



Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely this week that the children had the opportunity to have online meeting with their new class teachers. During the session, the children were able to find out a little bit about their new teachers and what will be happening when they start their new classes in September. All of the teachers said how wonderful it was to speak to the children in and they are very excited to meet with them again next week. Children have been rehearsing their 'City of Culture' performances which have been filmed. They are looking forward to sharing these with you so look out for the links. It was brilliant to see so many children in red or white in school on Wednesday supporting the England football team leading up to the semi-final on Wednesday evening. Let's hope that we have a win on Sunday and we are European Champions! Come on England!

Mrs McGibney

Health and Safety

Lateral Flow Tests

We are pleased to advise that you will be able to pick up test kits next Tuesday morning (13 July), on the playground on your way in or out of school. Families can take two boxes and we plan to offer more days before the end of term, depending on the uptake. These tests are really important to help identify the virus in those who are asymptomatic and thus help reduce the risk of spread in the school and the community. We are aware that many of you already carry out these tests on a regular basis.

Please use the link to see how you can obtain LFT in the community:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/lateralflowtesting>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Please DO NOT send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms: a new continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell. If they have any of these symptoms, please follow the guidelines from the link below or call 119 for advice:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

- Always wearing a face covering when entering the school site, unless you have a medical exemption.
- Maintain your 2m social distance from others at all times. We are fortunate to have such a large site and with fewer pupils currently in school, there is even more room for parents to keep the recommended 2m distance from each other.

Reading

As another academic year nearly comes to an end, at Whitmore Park we are continuing to encourage ALL of our children to read, read and read some more! Reading is a key life skill and its value is fundamental within our curriculum, as a school we are extremely dedicated to all our children learning to foster a love of reading. With the summer holidays fast approaching, we would encourage all children to continue reading throughout it whether that is an ebook, a blog, a football analysis, a magazine or brochure for a holiday, every reading experience counts and can develop your child as a reader. It could also be that whilst you are out and about, you ask your children to read local signs or maps to give directions, reading can be fun even in the holidays! Watch this space next week for recommendations from each year group to inspire summer holiday reading and remember, read what you love, love what you read!

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been looking at one of my favourite stories, "Whatever Next" The children have been making lists of all the things that we would need to take with us on a visit to the moon.

We have also been thinking about different ways that we could travel to the moon. I am very pleased to say that the children have wonderful imaginations. Our next task is to make some rockets! I hope that you have a lovely week.

Mrs Ruth McShane



Reception

The children have had another busy week in Reception. On Tuesday, they met their lovely new year One teachers during an online meeting. They have also completed an 'All about me' activity which has been given to their new teachers.

Lots of children have chosen to write about the football this week and we've seen some fantastic independent writing! Remember to keep up with the reading at home and sign the reading diaries. We hope you all have a great weekend.

Miss Ridgway (Early Years Leader), Miss Blower and Miss Mosey



Year 1

This week, we have been learning some more about the animals we met during our ZooLab experience. The children have been practicing a variety of skills we have learnt this year including writing questions, joining sentences with conjunctions and writing exclamation sentences.

We have been exploring capacity and volume in Maths and have been using the words empty, fully, more than and less than to compare different amounts of liquids and containers. The children particularly liked our practical lesson filling up a variety of containers.

The children have all spoken with their new teachers this week and asked some fantastic questions about Year 2.

Well done everybody for all your hard work! Not long till the summer holidays now!

Mrs Ellis (Year 1 Leader), Miss Skidmore and Mrs Nolan



Year 2

Year 2 have had a very exciting week this week. The children met their new Year 3 teachers virtually and found out what Year 3 is going to be like. They watched a video about Year 3 so they know what their new classes look like and where they need to line up when they get into Year 3. This video is also going to be on the school website.

This week in Maths, the children have become problem solvers. We spent the week solving a variety of problems in different contexts (e.g. time and money).

We have spent our English lessons developing our writing skills. The children enjoyed being exposed to different stimuli to write various text types. We watched a short clip about a man called Geoff who loved beans (Heinz in particular!) and the children wrote a story retell based on this.

The children have been showing their support for England by playing football during PE. It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic on Wednesday when England were playing semi-finals. Come on England!

Mrs Gill (Year 2 leader), Mrs Hampton and Miss De Araujo



Class Teacher Messages...

Year 3

The children have worked incredibly hard this week. In English, we have been looking at the Lost Words poetry book. Year 3 created their own fantastic poems based on flowers. In Maths, we have started length. We used metre sticks to help us measure things around the classroom. In Humanities, the children have been learning about human and physical geographical features as well as learning what a bird's eye view is. Year 3 had a great transition day meeting their new teachers. They are looking forward to moving into Year 4! The children have been very excited about the football and wearing red, white and blue this week. Come on England!

Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader), Miss Chapman and Mr James



Year 4

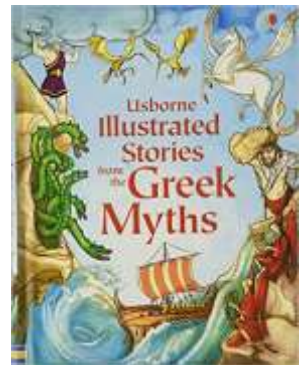
This week has been particularly exciting, as children met their new Year 5 teachers and classmates. Whilst some were eager to meet their teachers, we understand there was some nervousness and will be working with the children closely to make them feel settled and ready for the new adventures of Year 5. They will be absolutely amazing! Year 4, have continued to learn about South America in particular the effects of deforestation and practised key skills in English and Maths

Miss Khan (Year 4 Leader), Mr Grafton and Miss Cox



Year 5

We have continued learning about Ancient Greece and have been reading some of the most famous Greek myths including Theseus and the Minotaur and the story of the Trojan Horse. The children have learnt about the hidden messages within the stories and what they teach them about Greek beliefs. In Mathematics, children have been developing their understanding of measures including converting between them. Children have been converting between metres and kilometres, grams and kilograms as well as litres and millilitres. It was exciting for children to discover who their class teacher will be next year. the transition sessions went well and we are sure the children will have a fantastic year in year 6. Mr McCormick (Assistant Head and Year 5 leader), Mrs Walsh and Mrs Collins



Year 6

It has been lovely to have all of our children back in this week. We appreciate how disruptive these last few weeks have been, but are very grateful to you as parents and to the children for the flexibility shown. Thankfully, the children are returning to spend their final weeks celebrating their time at Whitmore Park, including a silent disco, lots of outdoor games and even a picnic with an ice cream van. Once again, it has not been the end of year we expected but we are trying our best to ensure the children get the best send-off possible. We have ordered autograph books for the children to get messages from their friends and we will be shirt signing on the last day for those who wish to take part.

There's been lots of information published in recent weeks from the secondary school, and a lot of them have been updating their websites and contacting their future pupils. Please make sure you check you emails, complete any paperwork required and check their websites/social media to stay updated. President Kennedy did a transition talk with the children this week, and other have been calling their future pupils to talk them through what the first few days is going to look like. Whatever their method, they are working hard (as are we) to ensure the smoothest transition to Year 7.

Mr Payne (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader), Mrs Harrison and Miss Wherly

A Message from the Admin Team

The admin team have plenty of uniform in stock currently. You can purchase it on the School Gateway.

Online Safety

During the summer holidays, children may well spend extra time online. In order to keep your child safe, it is recommended parents/carers take a pre-emptive approach and discuss their expectations with children.

The link below provides guidance to support you including:

- having a conversation about sharing holiday photos
- making a family agreement about usage

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/staying-safe-online-summer-holidays-%E2%80%93-advice-parents-and-carers>

A Message from the Inclusion Team

Dear parents / carers,

The Inclusion Team are all really missing being able to work directly with the children at this time but we do have to keep safety and possible transmission of Covid at the forefront of our minds. We have so many wonderful opportunities which we are currently planning for in September that we are bursting with excitement to share them, but all in good time too. We are so pleased with how well the children's vegetables are grown as one of our plans is to have a seasonal plan for the garden at the front of the Inclusion Rooms (school side of the Nursery footpath fence).

We share your disappointment that the whole transition package that we are able to offer this year has once again been hit by Covid. All we can do is reassure you that we are regularly risk assessing the situation in school to further enhance what is available. Many of you will have received the 'Pen Portrait' documents, this is really useful for the receiving teacher to have. While we have to protect bubbles, for the safety of everyone, we will try to arrange for Teams meets and phone calls with receiving teachers for the children who need enhanced support. Please do check out the website - <https://www.whitmorepark.org/transition-2021/> - where you will find this year's Meet the Teacher videos and letters. If you do have further questions, please arrange to speak with either the current or next class teacher.

Have a great weekend.

Miss Carney and the team.

Our Garden is thriving after all the rain we have had recently! We are growing cucumbers, pumpkins, potatoes, lettuces, kale, carrots, tomatoes as well as sunflowers and different species of wildflowers!



If you have any seeds or tools (including watering cans!) that you would like to donate for our garden project for September we would be very grateful. Please leave any donations with the school office. Thank you.

Family Hub Information

Our local Family Hub is 'Pathways', they are based at Radford Primary School. You can follow them on facebook for information about local events and support for families. Search 'Pathways family hub' or call them on 02476788444. Pathways is open to families throughout the summer holidays.

As always, if you are concerned about the wellbeing of your child please contact the family welfare team on 02476 335697 or email family.welfare@whitmorepark.org

Limited Spaces Available for Nursery in September!

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 they can join our Nursery in September.

We have limited spaces available so:

Call the school office on **02476 335697**

or

Email admin@whitmorepark.org for more information.

Applications are available on our school website
<https://www.whitmorepark.org/prospective-parents/>



Limited Spaces Available for Reception in September 2021!

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they can join our Reception in September 2021.

We have limited spaces available so:

Call the Admissions Team on **02476 975445**
or

Email admin@whitmorepark.org for more information.

Applications are available on our school website
<https://www.whitmorepark.org/prospective-parents/>

