



Whitmore Park Primary School

Welcome Back!

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We would like to welcome all of our pupils, parents and carers back to school; we hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer holiday. Everyone has settled into their new classes extremely well and we are looking forward to the learning opportunities that lie ahead.



4 Delta - Staffing

We would like to inform you of a staffing change in 4 Delta. Mr Openshaw will remain as class teacher. However, Mr Moynihan one of our teachers will be taking the class for three afternoons a week, instead of Ms Carney.

Family Liaison

Our family liaison officers (Louise Caswell and Amanda Morris) are available to speak from 8.40am each day, regarding any concerns that you may have. They will then be able to talk to the relevant staff about these concerns. Louise Caswell will also be available on the playground Monday - Thursday each week from 8.40am; she will be available for a quick chat and will pass on messages to the relevant staff.

Reading

Well done to the children that completed the library summer reading challenge and also to those children who sent in photos of themselves reading in wacky places.

We will be celebrating and acknowledging pupils who completed the library challenge in assembly on Monday. Can pupils please bring in the booklet they completed.

Children are expected to read 5 times per week. We are asking you to continue to write in or sign the reading diary whenever your child reads at home; this is our only way of recording reading at home for the rewards. Remember everything that your child reads counts - whether it is their reading book, a library book, a magazine or even a comic from home.



New Members of Staff

We would also like to welcome the following staff members, who have recently joined us:

Miss Blower, teaching in Reception.

Mr Whitehouse, teaching in Year 1.

Mrs Dankaro, teaching in Year 2.

Miss Kennedy, teaching in Year 4.

Miss Weale, teaching in Year 5.

Mr Rose, teaching P.E.

Miss Wright, is our IT Apprentice.

Miss Crowley, is our Teaching Assistant in Art.

Kim Holland, is our new School Business Manager.

Skills Academy

Children will have the opportunity to take part in our new Skills Academy on Friday afternoons.

This is linked to our behaviour rewards in school.

More information will follow on the next newsletter.

Consent Form Reminder

Please ensure that you return to school the consent forms that were sent home with reports on the **lilac** and **peach** coloured paper by **Friday 14th September 2018**. If you have lost it please call into the school office where they will be happy to give you another form. It is essential that we have this up to date information in case of emergency.

Communication Methods

Our main form of communication this year will be paper letters as well as:

- School Comms
- School Gateway
- Twitter
- School Website
- Email

Please ensure that you are also signed up to the school gateway so that you are able to make payments online. If you have any questions please contact the school office. Once signed up to School Gateway please ensure that you keep the app running to ensure that you receive alerts.

Community

A former Head Teacher Mary O'Farrell sadly passed away on the 2nd of September. Many parents and members of our school community will have very fond memories of her time as Head Teacher of the school.

Food in School

We currently have a child in school with severe allergies to NUTS and GINGER Please could all parents and carers work with the school and ensure that NO food items containing these products are sent into school.

Uniform

Please ensure that all children wear school uniform. This consists of the following:

- Red sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- White polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- Summer dresses – red gingham
- Sensible black school shoes (low heels)

PE Kit

Our PE kit consists of:

- Tshirt
- Shorts
- Pumps
- Trainers and tracksuits for outdoor PE

Please note that Whitmore Park hoodies are part of the PE kit therefore should only be worn on PE days or whilst attending clubs and competitions.

Polite Reminders

There are occasions, in our busy lives, when we simply forget to pick up sports, swim kit, lunchboxes, water bottles and glasses; it happens to everyone! However, please do the very best you can to remember all those 'kits and bits' that your children need! Also, please can parents/carers ensure that children bring a spoon in their lunchbox, for their yoghurt; unfortunately, we don't have enough spoons in school to supply children with a spoon for their yoghurt each day. Please ensure that your child's uniform is labelled with their name as this means, if it is lost, it is easier to return.

Attendance Reminder

Reporting Absences

You need to report your child's absence to school. Failure to report absences will result in your child's absence being recorded as unauthorised. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the school of the reason for any absences.

- If your child is absent from school you must contact the school by 9.30am giving a clear reason for absence.
- Please call on 02476335697 to either leave a message on the absence voicemail facility or you can speak to a member of the admin team.
- Alternatively you can text the school via the gateway app via your mobile.
- Please do not report any absences to your child's class teacher as they are unable to pass this message to the attendance team due to starting teaching at 9am.
- If your child is absent due to illness you must give details of the child's illness, for example: vomiting, tonsillitis, diarrhoea. Unwell, poorly or ill does not give us enough information therefore it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Absence reasons reported to the school after the day of absence will remain unauthorised.
- Please be aware that the school may carry out an unannounced home visit if we have not had a reason for absence or if we have concerns regarding your child.

Parking

We would like to remind parents/carers that the school car park is for staff and blue badge holders only. If you are a blue badge holder, please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your badge in the school office. Also, when driving on school site, please ensure that you adhere to the 5mph speed limit. When parking outside of the school please be mindful of double yellow lines and zig-zags. Also, ensure that whilst parking you're considerate to neighbours and keep their driveways clear.

Dinner Money

Please ensure that £10 dinner money is sent into school on a Monday morning. Please visit our school website to view our school meal payment guidance. If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals please apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals

Health and Safety

School Crossing

Sadly Andrew our school crossing warden is very ill in hospital. We send thoughts and prayers to Andrew and his family. There will be a school crossing warden in place outside the school.

Trim Trail

Reminder – Please can we remind all parents/carers and children **not** to go on the trim trail before or after school even if the children are accompanied by an adult.

Diary Dates

- Monday 15th October 2018 - School Photographer in school (Individual and Sibling).
- Monday 15th October 2018 – Reception Parents Consultation Evening
- Tuesday 16th October 2018 - NHS Flu Nasal Spray for Reception—Year 5.
- Tuesday 16th October 2018 – Reception, Years 1 – 6 and Esc Parents Consultation Evening.
- Friday 19th October 2018 - Last day of half term.
- Monday 29th October 2018 - School reopens to pupils.
- Tuesday 20th November 2018 - Reception Class Photographs.