



Friday 19th November 2021

We are at the end of a very successful Anti-Bullying Week across the school with the emphasis this year on kindness. Please see the class information for more on how each class has been approaching this. The Head Teacher's Awards this week have all been presented to children who have shown great kindness to one another. On the subject of kindness and bullying, we politely ask that parents please alert us to concerns before posting about them on social media. If we are not informed of issues then it is very difficult for us to deal with them. We believe that communication with parents is vital to keep Whitemoor a happy and safe school for everyone. Please help us to keep it this way by letting us know of any concerns that you may have as soon as you can.

In addition to our work on anti-bullying, we were monitored this week by leaders from across the Aspire Academy Trust. The monitoring day was the first formal monitoring visit that we have had since pre-Covid and we are very proud to say that there were lots of positives that came out of it. The strengths highlighted include: the teaching of phonics and early reading, the structure of our maths lessons and our positive caring relationships with the children. The children were interviewed about the wider curriculum and displayed a real enthusiasm for their learning. Our next step from this visit is to develop our history curriculum further to ensure clear progression from Early Years all the way to Year 6. I look forward to sharing more with you about how we develop this subject in the coming months.

Mrs G Hooper

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.



Children in Need / Bake Off

Thank for giving generously to Children in Need this year. It was fantastic to see the children looking so smart whilst having a great day for a worthwhile charity. Well done to everyone who entered the Whitemoor Bake Off. It was a very hard decision for the judges but the winners were 1st: Autumn Class 2 2nd: Theo Class 3 3rd: Tegan Class 2 Staff winner: Mrs Hooper. Congratulations!



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 a 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)

Change of plans - Christmas fair

We are sorry to inform you that we have had to make the difficult decision to not invite parents to our Christmas fair this year. We want you to know that the fair will continue but on a lesser scale and in school time for the children only. This is not a decision that we have taken lightly but with a high number of parents walking around the school building, we would not be able to implement a one-way system and do not believe we can keep the site Covid secure.

We still be doing a raffle that parents can buy tickets for and this will take place remotely. If you work for a business who may be willing to donate to this raffle, please get in touch. More information about what will be happening at the Christmas fair next week

This week in class we have been....

Class 1	This week the children Class 1 we have talked about how to be a kind friend. We thought about what we can do for random acts of kindness. They have shared toys, gave each other compliments and have been a good friend.
Class 2	Class 2 have enjoyed celebrating our differences this week. We looked at what makes us special, talked lots about kindness and have been spotting people who are particularly thoughtful towards others. We made amazing posters with drawings of ourselves, the significant people in our lives and reasons why they are special to us.
Class 3	Class 3 have been learning about how light reflects off of objects and into our eyes. In geography, as a comparison to Anglo-Saxon times, we looked at settlements in the United Kingdom. In maths, we have moved onto multiplication and division and in English, we have started to learn how to describe a setting. As part of Anti-Bullying week, we have been learning how to show kindness to others both in real life and online. We discussed our differences and how we all should celebrate them to make a kinder, happier world.
Class 4	Class 4 have had a great week with a clear focus on anti-bullying in acknowledgement of Anti Bullying week. Monday started with wearing odd socks which caused great hilarity and certainly reminded us of why we were wearing them! The children were all able to talk about the issues around bullying and recognise the importance of respecting each other and of being kind and considerate. Tuesday continued with us all being extra-especially kind to each other and everyone trying to show a random act of kindness throughout the day. We have continued with this and with circle time and discussions about bullying during the week. We also have some special homework that we can share with our parents to remind us of what bullying can look like.

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

Polite ParentPay Reminder: Since the school has moved to a bookable service with ParentPay, we politely remind you to book and unbook any events via ParentPay before 8am. Events via ParentPay can be booked in advance for your convenience too, these include schools meals/breakfast club/nursery.

If your child is absent, please unbook and the fees will be added to your ParentPay account.

Please note: Breakfast Club must be booked one week in advance to allow for staff/pupil ratios. Thank you for your understanding.

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **07.12.21: Christmas Fair: for children only**
- ◆ **13.12.21: Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance**
- ◆ **14.12.21: Class 3 & 4 Christmas Performance**
- ◆ **15.12.21: Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day**
- ◆ **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**

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

We were so pleased to welcome our first parents in for an open phonics session this week. 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.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be taking place on Wednesday 15th December 2021.

Christmas Lunch orders **MUST** be booked via ParentPay. Please select Week Commencing 13th December from the drop down menu and book either of the following:

For the Roast Turkey please book option 1 on the main menu on ParentPay.

For the Root Vegetable Crumble, please book option 2 on the main menu on ParentPay.

Jacket Potatoes are NOT available on this day.

If your child/ren do not want a Christmas Lunch, you must provide a packed lunch from home.

[All Christmas Lunch Orders MUST be booked by Friday 26th November 2021.](#)



Headteacher Awards

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



Class 1: Sapphire

Class 2: Isla

Class 3: Nyla

Class 4: Alexis