



## Friday 11th January 2019

### **Welcome Back!**

On the behalf of everyone here at Whitemoor Academy, I would like to wish you a very happy New Year and welcome you back to school following the Christmas holidays. We hope you had a really lovely break. It was such a pleasure to welcome the children back this week looking smart in their school uniforms, relaxed, recharged and ready to start the new term. We have lots of exciting events and opportunities planned for your children and are looking forward to the term ahead. As always, if there is anything at all that you would like to speak to us about, then please do pop in; our door is always open.

Mrs G Hooper—Head of School

### Mr Ackrell

We would like to welcome Mr Ackrell to Whitemoor this term. Mr Ackrell is currently undergoing his teacher training through the SCITT programme and will be predominantly working in Class 4 with Mrs Sumption.



### After school clubs

You will have received information today about whether or not your child has been successful in getting a place in their chosen clubs. Unfortunately some of our clubs were very heavily oversubscribed this term and have waiting lists. We would love to be able to increase the numbers but need additional adult support in order to be able to do this. If you feel that you are able to support us with any of our clubs and commit to being here each week, then please do speak to either Mrs Slateford or Mrs Powell in the office and we will go from there. Thank you.

### Class 1

The Children have been very creative this week, designing their very own map of the world. The work will be displayed on the walls in the classroom and reception.

### Class 2

Please can all parents send a baby photo in with their children for Monday 14th January. This is for the Science topic 'Animals including Humans'. We will do our best to ensure that we take good care of the photos and will send them back on the same day. If you do have any concerns, however, then we ask that you please send a copy and not an original photo. Thanks.



### Class 3

Class 3 have had a very busy start to the term. We have been baking a three course meal for our new restaurant. We have also begun to write a piece of persuasive text about visiting France. Finally, we have started our 'bread Friday', where two children each week bake a loaf of bread for the children to share in the afternoon.

### Class 4

Class 4 have settled back very well into the Spring Term and have enjoyed starting their new topic 'Pole to Pole'. We have been busy constructing a huge collage depicting the Arctic and Antarctic and have begun to learn about the Geography of the area and some of the wildlife which inhabit the regions. Both Year 5 and Year 6 have returned with a real determination and work hard; well done to all of you!



## Sports Leaders

On Thursday, 12 children from Class 4 completed their first day in their Sport's Leadership course, organised by GoActive. They participated in several warm up games and later identified through various examples, what qualities are needed to become a good sports leader.. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to their next session which will be on Thursday 24th January.



## KS2 Camp 2019

Thank you to those people who have already signed up for the KS2 camp this year. You will remember that we sent a letter out about this in November. Just a reminder that the deadline for deposits for places on this trip is 18th January. Camp will run from Monday 20th May until Wednesday 22nd May this year.

Once we have final numbers, we will arrange a meeting for all parents to discuss arrangements and send home information such as a kit list. If you have any further questions in the meantime, please get in touch.

## WAFA

Thank you to WAFA for the parent meet and greet on Monday 7th. What a lovely way to welcome parents back to school, especially in this cold weather.

## Attendance



Class 1 = 98.2%

Class 2 = 97.7%

Class 3 = 97.3%

Class 4 = 97.1%

***\*\*The national average attendance is 95%\*\****

### Polite reminder

When parking outside of school at drop off and pick up times, please refrain from blocking the crossing. We have had multiple complaints about this and are concerned for the safety of children who walk home unsupervised or may be crossing the road to use the park. We understand that parking is an issue, but please ask that you work with us on this to keep your children as safe as possible.



### School Census Day Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers

Next Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, is a National School Census Day. This is when the Department for Education (DfE) collects information about each school to help them plan for the future and, most importantly, the data is used to set future school budgets. One of the figures we have to report is the number of Reception and Years 1 & 2 children who are having a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) on this day.

The census data is then used to decide how much funding for the year we get for our hot meals. This means that if your child does not have a meal on Thursday, we will not receive any further funding for the rest of the year. If your child chooses to have a meal on another day, we will have to fund this from our school budget.

We do not receive funding for the amount of hot meals we supply, only the number of meals eaten on the two census days in October and January each year.

**Our solution to this problem is to ask every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to try the hot meal on Census Day. Then your child will be fully funded to have hot meals during the year thus saving the school any additional costs.**

Thank you for your support.

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

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

~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\*\***

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Not sure who can  
help?

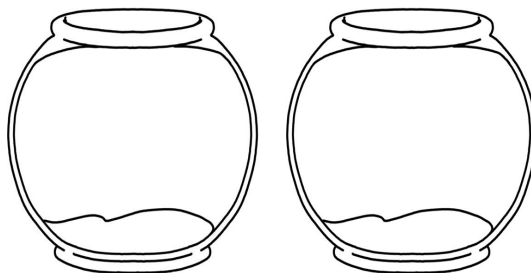
Ever wondered why your  
child behaves in a certain  
way?

Are you thinking that  
something needs to  
change?

Come along to our free **One Day Parenting Workshop** to learn some new skills on how to manage difficult behaviour and strengthen the relationship between you and your child at home.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9:00 – 2:00pm @ St Stephen Churchtown Academy**

**Refreshments will be available but please bring your own lunch.**



**Please call Cathy or Jade in St Stephen Academy's office to book a place.**

**01726 822568**

