



Message from Mrs McGibney

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see the children back in school after the half term. I can't believe we have finished the first week already! We have a very busy 6 weeks ahead in school with lots of exciting opportunities for the school community to come together and for children to experience first hand learning through visits to places of interest within our region. It was wonderful to meet face to face with our new Reception parents this week and we are looking forward to continuing to meet with parents, and in particular our Open Evening and family picnic at the end of the term. We have been delighted to see some amazing work that the children have produced at home in response to learning at school and the books they have enjoyed reading. Let's hope the sun shines. Have great weekend!

Health and Safety



Warm Weather

Now that the weather is starting to get warmer, please can parents and carers send a cap/hat for your child to wear during playtime and lunchtime in the playground. Please ensure that it has your child's name clearly written inside. Please can they also bring in a water bottle, which can be filled up in school. It would also be advisable to apply sun cream before coming into school. Please note that sunglasses are not permitted, except for medical reasons.



Polite Reminder about the Trim Trail

The trim trail is only available to be used during school time when supervised by school staff due to health and safety reasons.

Please can parents remind children not to use it when dropping off and collecting before and after school.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

It has been lovely to see the children back in Nursery and hear about all the fun things that you have done in the holidays. Just before the holiday we celebrated the Queens Jubilee. It was such fun; every child had a memorable day. Thank you so much for all your support. The children all looked amazing and thank you for the food that you sent into school. You had all put so much thought into the donations that we received.

This week in Nursery the children have been looking at vegetables, we are beginning to talk about growing which will lead into our topic about bugs. The children have already shown an interest in insects, so I think that we will have lots of fun. Have a good week.



Mrs Ruth McShane

Reception

In Reception this week, we have been reading the story 'Handa's hen'. In this story Handa's hen has 10 chicks! We're really excited to announce that next week we will be taking care of 10 eggs. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to be able to learn about the lifecycle of a chicken. They will be able to observe the eggs in an incubator and hopefully be lucky enough to see one hatch. They will help to take care of the chicks when they are placed in the brooder box and may even be able to hold them. Alongside this, we will also be observing the lifecycle of a butterfly, as this week each class has been given 5 caterpillars to take care of! We're looking forward to a fantastic couple of weeks with both the caterpillars and chicks! Please remember to send reading folders in on Monday so that books can be changed. We hope you all have a fantastic weekend.



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

Year 1

This week in Maths, the children have been learning to tell and make the time to the hour and to half past the hour on analogue clocks. They have used mini clocks to make times and have read set clocks. This is something you can easily support at home by frequently talking about the time or asking them if they know what the time is throughout the day.

In Geography, the children have made some fantastic 3D paper maps of school and grounds. They bent and curled paper to make 3D representations of school, trees and houses and drew on other features such as the playground and fields.

In Science, the children have learnt about birds this week! They have used a variety of sources to learn information and made real observations of birds we could see around the school grounds. The children then worked in small teams to create information videos to share facts they had learnt about birds.

Well done for working so hard in the first week back and have a fabulous weekend!



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

Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the holidays and to hear about all the exciting things they have done during their half term break. The children enjoyed sharing how they celebrated the Queen's Jubilee. As always, the children have settled back in beautifully and have been eager to continue with their learning!

In English, the children have written a review of their year. They wrote about their highlights of the year, their proudest accomplishments and what advice they would give to Year 1 children for next year. It was fun to reminisce on the lovely memories we have all shared together. As well as this, the children enjoyed writing stories based on their dreams and goals for the future. We discussed what the children would like to be when they are older and why. In Maths, we have challenged the children with exciting booklets based on our learning in Year 2. They were able to draw on a variety of methods, taught throughout the year, to solve a range of problems.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different habitats in Science. They learnt about woodland habitats, coastal habitats and urban habitats. They then went on a nature hunt in the school grounds to see what different habitats they could spot.

As a polite reminder, please could we ask that you if haven't handed in your child's letter for our trip to Conkers that you do so as soon as possible. Thank you!



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

Class Teacher Messages...

Year 3

It has been lovely to welcome Year 3 back this week after a short break. We have settled in brilliantly and got back to some fantastic learning. In English, we have started a new topic and are going to be learning all about Sir David Attenborough and then write a Biography for our final independent write. The children are very curious about him already and have asked lots of amazing questions about his work. In Maths we have started our time topic. This week we have learnt half, quarter past and quarter to. The children have enjoyed having their own clock and making their learning very practical. In Science we are carrying on with our plant's topic, next week we will be learning about a famous Scientist called Sir Joseph Banks. Year 3 had an extra treat this week. On Wednesday we welcomed an outside organisation into school who taught us all about drums and the different types of drums you can get. They let children play and at the end we all joined in with an orchestra playing different types of musical instruments. It was very loud, but we had such a fantastic time!

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

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we had a special visitor who showed us how to play the drums, we all joined in with him on percussion instruments and had a wonderful time. In English, we have been learning about the features of a newspaper report, so that we can write reports based on Romeo and Juliet next week. In maths, we have started a geometry topic on acute, obtuse and right angles. In geography, we have started to compare England with South American countries; this week we looked at Brazil. In science, we have continued to look Living Things, this week creating our own keys to identify different animals. In RE, we have started a new topic about what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain today.



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

Year 5

It has been a busy first week back for Year 5. In English, we have started our new class novel 'Who Let The Gods Out'. The children have enjoyed reading the start of this text and are looking forward to writing a biography about a Greek god. Whilst in maths, we have continued to work on measurements. The children have worked hard to convert between masses and apply their understanding to problems. On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 had an amazing time at the Jeff Rich (from Status Quo) drumming workshop. The children discovered the history of drums, listened to drums from all over the world, heard how Jeff developed his technique and career and even played percussion alongside Jeff, who is a true rock legend.



The children have also completed science investigations about friction, by creating zip wires. The big question they investigated was: does the type of string/wire used to make a zip wire, make a difference to the speed or effectiveness of it? Year 5 also watched a short film about the longest zip wire in the world! Have a great weekend and remember to be the best that you can be

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

Year 6

Year 6 have settled back into their final half term without fuss, enjoying new learning opportunities, books and experiences. We kicked off the week with a drumming workshop delivered by Status Quo drummer Jeff Rich which the children thoroughly enjoyed! Continuing the musical theme, rehearsals for our end of year production 'What's the Crime Mr Wolf' commenced, linking learning from our crime and punishment topic. Contrasting the loud with the quiet, we started a new book 'The Memory Cage' which follows the story of an adopted refugee from Bosnia, and his Grandad as they both try and forget their war-riddled pasts. The children have been really keen to start this book and have been asking for it since they joined Year 6! We have also been

Thank you to those who have brought back their forms for Dol y Moch and Drayton Manor. There will be a parent meeting for Dol y Moch next week for all parents involved.

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

Attendance



WEEKLY WINNERS (w/e 10/06/2022)

KS1 – 1 DELTA – 97.9%

KS2 – 5BETA – 98.4%

Whole School – 92.7%



**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!**

96%+ Attendance Summer Party!

This week we informed all children about a special party we will be hosting in the last week of the summer term, for all children who achieve **96% attendance or more!** There will be special drinks, games, prizes and music. Children must have attendance of 96% or more for the 7 week half term to be invited to the party. This means being in school every day (or almost every day) from Tuesday 7th June until the last week of term.

Please support us in this final push to improve attendance for ALL children in the last 7 week of school this year. It has been a challenging year for us all and we want to make the final half term a positive and exciting one for all of our staff and children.

Being on Time!

When children are late to school it can cause them to feel anxious about joining a lesson which has already started, as well as missing important settling in time in the class room. Children can miss vital learning time such as Read Write Inc lessons. The attendance team are monitoring punctuality in school and will be meeting with parents and carers this half term to help find solutions to being late. Please contact us if you are finding it difficult to get to school on time.



Important

Holidays in Term Time

A reminder 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 make sure you complete a Exceptional Leave in Term Time form, you can collect the form from the school office. Thank you.

Reporting Absence

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



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Drop-in

**Do you need
help with...**

- Housing issues ?
- Independent Living Skills ?
- Money Management / benefits ?
- Health and well-being ?
- General advice and support ?

We have drop-in advice sessions for **singles** and **families** on the following days ...

TUES	SINGLES	11:00—15:00
WEDS	FAMILIES	10:00—14:00
FRI	SINGLES	11:00—15:00

Our address:

P3, 2nd Floor, James Brindley House,
St. Nicholas Street, Coventry, Canal Basin, **CV14LY**



P3**DROP-IN****If you need help with...**

*Housing/Tenancy issues *Independent Living Skills

Money Management/Benefit advice

Health and well-being * General advice and support

We have drop-in advice sessions taking place at all 8 family hubs across the city on a FORTNIGHTLY basis.

FAMILY HUB	DAY/TIME	UPCOMING SESSIONS
PATHWAYS	TUESDAY 12-3pm	7 and 21 June 5 and 19 July 2, 16 and 30 August
ASPIRE	THURSDAY 10am-2pm	9 and 23 June 7 and 21 July 4 and 18 August
HARMONY	FRIDAY 10am-2pm	10 and 24 June 8 and 22 July 5 and 19 August
PARK EDGE	MONDAY 12-4pm	13 and 27 June 11 and 25 July 8 and 22 August
MOSAIC	TUESDAY 12-2pm	14 and 28 June 12 and 26 July 9 and 23 August
WOODSIDE	MONDAY 9am-1pm	13 and 27 June 11 and 25 July 8 and 22 August
FAMILIES FOR ALL	FRIDAY 9am-12pm	17 June 1, 15 and 29 July 12 and 26 August
THE MOAT	FRIDAY 1-4pm	17 June 1, 15 and 29 July 12 and 26 August

Inclusion / SEND

Hello,

We hope that you have had a lovely half term. We are really looking forward to this half term with all of the 'end of year' celebrations and being able to welcome parents into school for year group assemblies again after such a long time. We recognise that whilst this half term for some pupils is really exciting, for others it can be quite worrying. We will be able to put in more transition support this year than the previous two years now that all parts of the school are fully accessible to all pupils again. What we can't tell you yet, is who your child's next teacher will be. We do endeavour to get this information out to parents as soon as possible, but we also recognise that giving the 'wrong' information (e.g. saying it will be this teacher but then that teacher needs to move...) can cause a significance increase in anxiety levels and cause greater upset than waiting a little longer. Further details about transition for identified pupils will be given in the next couple of weeks.

A reminder of who to contact, when:
Class teacher initially for any concerns

Mrs Heer for Personal Learning Plans - Please be aware that Mrs Heer works Wed - Fri
Miss Carney for anything else

Reading

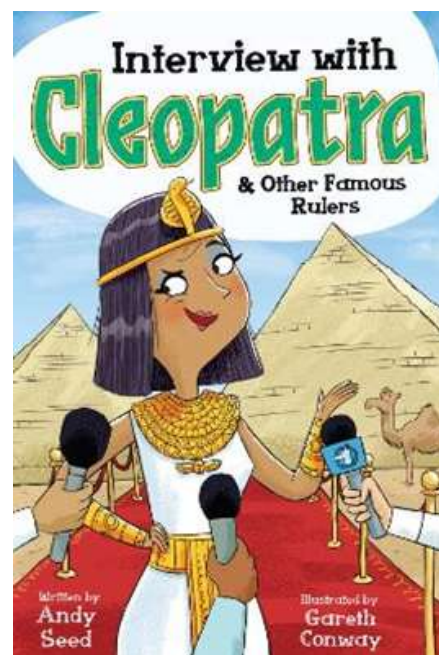
As you all know, at Whitmore Park we are continuing to encourage ALL of our children to read, read and read some more! Reading is a key life skill and its value is fundamental within our curriculum; as a school we are extremely dedicated to all our children learning to foster a love of reading.

This month, we have seen and taken part in Platinum Jubilee celebrations across the nation. It has been a wonderful moment for our children as they have been able to witness the longest reign of a Monarch in British history.

There have been many amazing rulers throughout history, across the world so this week's recommendation is all about famous rulers! It is called, "Interview with Cleopatra and Other Famous Rulers" written by Andy Seed.

Featuring interviews with Cleopatra, Alexander the Great, Boudicca, Hadrian, Harald Bluetooth, Genghis Khan, Montezuma II and more - plus bonus facts about key events in each ruler's life. Perfect for fans of the Horrible Histories books, this series offers a fun, fresh take on history, featuring true stories from historical figures from across the world.

Happy Reading!



PE / Sports News

The PE Team wish everyone has had a fun and relaxing half term break. This week Year 4 took part in The Engage Tag Rugby Festival. The theme for the festival was link to the 2022

Commonwealth Games and each school represented a country. Whitmore represented the nation of Jersey. We took a boys and girls team to the event, and they competed against 9 other schools across the city. Mr Parry and Mr Wilson were so impressed with the level of rugby skills both the boys and girls team showed on the day. Mr Wilson took the girls team and out of 8 games they won 6, draw 1 and lost 1, which was a amazing effort. The boys team which was took by Mr Parry, won 3 and lost 5 but only by narrow margins. Both the boys and girls teams at times were competing against year 5s from other schools, so the results are particularly pleasing and Mr Wilson and Mr Parry are so proud of everyone's efforts!



The PE Team

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 14 th June	5:00pm	New Nursery parents meeting in the hall & tour of the school
Wednesday 15 th June	Allday	Reception Eye Tests
Monday 20 th June	1:00pm	Choir to Coventry City Centre
Sunday 26 th June – Thursday 30 th June		Year 6 Dol-y-Moch Residential Trip
Tuesday 28 th June		Year 1 Twycross Zoo Trip
Tuesday 28 th June		Nursery Hoar Park Trip
w/c July 4 th		Enterprise week
Monday 4 th July	3:30-6:00	Year 5 Activity Evening
Monday 4 th July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 th July		Reception stay and play AM/PM
Tuesday 5 th July		Year 6 Drayton Manor Trip
Wednesday 6 th July		Transition Day whole school & Year 6 to secondary school Reception stay and play AM/PM
Monday 11 th July	3:30-5:00	Family picnic on the school grounds
w/c 11 th July		Sports week and Healthy Body/Healthy Mind
Tuesday 12 th July	2:00pm	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 13 th July		Year 2 Conkers Trip
Thursday 14 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Production
Friday 15 th July	3:30pm	Reports to Parents
Monday 18 th July	9:00am	Year 1 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 2 group assembly to parents
Tuesday 19 th July	9:00am	Year 3 group assembly to parents
	11:00am	Nursery group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Nursery group assembly to parents
	6:00pm	Open Evening for parents (books, classroom and corridor environment, meet the teachers) Reception – Year 6
Wednesday 20 th July	9:00am	Year 5 group assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Year 4 group assembly to parents
Thursday 21 st July	9:00am	Year 6 leavers assembly to parents
	2:30pm	Reception group assembly to parents
Friday 22 nd July		Break up

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**