



Friday 15th September 2023

Head of school update:

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. It has been a fantastic start to this school year; the children have settled in well and are already so engaged in their class topics. Thank you to those of you who attended the open afternoon; it was lovely to see you.



As you will have seen from our key dates letter and the class topic overviews that we sent home last week, we have a lot planned in already for the children this term and are excited to see what the year holds.

As parents, you are an important part of your child's education and we want to involve you in what we do in school as much as possible. If you ever have any questions or concerns, then please do get in touch. We are more than happy to speak with you. Likewise, if you feel that you can assist us as a volunteer in school, we would welcome this also.

I look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks.

Mrs G Hooper
Head of School

Reading Parent Information Session

Thank you to the parents who attended our Reading Information session on Monday this week. At the session, we gave you a very quick overview of how reading is taught at Whitemoor. The following links provide extra information on everything we discussed:

[Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl](#)

[Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader_2016-17.pdf \(renlearn.co.uk\)](#)

[Literacy Shed Plus - READING VIPERS](#)

[Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#)

In addition to the above, this website is really helpful if you are trying to use books for home that meet your child's reading level: [Accelerated Reader Bookfinder UK & Ireland - Advanced Search \(arbookfind.co.uk\)](#)

Type in the type of book you are looking for and your child's Accelerated Reader level (ZPD) and the search engine will provide a list of suggested books for you.

Harvest assembly

On Friday 29th September, we would like to invite parents from Class 2,3 and 4, to our Harvest assembly. The assembly will take place in the hall at 2.30pm. Doors will open at 2.20pm. We kindly ask you to bring a donation towards our Harvest assembly. Please see poster attached for donation ideas. Thank you for your support.

Art day

On 3rd October, we will be holding a whole school art day. Please send children to school on this day wearing clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

This week in class ...

Class 1	<p>The week in class 1 we have been reading the story 'What makes me a me' and thinking about what makes them special. The class have drawn self-portraits as part of their learning and it's been lovely to see all the children practise their mark making.</p> <p>The class are working really hard to remember the routines of the classroom and are doing very well. The children are finding their favourite areas of the classroom and we have seen lots of kindness and sharing as the children make new friends.</p> <p>This week's home learning for children in reception is to read their schoolbook with an adult at home every day and write in their reading record.</p>
Class 2	<p>We are so incredibly proud of the way that our Key Stage 1 children have settled in to Class 2! They have all been absolute superstars! We had lots of fun over the first three days on our virtual trip to France. We made passports, wrote alliterative packing lists, packed our cases, made and flew paper aeroplanes, designed and built vehicles using lego and blocks and wrote hilarious sentences about what we <i>didn't</i> do in the summer holidays. We enjoyed our virtual holiday, along with some delicious French snacks and games. This week, we've settled into our learning routines and have begun to retell our English text, "Mrs Armitage On Wheels". We've been working on place value in maths, named the seven continents with a song in geography and made friendship paperchains in PSHE. Great learning, everyone!</p> <p>Children should now have brought home a library book to share and enjoy with you. Individual reading books will come home on Monday next week when Read Write Inc groupings have been finalised.</p>
Class 3	<p>Class 3 have all settled in very well.</p> <p>We have had a very happy week and have enjoyed colour mixing in Art, basketball in PE and learning about place value in Maths. We particularly enjoyed chocolate tasting in English on Monday which helped us find some great descriptive words for our writing. In PSHE we are learning the importance of working together and being good friends, and we have certainly proved that we can do both this week! Well done class 3 for a very happy and busy start to the term!</p> <p>Your home challenge is to talk to your adults about one thing you have learned each day!</p>
Class 4	<p>This week has been a busy one for class 4. We completed our Greek pottery by painting it terracotta and adding some decorative patterns in black. We also had our first PE lesson of the term, where we practiced the skills needed for hockey. Our Science unit this half term is light, so the children set about exploring what direction light travels in as well as continuing to find out about what the Greeks ever did for us in history.</p>

Congratulations to Isla in Class 4 who was interviewed by the local news, ITV and BBC, for a fund raising campaign where Isla wrote a song with her grandad. Please see link below for the full story and video:

[9-year-old's thank you song to the Cornwall Air Ambulance for helping her mum | ITV News West Country](#)

We would like to wish Lottie in Class 3 the very best of luck as she is attending the world Karate championships in Germany where 18 nations will be attending. We are looking forward to hearing all about it.

Good Luck Lottie we are all rooting for you !!

We believe that arriving at school on time is essential for children to fulfill their potential.



Being on time to school ensures that children settle into the school day and prevents them from missing essential learning.

- Classrooms open at 08:30am
- 8:45am Registers are open: this is when learning starts
- 8:55am to 9:00am: Late but authorised

Class 1: 94.86%

Class 2: 91.01%

Class 3: 93.52%

Class 4: 95.96%

Following a successful Aspirations Day last year, we have planned another one for Friday 13th October. We are looking for visitors from a range of different careers to come into school and work with the children. If you are able to give up some time to support us with this, or know someone who would, please let us know. We are very flexible and can work around you regarding timings, size of group etc.

All after school clubs begin from Monday 18th September.

We still have spaces for the following clubs:

- **Mindfulness: 5 Spaces**
- **Lego: 10 Spaces**
- **Choir: 13 Spaces**
- **Cross Country: 4 Spaces**
- **Art: 2 Spaces**

**All other clubs are fully booked. If you wish your child to be added to our waiting list or added to one of the clubs above please email:
hello@whitemoor.org.uk.**

Due to The Dragon Leisure Centre availability, class 4 swimming will now be taking place during week commencing Monday 11th December for one week.

**Please see email sent on 13th September for further details.
Please log into ParentPay to make payment and consent.**

We would like to inform you Class 4 Christmas Performance will now be held on Monday 18th December.

We are pleased to announce we are looking at Class 4 going to London for their residential in March 2024. You will have received an email to complete an expression of interest form for this trip. Please can we ask you to complete this form by the closing date of Wednesday 20th September. Thank you.

Important Key Dates

18.09.23: All after school clubs begin 3:15pm until 4:15pm
20.09.23: Year 1 Hearing Screening Checks
26.09.23: Netball Match against St Wenn School (At Whitemoor)
28.09.23: Termly Parent Forum
29.09.23: Parent Assembly: Harvest Festival
02.10.23: Black History Month
03.10.23: Art Day
06.10.23: National Poetry Day
06.10.23: WAFA Bingo night (change of date)
10.10.23: Football Fixture against Bugle (At Bugle: Parents to collect children from Bugle)
13.10.23: Aspirations Day
16.10.23: Nasal Flu Vaccinations
16.10.23: Parents Evening
18.10.23: Parents Evening
20.10.23: Class 4 trip to The Royal Cornwall Museum
20.10.23: Non-Uniform Day: Donations for our Christmas Fair
23-27.10.23: Half Term Week
30.10.23: All children return to school/nursery
02.11.23: WAFA Disco
10.11.23: Tempest Photography for individual and sibling photos
13.11.23: Anti-Bullying Week
13.11.23: World Kindness Day
16.11.23: Parent Session—Safety Online
17.11.23: Children In Need
23.11.23: Whitemoor Bake Off
06.12.23: Christmas Dinner Day
07.12.23: Christmas Fair
12.12.23: Christmas Concert Class 3 only 2pm
14.12.23: Christmas Concert Classes 1 & 2 2pm
18.12.23: Christmas Concert Class 4 only (NEW DATE) 2pm
19.12.23: Last Day of Term

Please see school website calendar of the above dates. Any changes to events or new events will be highlighted **Red**.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a Headteacher Award this week for following instructions:

Class 1: Ezra H

Class 2: Archie

Class 3: Zack

Class 4: Ellie



Staff at Whitemoor Academy



Mrs G Hooper Head of School, Safeguarding Lead & Class 3 Teacher on Fridays.



Mrs S Ford Class 4 Teacher & Deputy Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs S Chown Parent Support Advisor, working Day: Tuesdays.



Mrs T Clarke SENDCO, working Day: Thursdays.



Mrs E Dowd, School Secretary.



Mrs B Mephram, Class 1 Teacher. Working Days Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.



Mrs E Knight, Class 1 Teacher, Mondays & Tuesdays.



Mrs E Arnold, Class 2 Teacher.



Ms L Sumption, Class 3 Teacher.

Staff at Whitemoor Academy



Mrs S Ford Class 4 Teacher.



Miss M Treen, Class 1 Teaching Assistant.



Mrs S Toher, Class 1 Teaching Assistant.



Mrs T Suffolk, Class 2 & 3 Teaching Assistant.



Mrs S Bartlett, Class 2 Teaching Assistant.



Mrs L Hatton, Class 2 Teaching Assistant.



Miss K Wimberley, Class 3 Teaching Assistant.



Miss J Green Class 3 Teaching Assistant.



Mrs O'Mahoney, Class 4 Teaching Assistant.



This term, we are also pleased to welcome Mrs Barker into our school. Mrs Barker is currently completing her Initial Teacher Training and will be based in Class 2 with Mrs Arnold.