

# WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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## Friday 21st January 2022

It has been so lovely to see the sun shining again this week even though it is still so chilly. Mr Gray and I have had meetings this week with the Aspire premises team and have a very exciting plan to develop the outdoor learning areas ahead of the summer. We look forward to sharing this plan with you very soon once it has been finalised. We believe that time outside is a vital part of childhood and would like to remind you that children to play and learn outside whatever the weather. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat at all times. Hats, gloves and scarves are also recommended at the moment. We ask that children do not wear boots to school as they are not part of our school uniform. If you would like to send wellies in for outdoor play then this is absolutely fine.

It has been fantastic to see the return of class trips this week with Class 4's Eden visit. I was fortunate enough to join the children on their trip and in awe of how much resilience they all demonstrated when ice skating. Some of the children had never stepped foot on the ice before and were extremely nervous. By the end of the session, they were confidently navigating their way around the rink. I am so proud of all of them. In the coming weeks, all of the other classes have trips to look forward to also. We aim to take each class on a trip once a term as part of the curriculum.

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**

## 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](http://www.aspireacademytrust.org)) under school admissions.

## This week in class ....

Class 1	This week the children have been learning all about the three little pigs. They have enjoyed creating dances about the story in PE and being the big bad wolf coming to blow the houses down. We have also looked at the story map and how they can make their own to retell the story. There has been some fabulous home learning happening from Class 1! Keep up the hard work.
Class 2	We've had lots of fun in class 2 this week. We created amazing story maps for our own "Lost and Found" stories and learned to use column subtraction in Maths. We were inquisitive investigators in Science, testing materials to see whether they were absorbent and danced like naughty Jack Frost and curly snowflakes in PE. In Geography, we worked in teams to sort the months of the year into the correct seasons and thought about the clothes we would need for each kind of weather. Super learning, everyone!
Class 3	Class 3 have been writing character and setting descriptions in their Harry potter themed English lessons. In maths, the children have been learning how to divide 2-digit by 1-digit numbers. Science this week, has been all about changing states of matter. We looked at how the particles differ between the different states and why this change happens. Finally, in P.S.H.E. we found out how we are unique and similar to others. We then created a theme-park that would have something for everyone in it.
Class 4	Class 4 have had a great week! We all thoroughly enjoyed our class trip to Eden on Thursday where we visited the rainforest biome and ice skated. We had the rink to ourselves and, despite some tumbles, everyone made huge progress in moving around the ice. Well done Class 4! We are so proud of your resilience and determination to master a new skill.

### Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **25.01.22: Cancelled Whitemoor V Foxhole Football & Netball 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: 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 04.02.22: Class 3 Swimming week**
- ◆ **07.03.22 to 11.03.22: Class 2 Swimming week**
- ◆ **27.06.22 to 08.07.22: Class 4 Swimming for 2weeks**

### **Mobile phone safety**

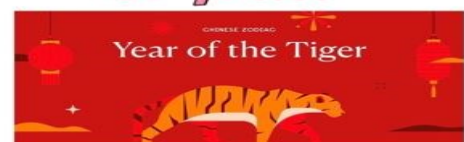
We are aware that many of the children in school had mobile phones for Christmas. If you would like any guidance on how to keep your child safe whilst using a mobile phone then this website is a great starting point: [Phones - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Reminder to parents, we do not allow children to bring their mobiles into school. If a child needs to bring their phone in for some reason, then the class teacher will look after it until the end of the day. Please can parents speak to their child's class teacher if this is something that is relevant to you.

**Message from the kitchen: On Tuesday 1st February 2022 the kitchen will celebrating Chinese New Year with a special menu (see poster below).**

**On ParentPay please select Option 1 for Chinese Chicken, Option 2 for the Quorn Noodles or Option 3 for Jacket Potato.**

***Celebrating  
Chinese New Year  
Tuesday 1st February  
Chinese Chicken  
or Quorn Noodles  
Crispy  
Broccoli  
Chinese style cupcakes  
or fruit***



## WAFAs

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 hel-lo@whitemoor.org.uk and we will set up a coffee morning to discuss how to move this forward.

## Vaccination Clinics

Reeds Pharmacy from Truro  
at **St John's Church Hall St Austell**

This weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January

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Next weekend 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January

9am -1.30pm

We have appointments available for booking or spaces for walk ins for anyone age 12 and over.



## Headteacher Awards

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



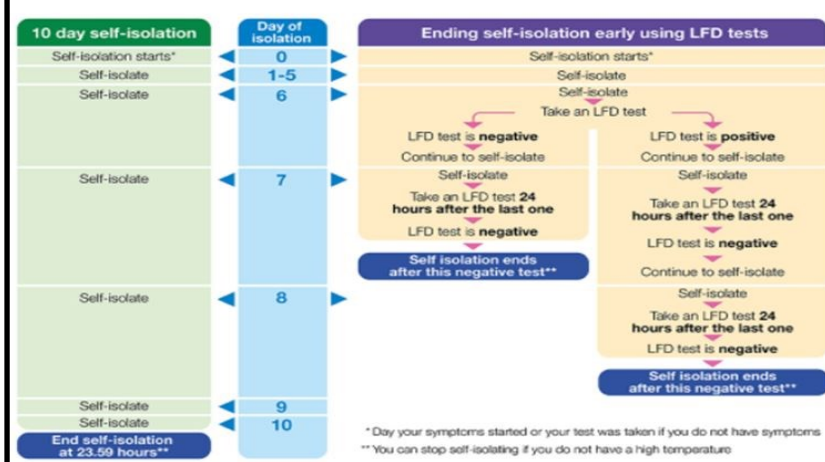
**Class 1:** Evelyn B

**Class 3:** Gracie

**Class 2:** Ronni-Rose

**Class 4:** Laylah B

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



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

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

## School closure for bad weather

Now that the colder weather has arrived, we wanted to update you on our procedure for emergency closures just in case it is needed. Where possible, we will do our utmost to keep school open. We will make a judgement based on weather warnings, local knowledge, road conditions and safety of staff and pupils travelling to and from school and risk assess whether to close. We will then inform parents as soon as possible via text message AND social media.

## Aspens kitchen competition

We are working with Aspens, our school lunch provider, to revamp our kitchen area in the dinner hall. As part of this we have asked the children to come up with a name for the school canteen as if it were a cafe or a restaurant. The new name will be voted in and displayed in the hall under the servery where the children get their school dinners. If your child has an idea, please ask them to write it down and give all entries to Mrs Hooper by Friday 28th January. The winner will be announced the following week.