



## Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear parents/carers,

The children have been absolute superstars this year considering all of the disruption and changes that we have had to make in school. We hope that during the summer holidays children and families will have an opportunity to enjoy some lovely time together. This will also be an opportunity for the whole school team to have a well deserved rest. The team look forward to meeting at the end of August so that we are ready for the children to return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 leavers and wish them good luck in their new schools. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Rose our PE coach, who will be leaving to become a qualified teacher. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Baker, a teaching assistant in Year 4, who has worked at the school for 18 years. We thank her for her commitment and wish her a happy retirement. Take care everyone and see you in September.

## Health and Safety

Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers, who have supported the school by adhering to the risk assessment and Government guidelines, to help keep our school community as safe as possible. We want all our children and their families to have an enjoyable summer holiday but there has been a huge rise in cases across the City and so we need to continue to be vigilant.

Lateral Flow Tests

On Tuesday and Thursday this week we gave out hundreds of Lateral Flow Tests to parents and we were really pleased with the take up. 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/>

Remember

If your child has a new continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, 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](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf)

If your child develops symptoms tomorrow or Friday, please arrange a PCR test straightaway. It is really important that you also email the school via covid-19@whitmorepark.org to advise us of your child's details and the date of the test. This inbox will be monitored until Saturday 24 July 2021.

## Reading

Read, read and read some more! Whitmore Park has high expectations for all of its children, we believe reading is an essential life skill and would like our children to leave us as avid readers with a passion and love of reading! To enable our children to become lifelong readers, it is vital children read at all times INCLUDING the summer holidays. This year, we are encouraging all children to sign up to the local library challenge. **This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Wild World Heroes!** The challenge has been chosen to inspire children to explore ways of helping to save the planet – and have tons of fun along the way! Parents will need to sign their child up for the Challenge at local libraries, it is fun and completely free. To complete the challenge, children will need to read six books, one per week could be an idea! Upon completing the challenge, children will receive a certificate and medal when they finish. We absolutely look forward to seeing as many medals as possible in the new academic year! We will be sending out further information by the end of the week. Remember, even if your child reads every day for five minutes it is a wonderful opportunity and please use the holidays to share books as a family.

# Class Teacher Messages...

## Nursery

Nursery have had a busy week this week. The children are very excited about their new teachers and going to big school. Their creations with the large construction are amazing and show how much they have learned in Nursery. In the photograph you can see the chairs that the children have made. The chairs also varied in size, so some were created for the dolls.

On Monday next week we are having a Teddy Bears Picnic. Please see the Nursery Newsletter for further information.

Mrs Ruth McShane



## Reception

Last week in Reception the children were encouraged to write their own little stories. We talked about the simple structure of stories and the children have had a go at creating their own character, exciting event, problem and resolution. They also saw their new Year One teacher again over an online meeting - their year one teachers were very impressed with how well the children sat and listened - well done Reception, you are amazing and are going to be fantastic in Year One! The children enjoyed the end of year picnic on Monday afternoon. We are so impressed with how well our vegetable patch is doing - the lettuces are ready to be picked!

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



## Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed developing their throwing and catching skills this half term and have loved playing throwing and catching games in PE lessons. In English, Year 1 have continued to write facts about the animals that we saw when ZooLab came to visit. They have loved finding out more interesting facts. In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring numbers to 100. We have used dienes to represent various amounts which has helped them to understand the value of the Tens and Ones. In RE lessons, the children have explored the question 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?'. They have learnt about sacred objects, explored charity work some religious communities do and found out about Baptisms and weddings. The children have also enjoyed meeting their Year 2 teachers in video meetings.

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



## Year 2

Last week in Year 2, the children have enjoyed learning about Florence Nightingale. They researched facts about her and found out what hospitals were like in the Victorian times. The children pretended to be either Florence Nightingale, nurses or soldiers during the Crimean war and wrote letters to their family to tell them what life was like. Some of the letters were gruesome! We also made paper lanterns because Florence Nightingale was known as the "Lady with the Lamp."

In RE this week, the children learnt about the importance of caring and how different religions show they care for others. This also linked to our Florence Nightingale topic. The children discussed their own experiences of caring and how it makes them feel to care for others.

We had a poetry week in English and the children thoroughly enjoyed creating their own kennings. They chose either animals, objects or people to write about. They then gave their kennings to their partners and they had to guess what was being described.

Mrs Hampton, Mrs Gill and Miss De Araujo



# Class Teacher Messages...

## Year 3

In Maths we have been using scales to explore the topic of 'Mass'. In writing, the children have been writing a letter to their new teachers. They have been telling them lots of interesting things about themselves and things that they are looking forward to. This week the children will be taking home some of their books from this year. We have lots of fun activities for this week to end the year and we are excited to see the children enjoying their final week.



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

## Year 4

Last week, we have spent time working on the emotions associated with transition particularly as it is different to what children have previously experienced. They enjoyed meeting their new teachers again and getting to know one another and their fellow classmates. We have been super impressed with the resilience children have shown and hope this continues. Last week, we had our RE day where we have learnt what different religions believe about God and taken part in well thought discussions. We are still encouraging children to read and hope they enjoy their last few days in year 4! Miss Khan (Year 4 Leader), Mr Grafton and Miss Cox



## Year 5

In R.E. children have been learning about how people (including non-religious people) express their beliefs through art. We have explored what 'good' means with children creating their own art to represent this. Last Tuesday, children had an online learning session with a local Police Community Support Officer who provided children with advice regarding how to stay safe online. Children learnt about how the rule of law can support them if they are bullied online and about the importance of accessing age-appropriate content. The children also enjoyed asking questions about the experiences of a PCSO and were impressed with the range of challenges the police overcome. We look forward to celebrating the end of a successful year with the children. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach them and we wish them the very best for the future!



Mr McCormick (Assistant Head and Year 5 leader), Mrs Walsh and Mrs Collins

## Year 6

With only a few days left, we've planned so much for our Year 6's to sink their teeth into. A letter was sent home detailing all of the activities that are planned, so make sure you've had a read of that. A lot of the projects are transition based, like an art project design to show of a self portrait of each child. It had to show the children's interests within the images including their likes, hobbies or achievements. Take a look at the work in progress by on of our Year 6 artists - isn't it fantastic! We are looking forward to displaying these for parents in our virtual leavers assembly.



Children are more than welcome to wear their leavers hoodies instead of their school jumpers when they arrive. We can't wait to see them all wearing them and we are excited to be including those within our leavers assembly, which was recorded this week and will be available to parents to watch from next week. You will also have chance to see our amazing City of Culture film.

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

## A Message from the Admin Team

From September we are delighted to be able to offer all children from Reception – Year 6 a hot meal. Reception – Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and Years 3 to Year 6 are charged at £2.20 per day (£11 per week).

We will require all parents to pre book their child's lunch option each week on the School Gateway whether they have a hot meal or a packed lunch this will save time in the classroom each morning. Meals are available to book up until 8am on the day.

## 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 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,

What a year it has been - again! Another year where the children really have shown their resilience and their tenacity to simply get on and make the most of the opportunities afforded at a given time.

Transition continues to be supported throughout the school and it will continue, where necessary, in the new academic year too. I haven't had many Parent Pen Portraits, or Pupil Pen Portraits back this year. We really do want to work with you all, so please do send them back as the information that you provide is really important.

You can find a PDF copy of Thrive's 6 weeks of summer on our website - <https://www.whitmorepark.org/newsletters/>. If you do complete any of the activities, please do consider uploading them to our Twitter feed as you may be the inspiration that someone else is looking for. I would love to make a Thrive display in the new year with your ideas to, so please do send ideas / photos to [sam.carney@whitmorepark.org](mailto:sam.carney@whitmorepark.org) if you would like to be included.



### SENDIASS Bulletin

As the holidays approach many will be filled with excitement to be able to spend so much family time together doing lots of fun things. For, some it may be that the lack of a structured timetable brings confusion to their home. Wherever you and your family sit on the swinging scale, do check out the SENDIASS bulletin:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCOVENTRY/bulletins/2e5255c>

The link above will take you to SANDIASS's, "In Partnership ebulletin July 2021"

Here you will find useful links to many items including:

- Transition' resources
- What is RISE?

There are also links to summer activities from football to singing, swimming...:

- ILEAP - Summer activities programme
- Community Short Breaks Summer Holiday (Bubble) Activities 2021

There is also the links to local Family Hubs should you need support over the holiday period. Our school usually works with the Pathways Family Hub.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and a very well earned rest. We really are hoping that next year will be filled with lots of fun interventions and opportunities that won't be interrupted by restrictions and lockdowns.

From Miss Carney and the Inclusion Team

# Limited Spaces Available for Nursery in September!

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:admin@whitmorepark.org) for more information.

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

