



Dates for your diary

Monday 5th June 2017 - Year 4
Trip to Twycross Zoo

Tuesday 6th June 2017 - Year 5
Trip to The Space Centre

Monday 12th June 2017 - Reception
Trip to Ash End Farm

Wednesday 5th July 2017 - Reception - Year 6 Transition Day

Friday 7th July 2017 - Year 5 to PGL

Sunday 9th July 2017 - Year 5 return from PGL

Monday 24th July 2017 - Last day of school

Tuesday 25th July 2017 - Teacher Training Day

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a good half term and the children have been working hard in school. I hope you have a wonderful half term holiday.

Mrs J McGibney
Head Teacher

Reminder

During the hot weather, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. Bottles are available to buy from the school office for £1.



Twitter – Our New Communication Channel



We are now using Twitter to keep parents up to date with current events and information from school. If you're already following us you will have seen updates on the Reception chicks, the Joe O'Brien Run at the weekend and the Dol-y-Moch trip. This is a really good way for us to celebrate school events as they happen and share last minute information that we need to get out to parents quickly, such as club cancellations.

We will continue to use the Schoolgateway to send messages to parents and important messages such as club cancellations will be communicated through both Twitter and Schoolgateway, where practical, to ensure we reach as many parents as possible.

Please follow our Tweets [@whitmore_park](https://twitter.com/whitmore_park)

If you're new to Twitter please download the Twitter app to your smartphone from your app store.

Year Group News

Reception and Nursery

This term, children in Nursery have been learning about planting, and how you plant plants. They have really enjoyed looking after baby chicks and learning how chicks grow and looking after animals. The class have been learning about how children grow up and looking after our bodies and babies. They have been identifying shapes and learning about their properties. Children have been experimenting with water and finding out what you use water for.

Across this half term, children in Reception have been studying chicks, caterpillars and tadpoles. They have really enjoyed planting cress and beans as well as watching the process of growing. Reception have also had fun finger-painting using a variety of different paints. They have also been watching birds nesting in their outdoor classroom.



Reading News

Thank you once again for your wonderful support in reading at home with your child. The improvement in the amount of children reading regularly at home is incredible, and you are the ones to thank. Reading is a hugely important skill for life, and your time and effort are helping your child make good progress. We know that people have busy lives, but your efforts are making a real difference—please keep it up.



Year 2

During this half term, Year 2 have been learning about our queen, why she is important and about her family. They have been working hard on their SATs and have completed them.— well done Year 2! They are looking forward to next term, when they will be learning about maps and routes in Humanities, and learning how to write a recount in Literacy lessons.

Year 1

Across this half term, Year 1 have been researching different types of animals. In Maths lessons, the children have been concentrating on the four calculations: multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. In Literacy, they have been using research on the local environment as a stimulus for writing opportunities.

ESC

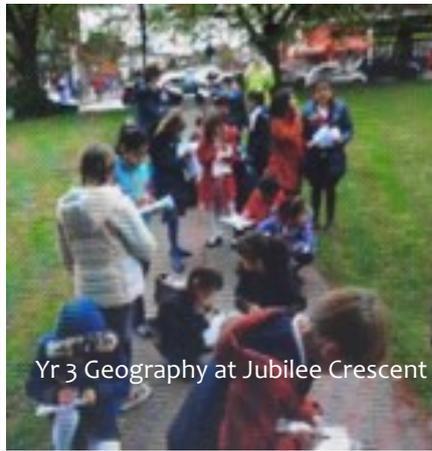
Across this half term, ESC Alpha have been learning about animals. They have walked around the school to find minibeasts and they went on a fantastic trip to Twycross Zoo. ESC Alpha have been reading a book called 'Dear Zoo'. They have been working hard this term and are looking forward to next half term.

This term ESC have been researching planets. Also, they have been doing lots of learning of their times tables facts, which are so important to so many areas of Maths. All of the children have been working hard to improve their letter formation and handwriting.

Year Group News

Year 3

During this half-term, children in Year 3 have participated in trips to Jubilee Crescent and Coundon Wedge to support learning about their local area in Humanities. In addition to this, the students have learnt about fractions as well as the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in their maths lessons. Horror stories have been the primary focus of their Literacy lessons! They have written interesting, fun-to-read stories, scaring their teachers who read them. Not only that but they have written detective stories using all of their writing targets! In Grammar lessons children have been learning about different tenses and when it is appropriate to use each one. Well done to everyone in Year 3!



Yr 3 Geography at Jubilee Crescent



Exhausted but exhilarated after the mine adventure!



Year 6

Year 6 have had an action-packed half-term! Firstly, they completed their SATs in Reading, Maths, and Grammar and Punctuation. All of the teachers were impressed with how maturely the children approached these tests. Last week, fifty-eight of the children participated in a residential trip to Plas Dol-y-Moch in North Wales, where they took part in many activities including kayaking, orienteering and a mountain and mine adventure. Others went to Coombe Abbey to study rivers as a part of their Humanities work. The children are excited about next half-term, but need a holiday first!



Rockpooling at Criccieth Beach



Year 5 at Charterhouse

Year 4

Across the half term, Year 4 have been learning about South America as part of their Humanities work. They have been learning to read maps and locate countries, as well as comparing the human and physical geography of South America with Coventry. In Reading lessons, they have been reading a short story called The Runaway, which is set in Victorian times. As part of their learning in Science, children have been studying the characteristics of animals including humans. In Maths lesson, the primary focus has been on securing the children's understanding of the place value of digits, including decimals.



Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard in Literacy to increase their level of independence when choosing which text type to write. They have written some fabulous stories which you can read on Open Day! They have also been studying the story of Romeo and Juliet.

Some children took part in a trip to Charterhouse to discover more about the history of Coventry alongside Charterhouse's history. Children in 5Gamma are participating in an exciting project where they are designing moving mechanical machines which will be displayed near Charterhouse.



Year 5 science with a visitor from Bablake

P.E. News

There have been some amazing successes in PE this year. Here are just some of the headlines...

Football

Years 5 and 6 won the Coventry City League for the second year in a row. They also won the Harry Shaw Cup, which is the most prestigious cup in Coventry. They were runners-up in the David Moore Cup. Well done, team!

Netball

Our netball team won the league, posting some incredible scores—well done!

Tennis

Years 5 and 6 won the Coventry Finals and will go through to the next round. Congratulations!

Cross-country

Twenty-six children took part in the Joe O'Brien competition. The school placed third in the Guest race. Well done to all who took part!

ATTENDANCE
Ms Morris's News

Our whole school attendance to date is currently 95.6%
Our target figure is 96.4%

Attendance & Safe Guarding Children

As a parent, you are responsible for letting school know if your child is absent **before 9.30am**, so that school can ensure the registers are correctly marked and any issues are dealt with promptly. If we have not had a reason for a period of continued absences the school attendance officers will be making home visits to see why your child/children have not been attending school.

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.

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

We would like to wish you a very happy holiday, and look forward to welcoming children back into school, ready to learn, on June 5th!

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 5th June 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

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.**

ENVELOPES

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

PARKING

Please will all Parents / Carers adhere to parking regulations on Rylston Avenue and Halford Lane / Sadler Road. Can we all please respect our school neighbours and be considerate towards others. 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.

Reminder

Due to nut allergies in school please could all parents refrain from sending in nut based products in lunchboxes such as peanut sandwiches.

Thank you



Parents, welcome to:
Schoolgateway
The easy way to pay online for dinners and other items.
Download the app. Android and iPhone
or visit: www.schoolgateway.com
Activate your account today!

Reminder

You can now pay for school meals, trips, uniform, breakfast club and Nursery fees online using the school gateway app.