

WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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Friday 28th January 2022

It has been a challenging week here at Whitemoor with the increased covid-19 numbers meaning that we have had to make changes to the way we work. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and co-operation following the letter sent out at the start of the week. Whilst we have made some changes in school such as stopping face to face assemblies and cancelling clubs, the learning is something that has not stopped. This week, my Head Teacher's Awards were given to children who have produced some wonderful writing but I have also seen other fantastic learning going on across the curriculum. Well done to those children who have been busy working at home on their Google Classroom activities. If anyone needs any more support with this then please do contact us and ask to speak with your child's class teacher.

I would also like to inform you all that Miss Snow will be leaving us at the end of this half term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Snow for all of her hard work with nursery and Class 1 during the time that she has worked with us. I know that we all miss her and wish her well for the future.

A job advert is now out to find a new TA to fill Miss Snow's position.

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



We're hiring!!



We are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to work 31.25 hours per week, term time only and on a permanent basis.

Closing date for applications will be on 10th February 2022.

More information can be found on the Aspire website.

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

Aspire Sumdog Competition starts Friday 28th January until Thursday 3rd February 2022. Please encourage your child/ren to take part at home. All classes are taking part in the competition during school. Thank you and good luck!

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 Class 1 have been learning all about Goldilocks and the three bears. We have been retelling the story and writing letters from Goldilocks to say sorry to the bears. The children have enjoyed playing with the oats in the playdough and messy area outside. We have also thought about what furniture to build for the bears. Next week we are going to be looking at the gingerbread man.
Class 2	The children have enjoyed writing up their own wonderful "Lost and Found" stories using the Chromebooks. We worked on 2D and 3D shapes and money in Maths and learnt about Charles Macintosh's invention in Science. In PE, we danced as Antarctic animals and started to learn the moves for our Happy Feet dance. We learnt about weather forecasts and weather symbols in Geography, and have begun to write our own forecasts with a partner, ready to record next week! Super stuff!
Class 3	Class 3 have enjoyed learning about using coordinates to locate points on a map and created their own Harry Potter map to show the location of horcruxes. In maths, the children have been learning about flexible partitioning to help their understanding of dividing larger numbers. In English, we have been using descriptive vocabulary to describe characters. In music, we have been learning a new song about plastic pollution and the impact that this has on our world.
Class 4	In Maths this week, Class 4 have been understanding decimals as fractions. In English we have been reading and interpreting poetry with the aim of writing our own descriptive poem about a tiger. Our Geography lesson has been about India, it's people and culture. We have painted our own Gond art to link with this topic.

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **01.02.22: Chinese New Year: Special Menu**
- ◆ **08.02.22 & 09.02.22: Parents Consultations via Teams. [Link for Teams sent to Parents on 07/02/22](#)**
- ◆ **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 04.03.22: Class 3 Swimming week**
- ◆ **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**

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:

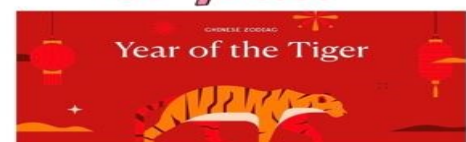
[Phones - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

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 school 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***

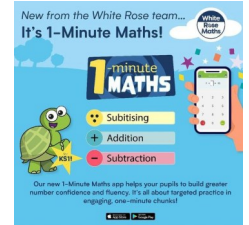


Bikes and scooters

We are so pleased to see our Whitemoor children keeping fit and healthy by travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. Some concerns have been raised however, about the number of children not wearing a helmet. While helmets are not required by law, the Highway Code recommends that all cyclists should wear helmets. We have had reports of accidents on the way to school and would hate to think that any of our children were hurt when this could be prevented.

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 Writing:

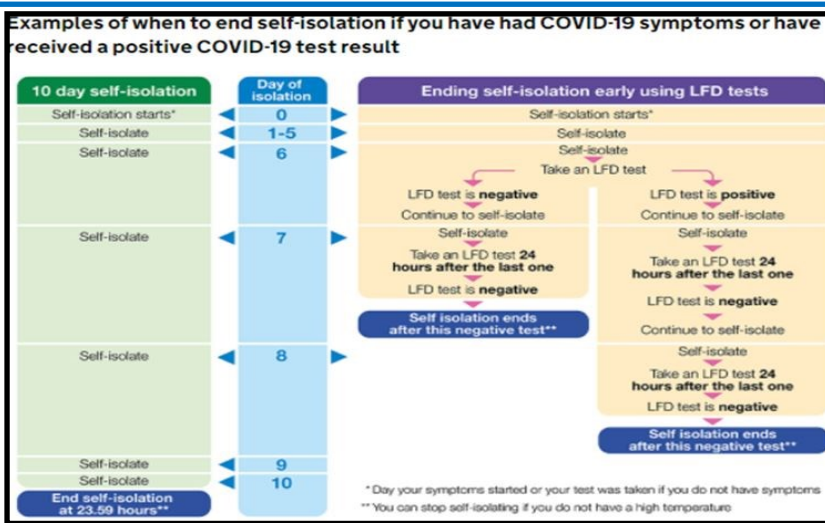


Class 1: Max

Class 3: Oscar

Class 2: Athena

Class 4: Casey



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

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

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.

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 **Tuesday 1st February**. The winner will be announced the following week.