termly behaviour reward linked to our Golden Values. Of course, all of the children behaved impeccably!

The children who received the award were: Tyler - 1Beta, Caitlin - 1Delta, Jakub - 1Gamma, Chloe - 2Beta, Mollie - 2Delta, Sukhmani - 2Gamma, Shanti - 3Beta, Taylor 3Delta, Serafina - 3Gamma, Oscar - 4Beta, Lydia - 4Delta, Grace - 4Gamma, Jessica - 5Beta, Ashpreet - 5Delta, Owen - 5Gamma, Sarina - 6Beta, Thomas - 6Delta, Mya - 6Gamma, Nikola - EDelta, Miraje - EAlpha, Ethan - EDelta



Mr Marshall our reading technician is also an illustrator. He has illustrated a book called 'The Night before Christmas'. It will be being read out on the children's TV channel Cbeebies on Christmas eve at 6.50pm!



ATTENDANCE

Ms Morris's News

Our whole school attendance to date is currently 95.8%
Our target figure is 96.4

Unfortunately, like many other schools at this time of year, we were hit with seasonal illness which has affected our normally excellent attendance.

However, I am pleased to say that there are 265 children receiving certificates for 100% attendance this term!

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

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and a well-earned rest; returning to school in the New Year fighting fit and ready to learn on Wednesday 4th January 2017!



Thank you to all the parents who came to talk to Su Adams, from SENDIASS and myself at Parents Evening.

SENDIASS (formally Parent Partnership) can provide impartial and accurate Special Educational Needs and Disability information, advice and support for parents, children and young people up to the age of 25.

As a school, we are always looking for ways to improve our provisions and Ms Carney would really appreciate any feedback as to whether you thought it was useful having SENDIASS attend Parents Evening or not. If you would like to feedback anonymously or in person please do so via letter (note), phone call or appointment.

To contact SENDIASS directly, please phone 024 7669 4307, e-mail iass@coventry.gov.uk or visit www.coventry.gov.uk/iass They also have Facebook and twitter accounts.

Alternatively, or if you have any SEN concerns please make an appointment to see: Mrs McShane (SENco EFYS), Ms Carney (SENco Year 1- 6), Mrs Heer (SENco ESC).

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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