



**Friday 15th February 2019**

**Happy Half Term**

**We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 25th February**



### **Class 1**

This week was the last week of the topic 'People around the world'. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different places around the world. The children have created their own passport for display and made stamps for the places they liked visiting the most. This week the children have been looking at America. We have been looking at the different landmarks they have.

### **Class 2**

In Class 2 this week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes with all children trying some reasoning and problem solving questions. The children have all achieved well in this area of Maths and I'm sure they will be able to recognize many shapes in and around your homes. For English, Year two have been working on their Imperative Verbs whilst writing a set of instructions to make the boat inspired from their trip to Falmouth Museum last week. Finally, I would like to wish you all a relaxing and fun half term.

### **Class 3**

Class 3's science experiment has had some ground-breaking results! We have discovered that if you stress tomato seeds out in salted water for a day before you plant them, then the plant will grow quicker than if placed in normal water. This will help the Mexican farmers, because we have found out that they have very salty soils and find it hard to grow crops fast enough for the roots to reach the less salty layers. We are now writing to the Mexican agricultural department to inform them of our results. As a class we have decided to replicate the experiment, but plant the seeds in salty soil and normal soil to see what effect there is. Our bake sale was very successful and we raised over £60. We will now decide as a class what we would like to buy to enhance our cooking experience in school.

### **Class 4**

Again Class 4 have had a great week, and whilst some have been feeling a little tired after a busy half term, all managed to find a bit of extra energy to ice skate at Eden yesterday. Despite a few tumbles everyone had a fantastic time and lots of us are keen to develop newly learnt skills further. We are all now looking forward to the half term and a rest.

On our return we will be continuing with our topic Pole to Pole and looking at explorers in History as well as climate and settlements in Geography.

We have all agreed in class that reading over the holiday is important, as is SATs practice for Year 6. Hopefully we will keep up with spellings and times tables too so that we are ready to start the new half term.

### **Safeguarding**

Our key priority is for all children at Whitemoor Academy to feel safe and happy. Recently, we have had several parents walking straight into school and into the classrooms without speaking to the office staff or making an appointment. We please ask that this does not continue. We do have an open door policy and our staff are always happy to speak with you but it is vital that we know who is in the building at all times. Please speak to a member of staff at the front door (usually this is Mrs Walkey) or to one of the office staff who will be happy to help. Thank you for your understanding.



## Sport

Cross Country have their presentation evening on Wednesday 6th March. Children who will be presented with something will have placed in the top 3 for their age group or have been nominated for the sprint of the games award. Presentations start at 4pm and are likely to last 1 hour. Parents and staff are more than welcome to attend, it's more of a celebration of everyone's success during the cross country season. Guest speakers include Olympic Gold Medallist, Ed Coode and Youth Olympic Gold Medallist, Finn Hawkins. Please let Miss Towner know if you are planning to attend as we can inform the numbers to the host of the event.

Well done to the Netball and Football teams this week. You are working extremely hard. We have one more game on the 26th February (First Tuesday after half term) and that is all of the games played. We have the SNELL cup on Monday 11th March and a letter after half term will be given to the children who are going to represent the school.

Thank you to all parents who attended parents evening this week. If you would still like to arrange a catch up with your child/children's Teacher, please contact a member of the office staff and they will be more than happy to help.

We would also like to introduce you to Mrs Cooper who will be volunteering in Class 3 on Fridays.

## AGM for Whitemoor Recreation Ground

Monday 4th March @ 7pm in the school rooms at Whitemoor Chapel—Everyone welcome.

## Polite Reminder

We understand that communication is vital and we want to ensure this improves. In order to help us with this, if your contact information has changed or is due to change, can you please inform the school office so we can update our records.

## Attendance



Class 1 = 98.2%

Class 2 = 93.3%

Class 3 = 93.5%

Class 4 = 98.7%

***\*\*The national average attendance is 95%\*\****. If your child is absent please ensure you report the absence, prior to 9:00am, to a member of staff or you can contact the school office on 01726 822274.

### **\*No after school clubs \***

Please note that there will not be any after school clubs on **Wednesday 20th March**. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause but it is due to whole staff training that is taking place on this day.

### **Polite notice**

We have had several occasions where birthday invitations, gifts, cards etc have been handed out to children within a class, where it hasn't included the whole class. This has caused quite a lot of upset amongst the children who haven't been included. Please can we ask that you be mindful of this and try to do this sort of thing outside of school, if possible, thank you.

If you need to contact the school and our phone line is engaged, you are welcome to email [secretary@whitemoor.org.uk](mailto:secretary@whitemoor.org.uk).

### **Social Media**



For all our parents, please be aware that we have a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Please follow us for up to date news. Search **Whitemoor Academy** or follow us on Twitter on **@Whitemooracad**



### **Calendar Dates**

~**Friday 15th February**~ School closes at 3:15pm for half term.

~**Monday 25th February**~ School Re-Opens.

~**Tuesday 26th February** ~ Swimming starts for KS1.

~ **Wednesday 27th February**~ Coffee Morning organised by Sarah Chown (PSA)

~**Tuesday 5th March**~ St Pirans Day

~**Wednesday 6th March**~ Presentation for Cross Country pupils.

~**Thursday 7th March**~ World Book Day

~**Monday 11th March**~ Snell Cup @ Brannel for Football & Netball Teams.

### **Dates for 2019**

***School will be closed on these days.***

**\*\*Friday 5th April 2019\*\***

**\*\*Friday 7th June 2019\*\***

## Local Services Event at Whitemoor Academy

We are holding an event in the school hall to introduce parents and carers to the fantastic services available to them in the local area.

We are inviting the following services to attend:

Local library

Family Hub

School Nurse

Go Active

Treverbyn Hall Events

Claytawc Events

We have also asked local crafters to attend. Giving them the opportunity to display the work they create, and you the opportunity to purchase home made gifts.

Hot drinks and refreshments will be available.

It would be lovely to see you all attend.

**WEDNESDAY 27TH  
FEBRUARY**

**8:30am—10:00am**

