

Whitehouse Newsletter

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Parents Evening

Thankyou to all the parents/carers who managed to log onto our new system of engaging with you virtually, using the School Icloud software. For those of you who were unable to meet the staff in that way, staff are holding planned phone conversations with you. It is important that we keep these conversations going, for the benefit of your child, until we can fully re open and meet in person.

Annual reports will be written by all staff and will be sent home on Friday 2nd July 2021.

Arrival at School

It is essential that parents/carers keep their own children close to them when you line up at the start of the school day. The staff car park is a dangerous place and children have been seen running round and scooting/cycling. Please ensure that our grounds remain a safe place by ensuring that your child lines up next to you. Thankyou.

May half term begins on Fri 28th May and school reopens on Mon 7th June.

Friday 18th June is a designated Teacher Training Day

School closes for summer on Fri 16th July.

New Children

We are delighted to welcome Amber (Y3) and Destiny (Y1) to our school this week! We wish them a very warm welcome and are amazed at how quickly they have settled in to their new school.

Community Clothing Bank

You may have noticed a bright orange Community Clothing Bank that we have had installed at school? Please drop off any clothing that your child may have grown out of into this bank, to support our wider school families.

Stars of the Week

We continue to celebrate the achievements of our children each week in our Stars of the Week assemblies each Friday, as part of our positive behaviour programme.. Staff have commented how difficult it is to choose their Stars as everyone is working so hard . Well done everyone!

Reading Suitcases/ Reading wins

KS1 staff would like to thank the parents who are enjoying the Reading Suitcase with their child. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and the staff love to hear about their story times at home. Thankyou for your support. Our Reading Recovery programme, led by Miss Whitmore, is also boosting children's reading progress.

Turn on the Subtitles (TOTS)

This is a national campaign to help parents to double the chance of their children becoming good readers through encouraging them to turn on the subtitles on TV and other videos they might be watching. For more information please click on this link <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/> Based on a study of 2350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone, but when exposed to 30 mins a week of subtitled tv, films or songs, that proportion more than doubled to 70%. This campaign is really picking up speed with involvement from Netflix, TikTok, Amazon, BBC etc. Please take a look and try it with your children.

Financial Planning

We know how children can want everything they see, without fully understanding the financial consequences for parents! To further the development of the whole child, we have arranged a series of sessions with a well-known bank around such themes as 'budgeting and Saving,' 'Paying for Things' and 'Spending Choices.' Coming soon!

Attendance

School attendance continues to be excellent and we currently stand at 97% for the whole school, which is above national averages. Well done everyone!

Arts Council Play to Support Mental Health.

We are very proactive in supporting the wellbeing and mental health of our children. We have booked Theatre Alibi to perform DOWN TO EARTH for all our children. This will feed into Literacy, PSHE and Science and provide many other cross-curricular links as well as being a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to talk about wellbeing after an unprecedented year. The school will fully fund this interactive play and we look forward to seeing it.