

# WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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## Friday 17th December 2021

I want to start by saying thank you to everyone for your support this term. I am so pleased that we have been able to have 13 and a half weeks of close to normality. We have still been very cautious this term and we thank you for your compliance with our Covid safety measures.

A huge well done to the children for their performances this week. I hope you enjoyed watching the performances whether it was in person or online.

Depending on the government guidance, we hope to take another step towards normality next term with the return of class trips and football and netball fixtures. More information will be sent out in due course.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas break. Stay healthy and enjoy the time with your families.

**Don't forget that the children return to school on Wednesday the 5th January.**

Merry Christmas.  
Mrs G Hooper  
Head of School

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](#)



### 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 \(parentpay.com\)](#)

### January Drop off/Collection Times

We will continue to keep the current staggered finish times when we return in January.

Thank you

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**P.E days** We are 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**

- ◆ **04.01.22: INSET Day: School closed**
- ◆ **05.01.22: Back to School/Nursery**
- ◆ **18.02.22: Aspire INSET Day: school closed**
- ◆ **21.02.22 to 25.02.22: Half Term Week**

**A list of all key Spring Term dates will be sent out on the 5th January.**

### **Class 4 update**

We want to inform you that Alfie Havenhand will be teaching Class 4 on a Monday for the first half of the Spring term as Mrs Hooper has other responsibilities to fulfil on these days. Mrs Hooper will return to teaching Class 4 once a week after the February half term.

### **Raffle**

Well done to everyone who won a prize in this year's raffle. The draw was done at 11.30am on Wednesday the 15th live on Teams. If you were not watching live, you will have been informed if you were a winner.

### **Road safety outside of school**

Many of you have shared your concerns about parking and the safety of the children at drop off and pick up. Please see the council consultation details about some proposed changes to the road markings outside of school.

[Consultation details \(engagespace.co.uk\)](http://engagespace.co.uk)



**COMMUNITY Larder**  
tackling food waste together

**WHITEMOOR 10:30-11:00**  
Chapel Car Park, Crown Road, PL26 7XJ

**Every MONDAY in 2022**

**Free surplus food for everyone.  
Just bring a bag and make a donation if you can.**

Community Larders help tackle food waste by enabling **everyone** to access surplus food collected from supermarkets that would otherwise be thrown away. They are run by **volunteers** as either indoor or outdoor pop-up.

Community Larders also offer a **£3 lucky dip food bag** for anyone experiencing financial difficulties or a crisis. All **donations** received help buy food to support those most in need.

**FOR INFO**  
[www.communitylarder.org.uk](http://www.communitylarder.org.uk)  
[info@communitylarder.org.uk](mailto:info@communitylarder.org.uk)  
07521 917581

**GO SP** Foundation  
**TREVERBYN COMMUNITY TRUST**



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 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)

To search and book on activities please visit:

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayCamps)

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Polite reminder to parents/carers to book school lunches and children attending Early Start Club to be booked in advance via ParentPay ready for January return. Thank you.

A festive graphic with the words "Merry Christmas" in a large, red, cursive font. Below it, "HAPPY NEW YEAR!" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The text is surrounded by several black snowflake icons of varying sizes. The entire graphic is enclosed in a thin red rectangular border.

*Merry Christmas*  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**School opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022**