

WHITEMOOR ACADEMY



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Friday 26th November 2021

We hope that all parents of children in Class 3 and Class 4 received the KS2 residential letter yesterday. If you haven't seen it then please check your emails.

Following the survey earlier in the term, it was deemed best that we plan local residential this year with the intention of planning for London or Bristol trip in 2022-23. We are really excited about the booking of Delaware. Having attended two residentials at this site myself in the past, I can say that it is a really fantastic place to go with lots of opportunities for the children.

We will hold a parent meeting in due course to show photos of the accommodation, discuss the plans and answer any questions that you may have. If you want to chat about it anymore in the meantime, then don't hesitate to contact me.

We are currently still planning to go ahead with our Christmas performances with an audience. Further information about this will come out to you next week so please do keep an eye out.

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.

Children in Need / Bake Off

Thank you for all of your donations last week to Children in Need. We are pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of £148.50 from donations and the cake sale.



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

We are still looking for more 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 soon.

This week in class we have been....

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| Class 1 | This week the children in class 1 have been learning about the history of dinosaurs. They have looked at a timeline of when they were alive compared to us now. We have enjoyed trying to free the dinosaurs from their ice burgs they were trapped in and made some salt dough dinosaur fossils. |
| Class 2 | It's been another busy week in Class 2. We wrote super diary entries and created amazing story plans to help us write the next instalment of Emma Jane's Aeroplane, In maths, we used our knowledge of number bonds to help us with addition and subtraction. We learnt about the Wright Brothers in History and enjoyed finding out about the very first attempts at flight! In PE, we learnt different ways of rolling and created short gymnastic routines. We are beginning to learn our words and songs for our Christmas production, so please do help us by practising at home too! |
| Class 3 | Class 3 have been finding out about the Cornish based artist, Alfred Wallis. The children sketched one of his famous paintings and found out all about his life. In History we have been hunting for treasure from Sutton Hoo and thinking about who the treasure could have belonged to. In music, we began to learn our first Christmas song for our Christmas production. |
| Class 4 | Class 4 have been getting to grips with letter writing this week in English and are showing themselves to be very accomplished in their writing to local companies. In maths our understanding of fractions is developing; we are finding equivalents, simplifying and converting. Well done Year 5 and year 6 for trying so hard with this as with all other subjects this week. We are also making huge progress in our music lessons and are really starting to sound like a brass band. Our Christmas performance is soon approaching so we will need to continue to practice hard so that we are ready. Another excellent week for Class 4! |

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

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.

Christmas Jumper Swap

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.

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**
- ◆ **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**

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.



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 end of the day on Friday 26th November 2021.](#)



Headteacher Awards

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



Class 1: Harley

Class 2: Konor B

Class 3: Sam T

Class 4: Jenson C