



Dates for your diary

Friday 17th February 2017—School closes at 3:15pm for Half Term.

Monday 27th February 2017—School re-opens to children.

Friday 3rd March 2017—World Book Day—Information to follow

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th of March 2017—Reception Parents Evening

W/C 13th March 2017—Travelling Books—Book fair in school.

Tuesday 14th March 2017—Years 1-6 and ESC Parents Evening.

Tuesday 21st March 2017—Year 2 SATs Meetings 5:00pm for parents.

Tuesday 21st March 2017— Year 1 Morning of Music at Moseley Primary School.

Wednesday 29th March 2017—Year 3 Morning of Music at Holy Family School.

Dear Parents / Carers,

The term got off to a great start with educational visitors and visits for most year groups. All our children and staff have been working incredibly hard and we will be reporting their progress to you later in the term. We have exciting events planned this term including Safer Internet week and World Book Day.

Mrs J McGibney

Head Teacher

Educational Visitors within school

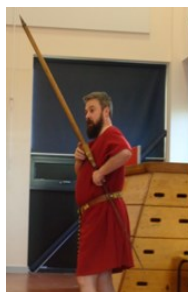
At the beginning of this term Year 3 and Year 6 completed educational workshops in school.

The History workshops, lead by experienced historians, provided the children with a real hands-on experience of the past. They provided a fantastic springboard for the children to continue their learning in class.

During the session the children had the opportunity to explore artefacts.

Roman Workshop – Year 3

Year 3 being shown armour and weapons used in the Roman times and them having a go at some Roman games.



Science Workshop—Year 6

Year 6 learnt a lot at their science workshop led by fossil and evolution expert Jules Howard. He was very impressed with the children's science knowledge, their questioning and the respect they showed for the fossils. Since the workshop, the children have been using their new science knowledge in Literacy lessons to produce a range of different styles of writing.



Young Voices 2017

On Tuesday 31st January 2017, our choir went to sing at the LG Arena along with 6000 other children. It was the annual 'Young Voices' event and we had a wonderful time! The choir sounded fantastic and all their hard work and extra rehearsals paid off. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported us.

Mrs Criminisi was very proud of all of the children!

Computing

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 7th February**. Pupils will be participating in a special assembly. They will be taking part in online safety lessons over the next few weeks.

Reading News

Thank you for all of your continued support with reading at home. So many more pupils are enjoying their reading. Please can you make sure that all pupils are organised and **bring their reading diaries to school every day**. We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March** – look out for information. The Travelling Books book fair will be in school **w/c 13th March** to coincide with our next parent meetings.



NHS
South Warwickshire
and Warwick City




Our Coventry School Nursing Team have launched two websites to provide health information for children, young people and parents.

Please share the website addresses below with anyone who may find the resources useful.

www.healthforkids.co.uk

HEALTHFORTEENS.CO.UK

For more information please email: Anne.Kennedy@swft.nhs.uk

ATTENDANCE
Ms Morris's News

Our Whole School attendance is currently at 94.7% which is below the governments expectations. As you are aware our school target is 96.4% and so it is important that we work together to raise our attendance level to this figure. We would like to thank parents for their continued support regarding their children's attendance.

If your child is absent from school, you should:-

- a) Contact the school by 9.30am to advise why they are absent.
- 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 as 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.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance at school, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to discuss this with you and offer support as required.

PE News

Netball

On Tuesday 24th of January Whitmore came up against Grange Farm in a netball league game. It was a cold night at Grange Farm Primary School, however the girls from Whitmore Park took the game to them winning 11-2. It was a fantastic performance and another win in the league.

On Thursday 26th of January Whitmore hosted a friendly match against Mosely Primary School. Both schools put out two teams; it was another freezing cold night where Whitmore came out on top. Both teams won, with the scores 7-0 and 3-2. Well done boys and girls!

Coventry Kids Cup

On Saturday 21st January Whitmore Park competed in the Coventry Final of the Kids Cup Competition. This was played at the CCFC training ground in Ryton. Whitmore came up against Keresley Grange and Dunchurch Primary School.

Whitmore started the competition against Keresley Grange, it was a close game with both

teams coming close to scoring. However, after the short 10 minute game it was still tied at 0-0. Whitmore V Dunchurch was a similar game, both teams came extremely close to scoring however both teams missed chances at crucial stages.

Whitmore finished the group stage with 2 points. Dunchurch beat Keresley Grange comfortably setting up a Dunchurch V Whitmore final.

Both teams were ready for the final 10 minutes of the competition, knowing one team had to go through. Dunchurch missed a huge chance leaving Whitmore still in the game. Whitmore scored half way through the match and then proceeded to win the game 2-0.

Whitmore are now representing Coventry in the next stage of the competition which will be held at MK Dons on Friday 10th March. Well done !

You said..... we did

In response to your comments we:

- Started using an online payment system.
- Shortened the queues for school dinners.
- Extended our breakfast club hours from 8am to 7:45am.
- More staff outside in the mornings.
- Head teacher or Deputy Head are available on the playground on most mornings.

DINNER MONEY AND MEAL OPTIONS

All dinner money must be paid in advance on the Monday morning for the week. Children cannot change meal options daily. If they wish to change for 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.

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. **Also, the school are unable to administer any medicines that are not prescribed by a doctor and do not have a pharmacy label on.**

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 6th Mach 2017**. 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.

The school telephone number is: **02476 335 697**

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

Twitter—[@whitmore_park](https://twitter.com/whitmore_park)

