

APRIL 2019

# Whitmore Park Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April** - 9am Years 1 & 2 End of term assembly

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April** - 9am Years 3, 4 and ESC End of term assembly

**Thu 11<sup>th</sup> April** - 9am Years 5 & 6 End of term assembly

**Thu 11<sup>th</sup> April** - 10.30am and 2.30pm Nursery Easter celebration

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April** - Last day of term

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Summer term starts

**WC 29<sup>th</sup> April** - Book Week for Years N, R, 1, 3, 4 & 5 - 'The Lost Words.' Poetry & Nature

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Science club starts in school.

**Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - Teacher Training day. School closed to pupils.

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day. School closed to pupils

**WC 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATs

**WC 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 SATs

## Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful term and I am delighted with the progress the children have made. I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school after the holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J McGibney

Head Teacher

## SCIENCE ASSEMBLY



Recently, the pupils had an assembly all about **science!**

The pupils loved watching all of the experiments and were inspired to learn more about the subject.

## YEAR 1 VISIT TO ST JOHN'S HOUSE



Pupils in **Year 1** went to visit St John's House in Warwick to learn more about the **Victorians**.

On the visit, the pupils experienced what it was like to attend a Victorian school, how Victorians washed their clothes and cooked their food and compared the houses of the rich and poor.

## YEAR 1 MORNING OF MUSIC

Year 1 took part in a Morning of Music at Holy Family Primary. The pupils sang songs about **saving the world** and learnt how to protect the environment. The pupils had a wonderful time and greatly enjoyed their morning!

## 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 or state that they 'may contain' these products are sent into school.

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2019



The children had a fantastic day celebrating **World Book Day**. There were some **wonderful, original costumes** around the school. Some of the children were able to share their favourite books with the rest of their class and they had the chance to do some paired reading with children from different year groups.

## SPORTS NEWS



Our sports hall athletics team took part in the county finals in Solihull and **finished second** - which is the **best the school has ever done** in the competition!

We competed in a number of events against schools from all over Warwickshire who had won their heats. Well done to the all the children who have been involved in the competition and training. We would also like to thank the parents for their support at the events.

## MUSIC NEWS



Recently, Year 3 went to Parkgate School for a **Morning of Music**. They had a great time!



Our **amazing choir** performed at the NEC as part of the **Young Voices concert**. They even got to sing with Tony Hadley and Beau Dermott!

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

For **Comic Relief** this year, we asked our staff and pupils to dress up as their favourite Disney characters. It was amazing to see everybody's brilliant costumes. We just want to thank everybody who donated. Your contributions helped us to raise a massive **£294!**

Recently, our pupils got to enjoy a series of after **school movie nights**, watching films such as *The Greatest Showman*, *Minions* and *Toy Story 3*. Ticket sales helped to raise a whopping **£618.70!**

To raise money for **Myton Hospice**, we've asked the pupils to complete sponsored chores for their family and friends. Pupils have been given a sponsorship form and envelope to keep track of their fundraising. Please ensure that these are returned by **15<sup>th</sup> April**.



## ATTENDANCE



### Ms Morris' News

Our whole school attendance to date is currently **95.8%**

Our target figure is **96%**

So far this term the best attendance to date has been in the following year group:

**Year 2** - their attendance is **97.3%**

*We would like to thank parents for their continued support regarding their children's attendance.*

### PUNCTUALITY

A number of children are arriving late: during and after registration in the morning. Pupils who are constantly late are disrupting not only their own education but also that of others. Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern **further action may be taken.**

Being late makes it difficult for your child to settle and learn to the best of their ability. It can make your child feel different, flustered and embarrassed

As a parent, you are responsible for making sure that your child attends school regularly and that they are on time **every day!**

Please ensure you have arrived in time for when the doors are opened as follows:

#### **Nursery**

*Doors open at 8.30am.*

#### **Reception, ESC, Years 1 & 2**

*Doors open at 8.45am and children are invited into school.*

#### **Years 4, 5 & 6**

*Teachers collect pupils from the playground at 8.50am.*

All pupils are expected to be in school for **registration at 8.55am.** Any child arriving later than 8.55am should enter school via the main entrance reporting to the school office.

Parents/carers should sign their child in using the electronic system; this will ensure the correct reason is recorded on your child's register.

### PUPIL ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please **phone before 9.30am** or contact school via the gateway and leave your child's name, class and provide a clear explanation for their absence. Please ensure you contact school on **each day of absence.** Reasons for children's absences that are '**poorly, sick or unwell**' will not be authorised.

### SAFEGUARDING, ATTENDANCE & WELFARE OFFICERS

As part of our school welfare support, **myself and Ms Caswell** are available each morning from **8.30am** for parents and carers to have a quick chat about any concerns regarding attendance or any other issues that you may be facing.

We can arrange meetings to discuss things further in a **confidential and impartial setting** and we are able to offer a variety of support as required; such as parenting courses (perhaps to help with behaviour issues), school nursing service referrals (poor behaviour, poor sleep patterns, toileting issues, weight/dietary concerns and emotional wellbeing), counselling and lots more.

Please do not hesitate to contact us; we are here to help and support our families.

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### PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Our latest Parent Partnership meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March. We discussed the parent/carer feedback from parents evening, fundraising and recycling. The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.