

WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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Friday 14th January 2022

Well done to all the children who have been working so hard in their lessons this week. I have seen such positive attitudes to learning and engagement in lessons over the last few days. I spent some focused time this week in the classrooms observing some art lessons and really enjoyed watching the children develop their skills in this area. We certainly have some fantastic artists within the school.

I was pleased to welcome back, Eddie, our therapy dog on Monday this week following the Christmas break. Eddie will continue to work with the same children as last term. This is due to change following the February half term holiday.

I am also pleased to announce that we have started up our Key Stage 2 choir. Mrs Arnold will be leading the choir every Tuesday lunchtime and already has some events lined up for them in the very near future.

Parents evenings are planned for Tuesday the 8th and Wednesday 9th of February. Please keep an eye out for more information on booking these appointments next week.

Mrs G Hooper
Head of School

PE kits

Children will continue to come into school in their PE kit on PE day this half term. After half term this will return to children getting changed in school. Whilst we are aware that many parents prefer to send their children in in kits, this is a government and Aspire Academy Trust recommendation to demonstrate the importance of changing for sporting activities for hygiene reasons and to prepare our children for later life. There are no Covid related reasons as to why the children should not change in school.

Monday: Class 3

Tuesday: Class 4

Wednesday: Class 1

Thursday: Class 2

The closing date for applications for Reception places for September 2022 is 15th January 2022. Please contact us if you would like a tour of the school. We also have Nursery places available from January 2022.

Please click on the link below to view our nursery prospectus:

[Book Creator - Aspire Nursery Starters 2021-22](#)

[School admissions - Cornwall Council](#)

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 \(parentpay.com\)](#)

Aspire Admission Arrangements 2023-24 Consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code 2021, the Directors of Aspire Academy Trust (AAT) are consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for the 2023/24 school year with regard to the academies within the Trust. Information on the consultation can be viewed on our School website under links and downloads or Aspire Academy Trust website (www.aspireacademytrust.org) under school admissions.

This week in class

Class 1	It has been lovely to get back into school life this week with the children. We have started our topic on traditional tales and our first book we looked at this week was The Little Red Hen. Over the week we have used story maps to retell the story and used repetitive language to help us remember. At home see if you can retell the story to a family member. The children have also enjoyed making their own windmills with split pins and painting their own Red Hen pictures with their hands. What a fantastic start to our topic. We are looking forward to learning about Three Little Pigs next week.
Class 2	We've been busy in Class 2 this week! We had a fantastic dress-up day on Monday to launch our Oliver Jeffers topic. The children all looked really wonderful and enjoyed making paper-plate penguins and drawing in the style of Oliver Jeffers. We've looked at punctuation in English and had lots of fun posing for "freeze frames" in Drama. In Maths, we've been adding and subtracting with increasing fluency. We were adventurous explorers in Dance and learned about the Prophet Muhammed in RE. Great learning, everyone!
Class 3	Class 3 have been busy writing out an application letter for the job role of Head Teacher of Hogwarts. We role-played the interview process to gain a deeper insight into the content of our letter. In art, we have been learning how to use critique to improve our sketches. In P.E., we were looking at taking off and landing in a safe and controlled manner. In history, we began to research the local mining industry.
Class 4	Class 4 have had a busy week and have enjoyed our wider curriculum activities. In Tuesday's PE session we started a series of lessons in which we are learning the Haka as an introduction to our work on Dance. In Geography we have been locating countries and comparing populations, with a particular focus on India. Our Science lesson, during which we made Mangonel catapults, was thoroughly enjoyed. We put the catapults to the test and had a competition to see whose ammunition would fly the furthest! Another good week for everyone...well done Class 4.

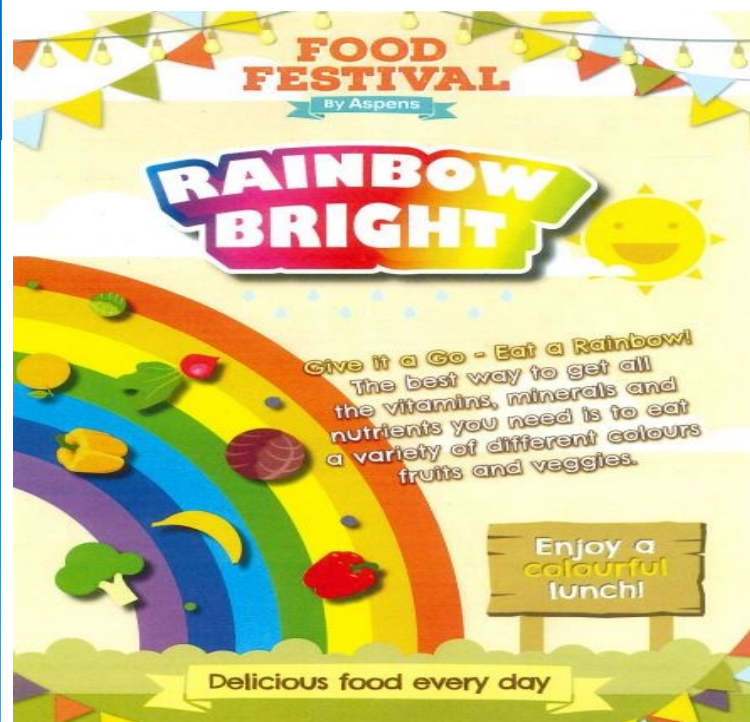
Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ 20.01.22: Class 4 Eden Project Trip
- ◆ 25.01.22: Whitemoor V Foxhole Netball/ Football Fixture
- ◆ 28.01.22 to 30.01.22: Big Garden Bird Watch
- ◆ 01.02.22: Chinese New Year
- ◆ 08.02.22 & 09.02.22: Parents Consultations
- ◆ 14.02.22: Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
- ◆ 15.02.22: Class 1 & Class 2 Pyjama Day
- ◆ 15.02.22: Whitemoor V Luxulyan Netball & Football Fixture
- ◆ 16.02.22: Year 6 Bikeability Level 2
- ◆ 18.02.22: Aspire INSET Day: school closed
- ◆ 21.02.22 to 25.02.22: Half Term Week

Please refer to 'Key Dates for Spring Term 1' letter emailed to you for more information.

Census: A letter regarding our Census menu change has been emailed to all Parents/Carers on 12.01.22.

This menu change will be Thursday 20th January 2022. Please read the letter to make the correct meal choices for this day. Only Option 1 or Option 3 can be selected for this day. Thank you.



WAFA

We are 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.

Please can we remind parents/carers to bring your child/rens a bottle of water from home to drink in school during the school day. Thank you.



Headteacher Awards

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

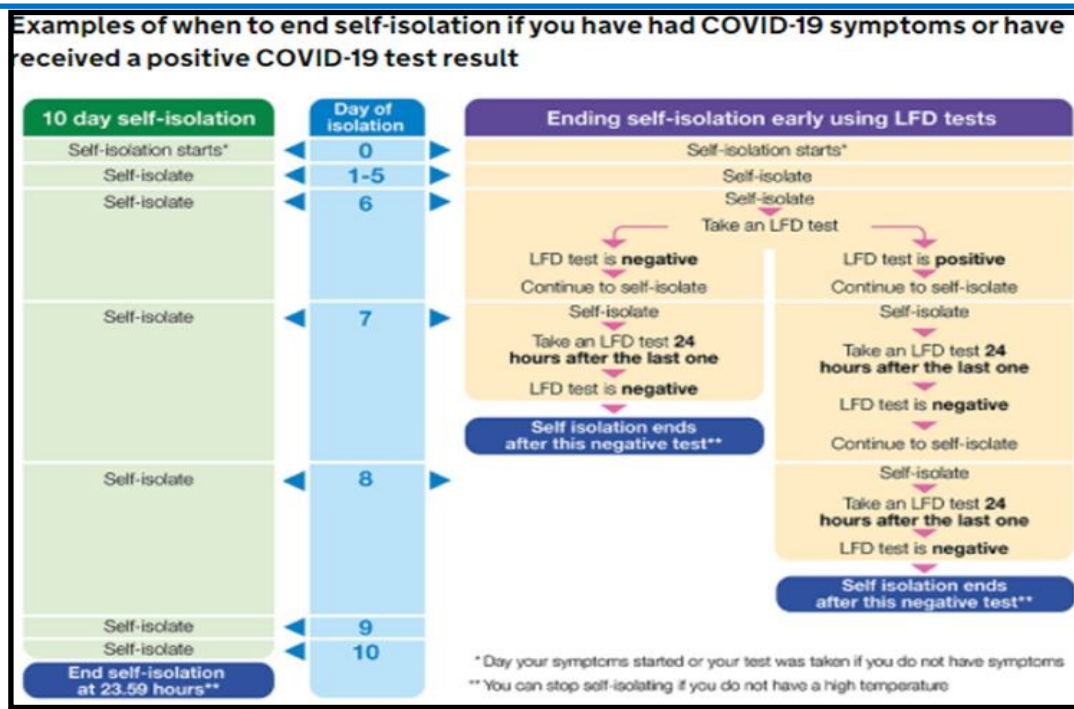


Class 1: Daisy & Abigail

Class 2: Angus & Tegan

Class 3: Ruby-Mai & Archie

Class 4: Xander & Owen



This guide and further government guidelines can be found via this link:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - The Aspire Academy Trust](https://www.aspireacademytrust.co.uk/coronavirus-covid-19)

Homework

This week, the Whitemoor staff spent some time reviewing our homework policy. There are no key changes to report but if you would like to read the policy then please have a look here: [Whitemoor Academy](#). We would like to remind you that we do expect children to complete homework and that these pieces are celebrated in class and also in assemblies on a Friday. If you have any concerns about homework then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you would like to give any feedback about our current homework policy, then please email: hello@whitemoor.org.uk with the subject - homework policy feedback.

Class 4 trip

Reminder to all parents that class 4 will be ice skating and visiting the rainforest biome at Eden on Thursday 20th January. If you have not already completed your child's consent form then please do. We are asking the children to wear school jumpers for the trip but advise that they wear trousers to protect them on the ice. Please also send gloves to wear when skating.