

WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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Friday 4th February 2022

Thank you for your continued support with our recent Covid measures. I am able to inform you that the measures have not yet been lifted but we do hope to be out of the current restrictions very soon. As a reminder, we are currently asking all parents to wear a face covering on drop off and pick up; we are not allowing any external visitors into school at all; we have cancelled all after school clubs; and we are not carrying out face to face assemblies.

I am pleased to say that Covid cases in school have decreased following these measures and staffing levels are steadily improving.

At the moment, we are hoping that all class trips booked for the week before half term will be able to go ahead as planned.

I will update you if the situation changes.

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](#)

Delaware

Just a reminder to all parents about payments for Delaware must be paid in full by 21st March 2022 . You should by now have received the kit list. Please keep an eye out for an invite to a parent information session very soon.

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	<p>This week in class 1 we have worked really hard to retell the story of the Gingerbread Man. The Reception children would use the story to create their own by changing the main character to someone different. We had some very creative ideas from pancake man to cupcake girl! The nursery children even made us all some wonderful gingerbread biscuits which the children thoroughly enjoyed eating. Thank you. We also looked at the celebrations of the Chinese New Year and made great lanterns. Great listening to instructions everyone. Next week we are looking at the Three Billy Goats Gruff story.</p> <p>After half term we are going to be using the children's favourite stories in our work. Please can you tell Miss Towner the books you enjoy reading at home.</p>
Class 2	<p>Class 2 have enjoyed lots of performing this week! We have been talk-show interviewers, the boy from "How to Catch A Star" and have retold some Muslim stories teaching care for all animals. We have danced like snowflakes, arctic foxes and penguins and learnt about how and why Chinese New Year is celebrated. What a fabulous week!</p>
Class 3	<p>In science, class 3 have been learning all about change of state. We organised objects into solids, liquids and gas and found out that some of the objects were a combination of these. In maths, the children have been learning about area and adding and subtracting money. In English, we have been using descriptive language to describe the movement and appearance of some magical animals.</p>
Class 4	<p>Class 4 have continued their work on The Jungle Book this week, writing non-chronological reports on tigers and learning about the layers of the rainforest in Geography. In Maths, the children have worked really hard on fractions, decimals and percentages and have a developing understanding of this area. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Chinese New Year, especially creating our own Chinese dish to eat.</p>

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **08.02.22 & 09.02.22: Parents Consultations via Teams. [Link for Teams to be sent to Parents on 07/02/22](#)**
- ◆ **14.02.22: Year 6 Bikeability Level 2**
- ◆ **15.02.22: (New Date in place of 08/02/22) Class 4 Parent Consultations Via Teams**
- ◆ **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**

E-safety

The 8th February is Safer Internet Day. We will be marking this day in school with all children learning about how to stay safe online. We know that many children have access to digital devices at home and they are a fantastic resource. It is important that all children are kept safe while using these devices. We would like to direct you to this website if you need any support on how to set up parental controls for your children: [Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

Chinese New Year

The whole school had a fantastic day on Tuesday for Chinese New Year. Across the school, children learnt about Chinese traditions, took part in cooking lessons, created art work and learnt some of the language. We also had a delicious lunch cooked for us by our Aspens catering team.

World Book Day

We are asking children to come into school on the 3rd March dressed as a book character. World Book tokens will be sent home on this day.

Parents Consultations

If you are yet to book your consultation appointment for parents evening then please do so before Tuesday 8th February. Parent consultations are a really valuable way of finding out how your child is getting on at school and give the opportunity to discuss any concerns that you may have.

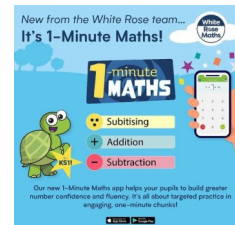
WAFAs

We are looking for a group of enthusiastic parents to reinstate the Whitemoor Academy Friends Association. The parent group will work alongside school staff to support us with events such as the Christmas and summer fair and Easter egg hunt. We had several volunteers for general support last term but do not currently have a committee.

If you think you would be interested in giving your support, chairing the group or acting as the secretary or treasurer, then please contact us at hello@whitemoor.org.uk and we will set up a coffee morning to discuss how to move this forward.

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 Maths:



Class 1: Harley

Class 3: Dexter

Class 2: Ella

Class 4: Abbie

Self-isolation rule for COVID-19 positive cases

The isolation period for people who test positive for COVID-19 is now **FIVE FULL DAYS** in England. This also applies to children under five, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. People are able to leave isolation from the start of day 6, only after two consecutive LFD negative tests on day 5 and day 6. If either test is positive, wait 24 hours before testing again.

If the result of either of either test on day 5 and day 6 is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests, or anyone who continues to have a temperature, will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Please note: lingering coughs and changes to smell/taste are not a sign of ongoing infectiousness, so children can return to school if they have ended their self-isolation period.

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.