

WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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Friday 7th January 2022

Welcome back and happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a lovely holiday with your families and that the children are looking forward to the term ahead. I am sorry to hear that many of you had to isolate at some point during the holiday period and hope that you are now fully recovered. Our school diary is already filling up and we have lots to look forward to this half term. You should have by now received the letter with all the important dates for this half term. A letter from your child's class teacher about what they will be learning will be sent out next week. As well as these two letters, please keep up to date with all key information by reading this newsletter every Friday.

Communication between school and home is very important and we do our utmost to keep you as informed as possible. Your child's class teacher should always be your first port of call. If you can't catch them at the start or end of the school day then please speak to Mrs Dowd in the office and she will arrange an appointment for you. I try to stand outside each morning when I am available so please feel free to a chat with me about anything also. If I am not at the front of the school, then you can arrange an appointment through the office and I will be happy to meet with you.

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](#)

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 \(parentpay.com\)](#)

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	Welcome back to school and we would like to welcome the new nursery children that have also started with us this week. The children have settled well back into school after the break and we are looking forward to learning all about our topic Once Upon a Time. We will be learning all about some traditional tales alongside some modern authors. We are looking at going on a school trip later in the term also when the weather is nicer. Please look out for information about this over the next few weeks.
Class 2	Class 2 have settled back into the school routine beautifully and we are very proud of all of them. We have written acrostic poems about amazing authors and worked on our addition and subtraction skills in maths. We have learnt about pulse in music and practised some new pieces on the Boomwhackers, danced like penguins in PE and have thought about New Year's Resolutions for school and for home. We are all (adults included) very excited about dressing up as Oliver Jeffers book characters on Monday as part of our topic launch.
Class 3	Class 3 have had a magical start to the year with their new topic 'Harry Potter' They have been sorted into their houses, investigated strange events in the classroom and attended a red carpet film night after school. We have a lot of amazing events planned this term for the topic and the children are already very excited about it. Amongst other things, we will be growing mandrake plants, creating magical maps using coordinates and using levitation spells in science.
Class 4	Class 4 have settled well into the new term and have really enjoyed being back with their friends this week! The children had a great film evening on Thursday, and we have already started our topic, 'The Jungle Book', in class. You will, by now, have received our Class 4 letter outlining what is in store for the coming weeks; you can also find a copy of the letter on the school website. We are looking forward to the new term which, as well as the children getting to grips with their academic subjects, will also include 'Bikeability' for Year 6 and a trip to the Eden Project for the whole class. A busy few weeks ahead for all!

Earrings

For health and safety reasons, we please ask that children with pierced ears only wear studs to school.

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **10.01.22: After School Clubs start. 4:15pm pickup**
- ◆ **10.01.22: Class 2 Oliver Jeffers Day**
- ◆ **20.01.22: Class 4 Eden Project Trip**
- ◆ **28.01.22 to 30.01.22: Big Garden Bird Watch**
- ◆ **01.02.22: Chinese New Year**
- ◆ **01.02.22: Whitemoor V Foxhole Netball/ Football Fixture**
- ◆ **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.

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.

Reminders:

- ◆ Please remember parents/carers are responsible for booking/unbooking school and nursery dinners via ParentPay before 8:30am each day.
- ◆ Early Start Club bookings must be booked one week in advance to allow for appropriate ratios.
- ◆ Absences must be reported before 9am each day via email, voicemail or telephone.
- ◆ Please can we remind parents/carers to drop off children within the school grounds and not via the car park.



Headteacher Awards

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



Class 1: Cadan

Class 2: Nevaeh & Mary-Ella

Class 3: Ivy & Kimberley

Class 4: Christian & Jenson C

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