



## Friday 1st February 2019

### Class 1

This week the children looked at the different countries in Europe. We explored the different food they eat and we had Isaac (from class 2) parents come in and share some Turkish and Italian. It was fun to learn hello and goodbye in a different language.

### Class 2

This week for Maths, the Year 1 pupils have been securing their knowledge of more than, less than and equals. They will start problem solving before moving onto Geometry—looking at shapes. Year 2 have been looking at subtraction and then number bonds and will move on to Geometry too. English—Year 2 have been finishing their diaries ready to paint. On Thursday we all cooked some shortbread biscuits as an alternative to 'Sea Biscuits' which Christopher Columbus would have taken on his explorations. The biscuits will be sent home today.

### Class 3

This week class 3 have been carrying out the practical side of their science investigation 'What effect does salt water have on plants'. We are focusing on Roald Dahl's George's marvellous medicine in English. We have been drawing inferences from what we have read such as character's feelings, thoughts and motives for their actions. Finally, we are busy preparing for our Class bake sale on Friday 8th. We hope to raise money to buy some cookery equipment for the school.

*On Friday the 8th Class 3 will be holding a bake sale for the children in the afternoon to raise money for cookery equipment for the school. Cakes will be priced at 50p each.*

### Class 4

What an exciting week we had! We interpreted work by Kipling, learnt about the Inuit and enjoyed reproducing some Inuit folk art. In maths we have continued with statistics, with learning about common factors and about the order of operations. We are all looking forward to our Skating trip at Eden on Thursday 14th Feb, so a quick reminder for parents/pupils to return the permission slips if you have not already done so.

## Sport



Massive congratulations to the Tag Rugby team who played against Nanpean on Monday and won 7-2. We will find out soon when the next round of the competition is and keep you updated. Well done to everyone involved. We have our last Cross Country event on Wednesday 6th February. We are hoping for better weather to run in than last week!

## Change of Menu \*Chinese New Year\*

On **Tuesday 5th February**, there will be a change to the Chartwells menu.

**Main—Chinese Chicken Noodles**

**Vegetarian—Sweet & Sour Quorn with Rice**

**All served with Wok Tossed Vegetables**

**Dessert— Sticky Bananas with Ice Cream**

**(Please note, Jacket Potato will also be available on this day).**





## Polite reminder :Parent Forum

On Monday the 4th February, Mrs Hooper will be holding a Parent Forum from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. This will be an opportunity to hear about our current successes, the areas that we are working on and our plans for the term ahead. It is also an opportunity for open discussion with parents about any questions or concerns that you may wish to share. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## Parent's Evening

We will be holding our parent's evening appointments on Monday 11th February and Wednesday 13th February.

Please book your appointments through ESchools.

***\*\*Please note all afterschool clubs will be cancelled on these days\*\****

## Morning Drop Off

We have noticed that several parents are dropping their children in the car park in the mornings and letting the children walk in on their own. Some parents are driving away before the children have even reached the main gate. Please can we ask that you walk your child into the school grounds to ensure that they have been handed over to a member of staff before you leave. The safety of all of the children in school is our main priority. Thank you for your understanding.

## 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 = 99.4%

Class 2 = 97.5%

Class 3 = 99.0%

Class 4 = 99.2%

***\*\*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.

### Parent Surveys

Thank you so much to everyone who has already returned their surveys from last week. Can we please ask that any surveys that are still to be returned are with us by Monday 11th of February so that we can collate the information. Once this has been done, we will send an overview home to parents with a list of actions.

### News from WAFA

Groundwork UK have now informed us that we have won £1000 from Tesco through the bags for life scheme. The bid WAFA put in, included a nest swing but as that was around £3000, it's likely that idea will be dropped and we will progress with the greenhouse and rejuvenation of the pond area.



### 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

~Monday 4th February~ Parent Forum— 3:30pm—4:30pm

~Tuesday 5th February~ Chinese Themed Menu

~Wednesday 6th February~ Class 2 Trip –Maritime Museum.

~Monday 11th February~ Parents Meetings' 2:00pm—6:00pm

~Wednesday 13th February~ Parents Meetings' 2:00pm—6:00pm

~Thursday 14th February~ Class 4 Trip—Eden Project (Ice Skating)

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

~Monday 25th February~ School Re-Opens.

### Dates for 2019

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

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

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