

WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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Friday 11th February 2022

I am pleased to announce that after two weeks in outbreak measures, Public Health England have lifted the restrictions on Whitemoor Academy and we can return to 'normal' school life. This means that all after school clubs will be back on next week and the trips that we have planned can go ahead.

We will still remain vigilant and do ask that parents support us with this when entering the school premises. We hope that we can get to half term without another increase in cases.

In other happy news, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to Mrs Slateford who is returning on the 16th February from her maternity leave. Mrs Slateford will be working on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the office.

I would like to thank Mrs Dowd for all of her hard work in Mrs Slateford's absence and I am pleased to say that we will be keeping her in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mrs G Hooper
Head of School

PE kit reminder - After half term we will be asking children to bring their PE kits into school to change for PE lessons. We have noticed that there is a wide variety of what children are wearing on PE days and would like to remind you that PE kit should consist of the following only:

- Black shorts/ Black jogging bottoms
- A white polo shirt or blue Whitemoor logo t-shirt
- Black plimsolls or trainers

School jumper - There is no need for the children to bring a separate hoodie or sweatshirt

Monday: Class 3

Tuesday: Class 4

Wednesday: Class 1

Thursday: Class 2



We're hiring!!

We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to work 16.25 hours per week, term time only and on a permanent basis.

The role will involve lunchtime supervisory duties.

The proposed interview date is **Friday 4th March 2022**. More information can be found on the **Aspire website**.

[Current Vacancies - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)



Delaware

Just a reminder to all parents about payments for Delaware must be **paid in full by 21st March 2022**. You should by now have received the kit list. Please keep an eye out for an invite to a parent information session very soon.

Early Start Club

Early Start Club is on offer before school from 8am. The club is run by Mrs O'Mahoney and must be **booked online via Parentpay one week in advance**.

We currently charge a very reasonable £1 for the facility.

If you would like more information about Early Start Club then please speak to Mrs Dowd in the office or book using the guidance via ParentPay: [How-to-make-meal-or-event-bookings.pdf \(parentpay.com\)](#).

This week in class

Class 1	This week in Class 1 we have worked really hard in creating their own story maps of the Billy Goats Gruff. The Reception children then thought about what the goats might do after they crossed the bridge. Great work. Nursery children have enjoyed working on their rhyming words and finding some silly rhymes. Next week we are going to be looking at Jack and the Beanstalk and see how tall some beanstalks are.
Class 2	Class 2 have focused on writing fantastic instructions for catching a star this week. In Maths, Year 1 children have worked on place value in numbers to 20, while Year 2s have continued their work with money. We have drawn characters in the style of Oliver Jeffers, looking especially at how to improve our own work, and danced imagining we were on ice - great practise for our trip next week, which we are all very excited about!
Class 3	Class 3 have been learning to use Ordnance Map symbols to locate points of interest in Geography. In computing, the children were learning to collaborate virtually by sharing a document and working on it in real-time. In English, the children have been describing their own version of Hogwarts castle using figurative language. In our math's lessons we have been learning all about fractions and what use they are in the real-life context.
Class 4	Class 4 have had a good week and have worked very hard as always! We have started to write some great scene descriptions and have supported this with artwork in the style of Henri Rousseau. As this week has been 'Internet Safety Week' we focused our PSHE lesson on the idea of 'Think before You Click'. We used practical activities to demonstrate how fast posts can travel across the internet and how, once sent, they can seldom be erased! The children could all recognise the importance of posting responsibly and understood the need to use the internet safely. Well done Class 4!

Trips Reminder: Class 3 St Ives Trip will be on Tuesday 15th February and Class 2 trip to Eden for Ice Play will be on Wednesday 16th February. Parents/Carers MUST consent to their child/ren going on these trip via ParentPay. Payment for these trips can also be made via ParentPay.

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ 14.02.22: Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
- ◆ 15.02.22: (New Date in place of 08/02/22)
Class 4 Parent Consultations Via Teams
- ◆ 15.02.22: Class 1 & Class 2 Pyjama Day
- ◆ 15.02.22: Class 3 Tate St Ives Trip
- ◆ 15.02.22: Whitemoor V Luxulyan Netball & Football Fixture
- ◆ 16.02.22: Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
- ◆ 16.02.22: Class 2 Ice Play at Eden Project
- ◆ 18.02.22: Aspire INSET Day: school closed
- ◆ 21.02.22 to 25.02.22: Half Term Week
- ◆ 28.02.22 to 04.03.22: Class 3 Swimming week
- ◆ 01.03.22: Delaware Parents Meeting 3:30pm
- ◆ 01.03.22: Whitemoor V Nanpean Football Fixture Only
- ◆ 07.03.22 to 11.03.22: Class 2 Swimming week
- ◆ 23.03.22 to 25.03.22: KS2 Delaware Trip
- ◆ 31.03.22: Class 1 Library Trip
- ◆ 27.06.22 to 08.07.22: Class 4 Swimming for 2weeks

Message from the kitchen:

On Friday 4th March we are cooking a special menu (see below). This is now bookable via ParentPay.

	St Piran's Day
Cocktail steak or cheese & onion pasty, chips and baked beans.	
	followed by Cornish Farthing Biscuit
Friday March 4th	
Gool Peran Lowen!	

World Book Day

We are asking children to come into school on the 3rd March dressed as a book character. World Book tokens will be sent home on this day.

Bikeability

A reminder that the Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability is on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th of February. This is where the children are able to put their skills to the test out on the roads around the village. Children who are taking part bring their bikes and helmets plus sensible outdoor clothes/gloves/waterproof coats on **both** of these dates.

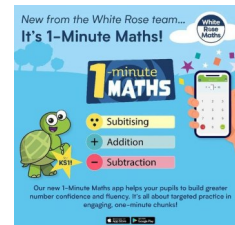
WAFAs

We are still looking for a group of enthusiastic parents to reinstate the Whitemoor Academy Friends Association. The parent group will work alongside school staff to support us with events such as the Christmas and summer fair and Easter egg hunt. We had several volunteers for general support last term but do not currently have a committee.

If you think you would be interested in giving your support, chairing the group or acting as the secretary or treasurer, then please contact us at hello@whitemoor.org.uk and we will set up a coffee morning to discuss how to move this forward.

1-minute maths app

Help your EYFS and KS1 children master number and build their confidence using the new White Rose 1-Minute Maths app. This app supports what your child is learning in school. Well worth the free download - no log in or internet access required.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children for achieving headteacher award this week for Art:



Class 1: Parker

Class 2: Harlyn

Class 3: Will

Class 4: Faith

Children's Mental Health week

In addition to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, this week was Children's Mental Health week. As a Trauma Informed School, we see supporting children's mental health and wellbeing is a top priority.

We have practitioners in school who are available for one to one support or group support where children are struggling with their wellbeing. We also have Eddie, our therapy dog who visits us on a Monday. If you have any questions about your child's wellbeing then we ask that you speak to the class teacher in the first instance. They can be contacted through the school office if you are not able to speak to them at collection time. Our Parent Support advisor, Sarah Chown, is also on hand for support and can be contacted on 07512267449 or at sarah.chown@aspireacademytrust.org

Reminder: Class 1 and Class 2 will be having their Pyjama Day on Tuesday 15th February 2022. Please can children come to school wearing their Pyjama's and bring a bedtime story too.

Plea for donations

We know that we have many talented and creative parents in our school community. At the moment, we are creating an outdoor reading area for the children to access when they are outside at play time. We have a wonderful reading shed that was purchased using Tesco grant funding but we are now looking to add to the surrounding area. We would love two picnic tables, some wooden toadstool seats and some wooden planters for this area. If we have any parents who are willing to create and donate any of the above, then please get in touch.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February was Safer Internet Day. Children across the school learnt about how to stay safe online. Many of you will know that this work is ongoing throughout the school year and not something we reserve for a themed day, however, it was a good opportunity to share this across classes.

If you ever need any support with your child's online safety, then please do not hesitate to contact us. Here is a link to another great website for support in this area: [Parents homepage \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://Parents.homepage(thinkuknow.co.uk))