

WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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Friday 3rd December 2021

It is now December and we have just two weeks left until the end of term.

The Christmas preparations are well under way here at Whitemoor Academy. From the sounds of children singing in their classrooms as they prepare for their end of term performances to the artwork that they are creating; it's just magical.

We have lots to look forward to over the next two weeks with our Christmas fair, the visits to Whitemoor Chapel, our Christmas performances and Christmas dinner amongst others. I hope that you have all received my emails this week about the changes to the Christmas performances and the information about the Secret's Room at the Christmas fair. Making the decision to record the Key Stage 2 performance was not an easy one but I hope you can all appreciate our reasons behind this.

Just as a reminder, clubs will not run on the last week of term and we finish at 1.15pm on Friday the 17th December.

Mrs G Hooper
Head of School

Cold weather

We please request that children wear tights or trousers (not bare legs) to school now that the temperature has dropped. We do still have the windows open even though the heating is on so the classrooms are cooler than usual for this time of year.

Applications for Reception places for September 2022 are open.
Please contact us if you would like a tour of the school.
We also have Nursery places available from January 2022.

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 \(parentpay.com\)](#)

Raffle Prize Request

Last call for donation prizes for our Christmas raffle. If you work for a business that may be able to donate, please let us know and we can provide you with a letter on headed paper. Raffle tickets will be on sale next week and the draw will take place on Wednesday the 15th.

This week in class

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| Class 1 | Class 1 have enjoyed our last week learning about dinosaurs. We have looked at what food they liked to eat and the difference between 'meat eaters' and 'plant eaters'. We are looking forward to learning all about Christmas for the next 2 weeks. Please keep an eye on the message board and Tapestry where I will share information about the busy next few weeks. |
| Class 2 | What a busy week we've had again! We've been working hard to learn our Christmas songs, devising choreography and practising our lines for the Christmas play. We used benches and boxes in PE to practise our balances and jumps, and thought about acts of kindness in PSHE. The children have worked hard to show what they can do independently in Maths and English this week, and we have been so impressed with the progress in their reading. Great work, Class 2! |
| Class 3 | In science, class 3 have been investigating how shadows can change, when moved closer or further away from a light source. In D.T. they made penguin skittles for the Christmas fair. In history, the children designed their own Anglo-Saxon village, using the knowledge of the threats and challenges that were present at that time. |
| Class 4 | Class 4 have worked enthusiastically on their Assessments this week and have taken great pride in achieving their best results; well done to all of you! Alongside these, we have completed our gymnastic lessons in PE and are nearing the end of our brass lessons. We have started learning our Festive songs for the KS2 performance and practicing our Christmas readings. We look forward to putting on a great show as usual so any practicing that can also be done at home will be greatly appreciated! |

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

- ◆ **06.12.21: Christmas Jumper Swap**
- ◆ **07.12.21: Christmas Fair: for children only**
- ◆ **09.12.21: Class 1 & Class 2 Chapel Service**
- ◆ **10.12.21: Class 3 & Class 4 Chapel Service**
- ◆ **13.12.21 & 14.12.21: Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance**
- ◆ **15.12.21: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**
- ◆ **15.12.21: Reception Vision Screening Checks**
- ◆ **17.12.21: Last day of term: Finish at 1:15pm**
- ◆ **04.01.22: INSET Day: School closed**
- ◆ **18.02.22: Aspire INSET Day: school closed**
- ◆ **21.02.22 to 25.02.22: Half Term Week**



Christmas Jumper Swap LAST CALL

Did you know that 12 million Christmas jumpers are bought each year and 40% of those are only worn once? We want to try to help with this. If you have a Christmas jumper at home that no longer fits your child, please consider donating it to someone else. On Monday 6th December we will be holding a Christmas jumper swap in school. Please send in any unwanted jumpers that are washed and in good condition before this date and your child will be able to choose a new one (sizes permitting). When we have done things like this in the past, we often get lots of smaller sizes so we please ask that parents of children in class 3 and 4 donate as well if you are able to.

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.



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 20th to Thursday 23rd 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

To search and book on activities please visit:

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 20th to Thursday 23rd 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



Headteacher Awards

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



Class 1: Lorelei

Class 2: Ronni-Rose

Class 3: Myla

Class 4: Georgia

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.

Message from the kitchen:

Thank you for booking the Christmas meal. We will not be taking anymore bookings for this day.

Please can parents/carers unbook meals if your child is not attending school/nursery on the day. This will allow correct meal numbers to be cooked and for less food waste.

Thank you.