



Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been working especially hard this week in school. They have shown confidence in demonstrating all they have learnt so far this year and understand that these assessments will help the teachers to plan for their future learning so that they will have lessons that will challenge them and help them to make good progress. We have been so impressed with the children 's attitude to their learning and their determination to 'be the best they can be'. We welcome back Mrs Corbett from her maternity who will be teaching in Year 1 for the Summer Term. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Health and Safety

School Crossing Patrol

We have been notified by the School Crossing Patrol Team at the Local Authority that due to unforeseen circumstances, the crossing on Halford Lane will be staffed in the morning but they do not have staff available to staff it in the afternoon for the time being. They have assured us that they are working hard to resolve this issue. Please take extra care when crossing.

Head Lice Information

We have been informed that there has been a case of head lice in school. Please see information via this link on how to check and treat your child as necessary:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Polite Reminder about Parking

In the interest of health and safety and good neighbour relations, please can parents/carers take care to park responsibly when dropping off and collecting pupils around the school site. We have received feedback from neighbours of some cars blocking driveways, parking on yellow lines or blocking the pavement. Many thanks for your co-operation.

COVID19 Information

For up-to-date Covid-19 guidance by click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Parents are no longer required to wear a face covering when on the school site.

Please **do not** arrive more than 5 minutes before the class start time, where possible (we understand that you may have more than one child to drop off).

Please see below guidance for if your child/anyone in the household develops COVID-19 symptoms.

What to do if you/your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the above symptoms.

If anyone in the household develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they are strongly advised to remain at home and avoid contact with others. If you are symptomatic, you should take an NHS PCR test at a test site and **NOT** a rapid test taken at a community testing site or at home (an LFT test). Anyone that attends one of our community testing sites with symptoms of COVID-19 will be redirected. When COVID-19 is circulating, it is worth also being aware of the wider symptoms of COVID-19 including: sore throat, headache, muscle ache, fatigue, shortness of breath, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea and vomiting, and cold-like symptoms.

If any of your lateral flow or PCR tests are positive you are strongly advised to isolate, [register your LFT test](#) and follow [this guidance](#).

Access to LFT and PCR Tests

For information regarding access to lateral flow tests see:

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

Please book a PCR test (if you have symptoms) via the [online portal](#) or by ringing 119.

Please note that we are **no longer able to access Lateral Flow Tests** to give out to families, so we are unable to distribute them on the playground going forward.

Vaccinations

For information regarding vaccinations click on the link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have changed the theme of our outdoor shop. We now have a florist. The children have enjoyed buying bouquets of flowers and creating their own bunches of flowers to sell in the shop. The nice weather saw the re-introduction of the outdoor water tray and channels (unfortunately it is not in use while it is snowing!) We now have a pulley system installed so that the children can transfer the resources, sand, water, and gloop from tray to tray. This is lots of fun, and gives us many opportunities for developing our speaking skills. However it is very messy! Sorry Mums. Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Ruth McShane

Reception

Reception have been continuing our learning centred around helping the planet. We have read three lovely stories, all of which have taught the children about how plastic is harming the ocean and animals in our world. The children have made amazing posters to teach people what we need to do to protect our planet and now know that we need to... REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE! In Numeracy we have been creating patterns. We made lots of patterns using different objects, colours and using our bodies. We have also looked at how even numbers always have a friend, and odd numbers always have one on its own. Next week we would like to create large junk modelling creations. Could we please ask you to collect boxes, plastic drinking bottles and jar and bottle lids over the weekend and send them in on Monday once cleaned. Have a lovely weekend!

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

Year 1

Mary Seacole was the focus of our learning in Humanities this week. The children learnt that she was a nurse who helped in the Crimean War just like Florence Nightingale. She created her own herbal remedies to treat the soldiers. The children had a go at creating their own herbal remedies using natural resources from our school grounds. In Science, we learnt about Linda Buck Brown who was a scientist who investigated our senses and discovered that we can smell 10,000 different smells. We learnt that she won a Nobel Prize for her work. The children have had a fantastic week of learning and we are looking forward to seeing their amazing talents in our talent show next week! Have a fabulous weekend!



Miss Skidmore, Mrs Ellis (Year 1 Leader), Miss McShane

Year 2

Year 2 have worked extremely hard this week and we are very proud of them! We have been completing booklets to check learning so far in Year 2. As well as this, the children had lots of fun planting their seeds. They are looking forward to drawing diagrams next week like Jane Corden. The children have also enjoyed practising their times tables doing a carousel of activities. They competed against one another on times tables rockstars. The children are very excited about mental health week next week. They have been busy learning a song to perform in the open air concert. We have also been discussing talents and practising for the Year 2 talent show.



Mrs Sandhu, Mrs Gill (Year 2 Leader), Mrs Nolan

Class Teacher Messages...

Year 3

Year 3 have had another fantastic week. In English, we have continued to work on letter writing and have begun to plan our own letters to reply to Ms. Mac. In Maths we have continued our fractions topic and finding the simplest form of fractions. We had another lovely reading for pleasure session, and everyone enjoyed bringing in their books and sharing them with each other. We have continued our PE lessons outside and developed our orienteering. The children have worked used a map to find hidden objects around the outdoor area . They did a great job and found so many objects independently ! We also have been completing some assessment and we are so proud of how hard the children have worked .Keep it up Year 3!

Next week we are looking forward to the Anglo-Saxon visitor and are having talent show!

Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader), Miss Hussain and Miss Waddell.

Year 4

In year 4 this week, we have continued to develop our understanding of the features of auto-biographies and biographies. Next week, in school we will be writing a biography of a famous person and at home our own auto-biographies. We're looking forward to reading both! In maths, we have been reading and writing numbers to two decimal places to show we understand the place value of decimals. We have also practised rounding up and down to the nearest ten and hundred. In science, we have learnt about the importance of Thomas Edison who invented the light bulb and the first phonograph. Life would be very different today without his amazing inventions. We saw an early phonograph at the Think Tank, where it was great to observe science first hand. In RE, we are continuing our study of Easter and other festivals, such as Hannukah. In humanities, we have used our writing skills to plan and write a non-chronological report on the Vikings.

Miss Cox (Year 4 Leader), Mrs Hatton and Miss Chapman

Year 5

Firstly, we would like to thank all the children in Year 5 for the way in which they have tackled assessments this week. It has been great to see the children applying the skills that they have learnt throughout the year to complete the tests given to them. We are all extremely proud of every child.

We have continued to read our class novel 'Hacker' this week and the children have been gripped with the storyline involving Vicky, her dad and the missing 1 million pounds. In English lessons, the children produced fantastic setting descriptions related to our text using expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors. Whilst in maths, we have started our new unit of work on geometry. The children enjoyed learning names of different angles such as acute, right, reflex and obtuse and finding, drawing and labelling these angles. In RHE this week, we reflected on dreams and goals and why they are so important to us all. The children demonstrated great maturity when we discussed dreams and goals of children from a different culture to ours.

Have a brilliant weekend Year 5; remember to always be the best that you can be.



Mr Johnston (Assistant Head and Year 5 leader), Miss Wherly, Mrs Sharratt and Mrs Williams

Year 6

This week in Year 6 has been a very busy one, with the year group now finishing all of the Maths No Problem coverage needed for them to access their SATs. This means it is now time for lots of revision and opportunities to address any misconceptions the children may have in certain areas of their mathematic knowledge. Alongside this, we are looking at persuasive writing in English, using a speech written by Greta Thunberg to inspire our children to write about our climate and the changes brought on by global warming. This is a great way for children to tailor their writing to an audience. We've planned podcasts in science, utilising iPads to talk about our favourite scientist relating to electricity. We look forward to hopefully sharing these with you on our website once they are finalised!

Have a great week!

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



Attendance

WEEKLY WINNERS (w/e 01.04.2022)

KS1 – 1Delta – 97.0%

KS2 – 3Delta – 94.0%

Whole School Attendance – 92.1%

Congratulations! Your class will receive the Attendance Trophy next week
PLUS you will be rewarded with 5 dojos each!



Here Today Here Tomorrow

Every School Day Matters!

Our schools target for attendance is 96%; this is for the whole school and for every pupil.

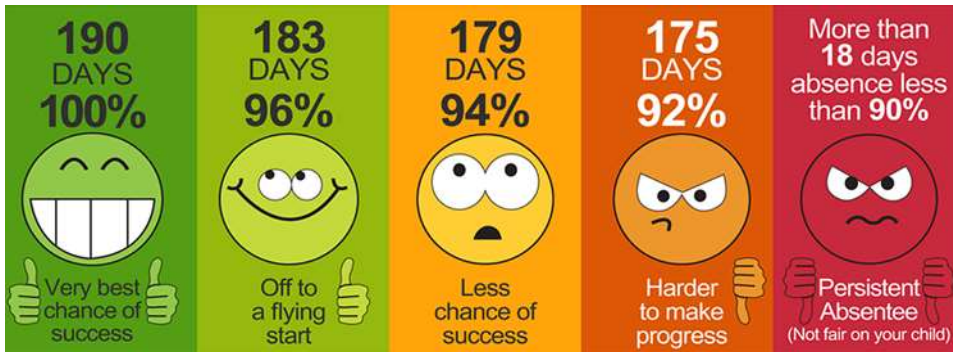
****Please Remember to call school by 8:55am to report your child's absence
02476335697****

Mrs Smith and Miss Keeling are here to support you with any attendance or welfare concerns.
Please call or email us at familywelfare@whitmorepark.org

When accessing this site, you will see lots of information & advice on many different topics.
Please see link below: [Helplines | This Morning \(itv.com\)](#)

Punctuality

We have noticed a large amount of pupils arriving late and coming through the main reception. Can we please just remind parents that Reception, Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 doors open at 8.45am and Year 3 and 5 doors at 8.50am. Please ensure your child is on time on the playground in the morning ready to meet their class teachers.



Holidays in term time

Now most restrictions have eased in the UK and around the world, Many people are now looking to get away on holiday. Can we please just remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised and can lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Only under exceptional circumstances will we authorise a holiday request. Please also make sure you complete a Exceptional Leave in Term Time form, you can collect the form from the school office.

Easter Attendance Awards

Children will remember from our Attendance assembly earlier this year that we have some great prizes planned for all children receiving 100% attendance at the end of term. The prizes will be awarded in the last week of term in assembly. As always, children who have achieved our magical 96.5% will receive prizes also.



SEND / Thrive

This week in Thrive we have been exploring, 'initiating, engaging and doing'. Children have been given the opportunity to explore options to initiate a creative activity.

When given coloured rice and pasta, some children used it to create art work while others wanted to explore the effects created after it is poured and falls from different heights.

Some children loved collecting stones and asked if they could paint them to maybe sell later.

Being outdoors is so important to get that fresh air and oxygen into our systems. If you are interested in exploring some art work outside with your child/children, you might want to search for Andy Goldsworthy's creations for inspiration. If you do create anything, we would love to see it so don't be shy, please send it to the class teacher via dojo or seesaw.

Have you noticed that the butterflies are starting to appear. We therefore created these butterfly tables which, when soft fruit is placed on them, will hopefully attract a few to our yard.



Reading

At Whitmore Park, reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we want to ensure that every child has a love of reading. To help children in school to achieve this, we want every child to read...read...read. Please continue to read 5 times with your child at home so they can gain their stamp each week. When they receive 10 stamps, the children are able to choose a brand-new book to keep. Some of our amazing readers have already received 2 books this year!

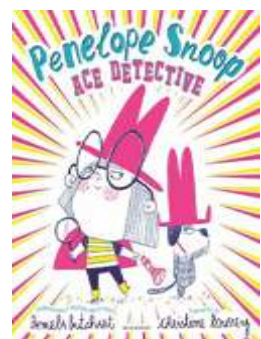
Reading is a key life skill and its value is fundamental within our curriculum; as a school we are extremely dedicated to all our children learning to foster a love of reading.

This week, we wish to share some recommendation with you.

For our Key Stage One readers we recommend Penelope Snoop-Ace Detective written by Pamela Butchart. Penelope Snoop, self-styled Best-Finder-Outer-in-the-Whole-Wide-World has a successful track record in solving mysteries, but she's facing her biggest case: her constant companion Sidney the Smelly Sock Snake has disappeared. Time to pull out the Finder-Outer kits and start tracking down clues.

For our Key Stage Two readers we recommend The Last Firefox written by Lee Newbery. This book is about a cute fox cub, a thrilling sense of adventure, a tender message about bravery and overcoming bullies, and a gorgeous sense of friendship and families — what a winning, heart-warming combo.

If you would like to share any recommendations, come and find the English Team and we will add your recommendation in the newsletter! Happy Reading!



2 x Permanent Lunchtime Supervisors & 2 x Casual Lunchtime Supervisors Vacancies

School Name: Whitmore Park Primary School	<p>POSITION: 2 x Permanent and 2 x Casual Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants We are looking to appoint 2 enthusiastic and dedicated Permanent Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants and 2 Casual Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants (to cover staff absence). You will be required to work as part of our team, supervising pupils during the lunch break, ensuring a safe environment where their developmental and welfare needs are met. You need to be physically fit and be able to interact with all pupils in the school, encouraging play and inclusion. Do you have: Experience of working with children and managing behaviour? The ability to work as part of a team, building relationships with children and staff? A caring nature, able to support the emotional wellbeing of children? We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS is needed for these posts. Two references will be taken up for all short listed candidates prior to interview. Applications packs are available on our website via this link: https://www.whitmorepark.org/job-vacancies/. Or, if you would like to request an application pack, please email admin@whitmorepark.org. Completed applications can be emailed to jobs@whitmorepark.org, handed in at the School Office or posted to the school for the attention of Mrs Christine Clough, School Business Manager</p>
Head teacher: Mrs J McGibney	
Full Address: Halford Lane Keresley Coventry CV6 2HG	
Telephone Number: 02476335697	
Email Address: jobs@whitmorepark.org	
Job Title: 2 x Permanent Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants and 2 x Casual Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants	
Salary range: Grade 1 £9.50 to £9.60 per hour	
Hours: 11.25 hours a week (permanent positions) or as and when required for Casual positions. Term-time only (38 weeks).	
Closing date: 9am Tuesday 5th April Interview date: Thursday 7th April Start Date: As soon as possible	

Our School Nursing Team Health focused websites

Coventry School Nurses have launched two websites, one aimed at children and another tailored towards teenagers:

www.healthforkids.co.uk offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes.

www.healthforteens.co.uk hosts videos and webchats as well as articles to educate teenagers on a range of health topics such as contraception, mental health, drugs and alcohol.

Chat Health texting service Chat health is a free service that enables 11-18 year olds across Coventry to send confidential SMS text messages to School Nurses who will provide impartial advice and support. The number to text is 07507 331949.

Parent Advice Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -16.30pm, Monday to Friday on 02475189190 to discuss any child health concerns they may have.

For advice and support from your school nurse please text "Chat Health" on 07507 329114 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

Useful Links

Finance

[Coventry Independent Advice Service](#) is a charity offering free advice, information and support to Coventry residents. Our service is confidential and **our** skilled advisers can help you with things like:

- Identifying entitlement to benefits and helping you make claims
- Helping you to sort out debt or other money problems
- Challenging decisions on benefit claims

Domestic Abuse

[Coventry Haven](#) - ensure safety and empowerment for women and children who are subjected to Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) in any form. They offer a range of services including a Safe To Talk Helpline **0800 111 4998** or **024 7644 4077**
(Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm)

[National Domestic Abuse Line \(REFUGE\)](#) - Refuge supports women, children and men experiencing domestic violence with a range of services including a 24-hour helpline **0808 2000 247**.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

[Young Minds](#) - a national charity which supports children and young people with mental health and well being. They have specific resources for young people around COVID-19, and also offer support to parents.

[Childline](#) - Childline is available to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, they have trained counsellors to support you. The helpline is **0800 1111** and is available between 9am to midnight every day.

[Samaritans](#) - Coventry & District Samaritans is an independent charity, run entirely by unpaid volunteers. They provide a free 24-hour helpline for people who are upset, troubled or who are feeling suicidal. Call **116 123** at any time of the day or night or email jo@samaritans.org.

In addition to their normal services Samaritans has set up a [confidential support line for NHS workers and volunteers in England](#). This operates from 7am to 11pm every day. NHS staff can, of course, still use the 24 hour helpline if they prefer.

Pathways Family Hub

Our local Family Hub is 'Pathways', they are based at Radford Primary School. You can follow them on Facebook or Twitter for information about local events and support for families. **Facebook - [pathwaysfamilyhub](#) Twitter - [hubsfamily](#) Tel: 02476978130**