



FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2018

Topics for this term

Class 1

In class one this half term we are looking at My Family and I. We are going to be looking at the history of the families of the children in class and compare what life was like for their parents and grandparents. We are hoping to have some family visits to share what life was like when the parents were young compared to now. If you are happy to come in and talk to the children then please see either Miss Towner or Mrs Hatton.



Class 2

Our topic will be Kings Queens and Castles. We have a full exiting term of activities planned including a visit to a castle, crowning our own kings and queens and creating our own coats of arms. This week we have investigated the different parts of a castle and what they were used for. Also we have celebrated Roald Dahl day. We dressed up and then wrote about our dreams.

Class 3

Class 3's topic this term is Ancient Egyptians. Already the children have mummified tomatoes for Science, learnt about the 5 Pillars of Islam for R.E., and have written a diary entry describing the life of an Egyptian slave, building The Great Pyramid, Khufu. We have a lot of exciting writing planned and the children will be have a guided tour of outside the Great Pyramids, via Skype.

Class 4

Class 4 are thoroughly enjoying their topic of World War 2. We had a great visit to the Blitz Exhibition at Flambards on Wednesday and really benefitted from being able to imagine what it must be like to live in a city at that time. We have started to look into the causes and effects of the events that happened and to locate the countries that were involved in the war. Lots of children have bought in artefacts and books about the subject and it has been lovely to share in their enthusiasm. Today we had the chance to talk to a lady who was evacuated from her home town to avoid the bombing. The children are all working extremely hard and have settled brilliantly into the new school year. Well done everyone!

Uniform—Jewellery

Can you please ensure that if children have their ears pierced that they are only wearing small gold/silver small studs. If your child is wearing unsuitable earrings they will be asked to remove them.

Can we also remind parents that large 'Jo-Jo' bows should not be worn. Smaller bows are however acceptable.

We already have items of school uniform in our lost property box. Please put your child's name in jumpers and coats etc. Thank you.

Clubs

Unfortunately we are not able to offer any clubs on Wednesday 19th September or Wednesday 17th October due to essential staff training. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

Roald Dahl Day

Thank you to all of our amazing children who dressed up as Roald Dahl characters yesterday and well done parents for being so creative! We all had a wonderful day. To donate to Roald Dahl's marvellous charity please visit: <https://www.roalddahl.com/charity/donate>

Social Media

For all our new 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.

Attendance

Class 1 = 93.3%

Class 2 = 98.7%

Class 3 = 97%

Class 4 = 99.0%

Meet the Staff

Mrs Hooper is the Head of School at Whitemoor Academy has worked here for nearly 10 years. She recently took a year off work for maternity leave and returned to Whitemoor at the end of June 2018. Welcome back Mrs Hooper.



Contact Information

Can we kindly remind parents/guardians to notify the school of any amendments to their contact details.

Calendar Dates

Tuesday 5th October—Bikeability (Year 5)

Friday 7th December KS2 trip to Theatre Royal Plymouth

Dates for 2018/2019

School will be closed on these days.

****Monday 29th October 2018****

****Thursday 20th December 2018****

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

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

Class 3 and Class 4 Children

A reminder that all children need to bring in a healthy snack for break time. This can be fruit, vegetables or cheese.

Please encourage your child to eat healthily.

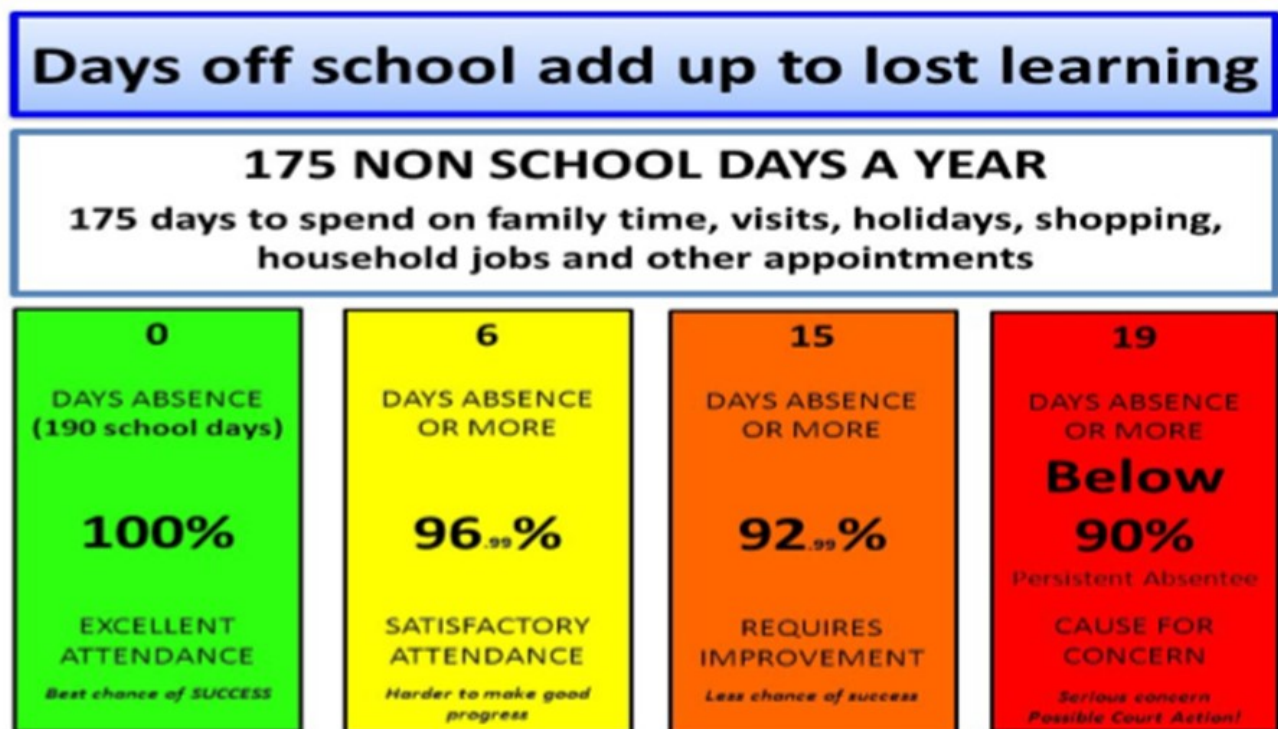
A polite reminder that payments for school dinners must be made in advance. We thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

We need to make all of our parents aware that we are looking at children's attendance in school. We will be very closely monitoring the children with attendance below 95% as this is classed as Persistent Absence.

Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life.

Children who frequently miss school often fall behind. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results.



We have had fantastic attendance so far and hope that this will be continuing throughout this academic year, Whitemoor Academy does NOT authorise any holiday during term time.

Please remember to complete a holiday request form if you intend to take your child out of school. These are available on our website or from the school office.