

# WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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## Friday 10th December 2021

It has been a fabulously festive week here at Whitemoor Academy. On Tuesday we held our Christmas fair. Despite holding the event in school time and without parents present, we are really pleased with how it went. The children had a great afternoon participating in the different games and activities. I want to say a big thank you to all of the staff who created the games for the children and to the parent volunteers who assisted us in manning the stalls and wrapping presents in The Secret's Room.

We are pleased to say we raised £380.65 not including the money we are currently raising with the raffle. Yesterday and this morning, we have had our key stage visits to Whitemoor chapel for a Christmas service and Christingle. It was so lovely to visit the chapel again after such a long time. I would like to thank the team at the chapel for welcoming us.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming the Key Stage 1 parents into school for the nativity. I will refer you again to the email sent out about this last week. We still believe at this time that we can hold these events safely. Following the government's 'Plan B' and the emergence of new COVID cases in school, we would like to remind all parents to wear a face covering for the performances and take a Lateral Flow Test in the morning. We also ask that your hands are sanitised on arrival. Please keep an eye out for an email with the information of how to watch online for those of you who aren't attending.

Mrs G Hooper  
Head of School

We would like to say a special thank you to all of the businesses including Imerys for contributing a donation towards our Christmas raffle this year. If you would like to enter our raffle for a chance to win a prize, please see Mrs Toher at the end of the school day at the front door of school to purchase tickets. More information on the raffle has been sent via email to all parents/carers. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 15th December at 11:30am via Teams, please refer to email to access the link to join if you wish. Thank you.

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](#)



Please contact the school office for more information.

## 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 \(parentpay.com\)](#)

### Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumpers

We would like to remind you all that children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Christmas dinner day, which will take place on Wednesday 15th December.

### Non-School Uniform day on last Day of Term:

Our last day of term is Friday 17th December and we welcome children to wear non-school uniform and school/nursery will finish at 1.15pm on this day.

### January Drop off/Collection Times

We will continue to keep the current staggered finish times when we return in January.

Thank you

## This week in class ....

Class 1	Class 1 have been learning all about Christmas this week. We have been all festive this week and practicing our show ready for next week. The children are excited to show you all of their hard work. We will continue with our celebrations next week for our final week at school.
Class 2	Class 2 have really been getting in the festive spirit this week. We have been rehearsing our play, learning an extra song and decorating beautiful baubles for the Christmas garden. We enjoyed a visit to the chapel on Thursday to learn about the Christingle and wowed Rev. Paul with our singing! We did some Cosmic Yoga for PE and wrote amazing stories about a reindeer toy who comes to life on Christmas Eve. We are excited to welcome our grown-ups to watch our performances next week!
Class 3	Class 3 have been busy preparing for the filming of their Christmas songs this week as well as making their Christmas hats for Christmas dinner. In English, we have been learning how to write a play script. In maths we have been learning how to be systematic in our approach to problem solving. In History, we have been learning all about Alfred the Great.
Class 4	Class 4 have really enjoyed their week. As well as our usual subjects, we have been learning Christmas songs and poems for our performance, decorated the class Christmas tree and spent time at the Christmas Fair. Well done to our School Council representatives and their helpers for running stalls and supervising activities. Everyone had a great time, and we are now all even more excited about Christmas!

**P.E days** We are still asking children to come dressed in their P.E kits on the days they have P.E:

**Monday: Class 3**

**Tuesday: Class 4**

**Wednesday: Class 1**

**Thursday: Class 2**

### Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **13.12.21 & 14.12.21: Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (please refer to letter dated 6th December sent home)**
- ◆ **15.12.21: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**
- ◆ **15.12.21: Reception Vision Screening Checks**
- ◆ **17.12.21: Last day of term & non-school uniform: Finish at 1:15pm**
- ◆ **04.01.22: INSET Day: School closed**
- ◆ **05.01.22: Back to School/Nursery**
- ◆ **18.02.22: Aspire INSET Day: school closed**
- ◆ **21.02.22 to 25.02.22: Half Term Week**



### Are you a key worker?

We are looking for parents who can come in and talk to the children about their jobs. If you work for the emergency services, are a key worker or just have a job that may be of interest, please speak to the office and let us know. We would love to arrange some visits for the Spring term.

### Open Phonics

Miss Towner will be running more of these sessions for parents of children in Class 1. Please speak to her if you would like more information.

### 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.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Time2Move Christmas Holiday Programme**

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that the new Time2Move holiday programme which was a great success over the summer will also be taking place across Cornwall over the Christmas school holidays.

This programme will offer fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for your child. Activities will mainly take place from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. All children are welcome to attend and it is completely **FREE** for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals you will need your child's unique code in order to access the activities for free. This code will be the same as the one issued to your child over the summer holidays, so you can continue to use the same code. However, if you no longer know it or did not receive it, you can request a reminder by emailing the following email address with your child's full name and name of the school they attend:

Email address to request code: [Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)

To search and book on activities please visit:

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)

The activities are all delivered by approved providers with the main focus on fun and enjoyment. So please search for activities near you, book your child's place and we look forward to seeing your child over the Christmas holiday.

Yours faithfully,

The Time2Move Holiday Programme Team

The Time2Move programme is being delivered by Active Cornwall in partnership with Cornwall Council and is funded by the government [Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#), which funds local authorities to provide FREE holiday club provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, to children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

The Christmas programme is open to all children and young people aged 5 to 16 and activities will mainly take place from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

All children are welcome to attend and it is completely **FREE** to children on benefits-related Free School Meals.

All activities can be booked on the programme website at [www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayCamps](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayCamps)



### Headteacher Awards

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



**Class 1:** Eva H-C

**Class 2:** Ted

**Class 3:** Fletcher

**Class 4:** Ellis

### Covid-19 reminder

Can we please remind all parents/carers to wear a face covering when on the school premises unless you are exempt.

We have had new Covid cases in school this week and want to ensure everyone's safety in the lead up to Christmas. Thank you.

We would like to remind all parents/carers, week commencing 13th December will be the last week of term and there are no after school clubs.

Thank you.

**COMMUNITY Larder**  
tackling food waste together

**WHITEMOOR 10:30-11:00**  
Chapel Car Park, Crown Road, PL26 7XJ

**Every MONDAY in 2022**

**Free surplus food for everyone.**  
**Just bring a bag and make a donation if you can.**

Community Larders help tackle food waste by enabling **everyone** to access surplus food collected from supermarkets that would otherwise be thrown away.

Community Larders also offer a **£3 lucky dip food bag** for anyone experiencing financial difficulties or a crisis.

They are run by **volunteers** as either indoor or outdoor pop-up

All **donations** received help buy food to support those most in need.

**FOR INFO**  
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