



Whitmore Park Primary School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

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 and Year 4 individual and sibling photographs.

Monday 7th November and Tuesday 8th November 2016—Reception Parent Meetings 3:30pm-6pm.

Tuesday 22nd November 2016—Parent Consultation Evening for Years 1—6. 3:30pm-6:30pm.

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

Friday 16th December 2016—Last day of Autumn Term.

Tuesday 3rd January 2017—Teacher Day. School Closed to pupils.

Wednesday 4th January 2017—Pupils return to school for start of Spring Term.

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 2016.

SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS

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

Thank You

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a good start to the Autumn term and the children have been working hard in school.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the forthcoming parents evenings in November.

I hope you have a wonderful half term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J McGibney
 Head Teacher

School Garden Area

The school garden area is now starting to take shape. Thank you to anyone who has sent any donations into school. You may have noticed that some of the planters around the school grounds have now also got flowers in them.

Reading at home

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children and parents who have been reading at least 3 times a week. Our percentages of pupils are improving weekly! After half term, the children will receive a Bronze, Silver or Gold award if they have read 3,4, or 5 times every week of the half term. Last week 4 classes achieved 100% and enjoyed an extra playtime and a chocolate treat. Let's see how many more we can get.... Remember to make the most of our local library during half term – any books you read can be written in the diary and will be counted when you return to school. The number of times children read each week is collected on a Friday.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be here w/c 21st November which also coincides with Years 1—6 and ESC Parents Evenings. The Book Fair leaflet will be sent home with this Newsletter. All of the money raised from the book Fair buys books for our children to read at school or for Accelerated Reader prizes.



The books the children bring home to read (Y3-6) are on our Accelerated Reader Scheme. It's amazing to see how many children achieve 100% on their quizzes on a weekly basis. It is really important that pupils read the books thoroughly so that they are able to answer the quiz questions. A raffle will be drawn towards the end of term and children will win a book of their choice. Alongside this letter are details of how you can login to Accelerated Reader at home and track your child's progress.



What's on for Children

at Jubilee Crescent Library

Weekly Homework Club Tuesday 4.00pm-6.00pm

Weekly Homework Club Friday 4.00pm-6.00pm

Weekly Rhymetime Tuesday 2.00pm-2.30pm

Weekly Stay and play Tuesday 2.30pm-3.30pm

Weekly Rhymetime Friday 10.00am-10.30am

Weekly Stay and play Friday 10.30am-11.30am

Weekly Storytime and craft Saturday 11.00am-11.45am

Last Friday of the month Fiction Fun for Fridays (age 7-11)



Reminder for Autumn!

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



Year 3/4 5-aside Football Tournament

On Friday 14th October eight Year 3/4 children represented Whitmore Park in the Coventry West 5-aside football tournament.

Whitmore started the tournament slowly losing the first game against All Souls and drawing the second game against Spongate. In the last group game against Templars, Whitmore picked up the pace, beating them 4-0.

To progress to the quarter finals Whitmore had to get through a play off against Our Lady of Assumption. They won comfortably progressing through to the quarter finals where the children came up against St John Vianney. It was a close game but Whitmore came out on top.

The semi-final saw Whitmore come up against Christ the King, the children knew that if they won this game they would reach the final. The semi-final was played on Wembley, a fitting pitch for such a high standard of football. Whitmore Park won the match 3-1, the children were ecstatic about reaching the final.

The final was played against Keresley Grange a team that hadn't lost a game in the tournament. Whitmore Park won 4-2.

Winning the competition means that Whitmore Park will now compete in the County Finals.

The children were amazing and we are proud of their achievement.



ONLINE PAYMENTS COMING SOON.....

After October half term the school will be introducing online payments for parents. After the holiday we will write to you again with a launch date and further details on how to register.

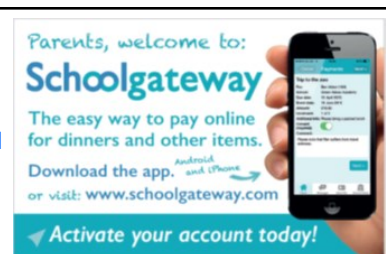
The introduction of online payments will allow you to pay for items such as school meals, school visits, after school clubs, breakfast club and nursery fees online by using the School Gateway website and smartphone app.

It will be possible to make payments at anytime from anywhere and there will be no need to scuddle around for the correct change. You will be able to keep a track on school meal balances at any time 24-7 and top up your child's lunch money account. You will receive email receipts for any payments you make.

The online payments will be offered through the School Gateway website or app which a small number of you have already signed up to.

If you haven't already activated a School Gateway account we will be sending you full details on how to do this after the holiday. Please be aware that the school must have your current email and mobile phone number in order for you to activate your account.

If you need to update your details please call into the school office for a change of details form.

**ATTENDANCE**

Ms Morris's News

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

Just a quick reminder about punctuality: Every Minute Counts

A number of children are arriving late and after registration in the morning. Pupils who are constantly late are disrupting not only their own education but also that of others.

Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern further action may be taken.

5 minutes late every day - your child will lose 3 learning days a year. Being late gives your child a very poor start to the day.

15 minutes late every day - Is like your child being away from school for 2 whole weeks a year. Being late can make your child feel different, flustered and embarrassed.

30 minutes late every day - Is like missing 19 learning days a year. Court action is possible. Being late makes it difficult for your child to settle and learn to the best of their ability.

As a parent, you are responsible for making sure that your child attends school regularly and on time every day!

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.

I hope everyone has a lovely Half Term break; returning to school, ready to learn on **Monday 31st October 2016.**

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPT 2016

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

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.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS

Please can parents, children / siblings not ride their bicycles or scooters on the school premises as it is very dangerous to other pedestrians and could lead to a serious accident.

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 7th November 2016** 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.

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