



## Message from Mrs Squires



Dear parents/carers,

The children have continued to settle extremely well into their new classes and the school routines. This week, I have had the opportunity to visit all of the classes this and I have been very impressed with the children's fantastic attitudes to learning and to the care and attention they are demonstrating whilst working in their new exercise books.

It is also wonderful to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms and in their new PE kits. Thank you for your support with this!

Our thoughts this weekend, will be regarding the events and ceremonies that are taking place across the country to pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## Health and Safety

### Practice Fire Drill

The whole school had a practice fire drill on Wednesday morning. The children all did a great job of exiting the building and lining up on the playground.

Well done to all.



### Polite Reminder about Bikes and Scooters on School Site

We are happy for children to ride their bikes and scooters to school, providing they do so safely and are accompanied by a parent/carer as appropriate. The riding of bikes or scooters is not permitted whilst on the school site for health and safety reasons. They will need to be stored in the bike shed at the front of school, please be aware this at own risk, or taken home by a parent/carer.



### 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

Nursery have welcomed all the children this week. It has been VERY busy! The children are settling well and are enjoying exploring. As always, the garden area is the most popular and we have been fortunate to have mostly good weather.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents. You have been marvellous working with us and your children to ensure smooth transitions into Nursery and I appreciate the additional time that some of you are taking to settle your child. Can I please remind parents to write their children's names inside their belongings. Some children have the same bags and they do not always recognise their coats. We do have some children with nut allergies in Nursery this year. Could you please check that the chocolate spread that you may use is nut free. Next week in . Nursery the children will be in for a full session.

The Morning Session is **8.30am -11.30am**

The Afternoon Session is **12.15 pm-3.15pm**

The All-day Session is **8.30pm-3.15pm**

For next week only I will open the gates at **3.05pm** just to ease congestion and ensure that the children have a quiet and calm exit from Nursery. Thank you.



**Mrs McShane**

## Reception

Well done to all Reception children for their first full week at school. We are really pleased with how well they have settled and adapted to their new routines. They had their first PE, art and music lessons on Thursday this week and seemed to really enjoy them! They have begun to make new friends and learn the names of all of their new class members. Next week we will begin teaching our Read, Write Inc lessons where the children will begin to learn how to read and write letter sounds. Hopefully you have all had chance to log on to your child's Seesaw account, please check this regularly for any class teacher messages. If you need the log-in code again, please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher. We hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

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

## Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed reading the story 'Oi dog!' in English lessons. We have written some sentences to tell parts of the story, focusing on our spelling. In Maths, we have been sorting and counting objects. We thought of our own ways to put objects and pictures into groups. We have had a Geography launch afternoon. In Geography, we have been introduced to human features and physical features and found some examples of these around school. Year 1 have learnt about Queen Elizabeth II and completed some artwork based around the queen in the 1960s.

**Miss Skidmore (Year 1 Leader), Miss Allison and Mrs Corbett**

## Year 2

Year 2 have had another lovely week this week. We are impressed with how the children are trying to adapt to new routines and the expectations of the Year 2 curriculum. We started our week with a launch day to launch our new History topic. The children explored what life was like in Anglo-Saxon times and carried out jobs to earn golden coins. They were frustrated when their coins were taken for taxes and they couldn't afford to buy any food! We also celebrated the life of Queen Elizabeth II by researching what had happened to her during the 1970s. The children were fascinated to see how the silver jubilee celebrations were similar to the platinum jubilee celebrations we had earlier this year. We created artwork to share with the rest of the school. In English, the children enjoyed predicting what would happen in our new story "The Sea Monster." They were given the front cover as a jigsaw puzzle and were all excited to suggest ideas for the story. We also looked at the features of a setting description as this is what the children will be aiming to write at the end of our topic. In Maths, the children enjoyed exploring numbers using different equipment. They were able to show how many tens and ones were in a number using diennes, numicon, straws and by drawing pictures. We also recapped on writing numbers in numerals and words. Please could you also start practicing the 10 X table with your child. We will begin testing next week. Please could we also remind you to label your child's jumpers and cardigans as we are having lots being misplaced. Thank you for your support.



**Mrs Merkelbach, Mrs Gill (Year 2 Leader) and Mrs Nolan**

# Class Teacher Messages...

## Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week this week. We have started a great book in Literacy called The Pirate Cruncher and are really enjoying it. We have been learning how to use adjectives in our writing to describe the fierce pirates in the story, we love practising our pirate voice. In Maths we have started Place Value and each lesson used practical equipment to help our learning. The children have worked really hard to represent the different range of numbers. We have also begun our History topic of Stone Age and spent a whole afternoon exploring different parts of the era. We learnt what they ate, how they hunted for food and what houses they lived in. In Science we started our Rocks topic and the children were able to identify the difference between Sedimentary, Metamorphic and Igneous rocks whilst being able to explore them using their smell and touch senses in the classroom. All the teachers are really proud of how the children have settled in over the past two weeks. Well done Year 3 you are superstars!

**Miss Kakathasan, Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader) and Miss Waddell**

## Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have started to read a new book called 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' and have made predictions about what will happen next. We have also been learning the skills of adjectives and subordinating conjunctions, as we will be writing a story ending at the end of the unit. In maths, we have been learning about place value of numbers to 1,000, including how to partition numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. We have also started to learn about the Ancient Egyptians in History and States of Matter in science.

**Miss Bassi, Mrs Cox (Year 4 Leader) and Mrs Hussain**

## Year 5

Another fantastic week in year 5. In maths this week, the children have been reminding themselves about the significance of place value in number, in English, we have begun exploring our new text, 'Friend or For' by looking at the front cover and blurb as well as diving into chapter one and answering some retrieval questions.

Also in year 5, the children have taken part in a World War II history launch afternoon. The children watched videos, designed their own gas masks and walked a mile in the shoes of a child evacuee. The children were all exceptionally well behaved whilst walking around the school site.



**Mrs Hatton, Mr Maguire (Year 5 Leader) and Miss Wherly**

## Year 6

It's only the second week in Year 6 and we have already been really focusing on our learning and we have produced some fantastic work. For maths and English, we have now arranged the children into sets so that we can ensure all children receive the right level of education to challenge them and enable them to reach their full potential. In English, we have started reading our new book called 'Skellig' and made some predictions about the front cover. To commemorate the Queen, we have been working on some artwork to celebrate the most recent decade of her life. We have launched our history topic on the ancient civilization of Maya and looked at some ceremonial masks - we even designed our own using some of the features we discussed including Maya symbols, different animals and bright colours. In science, we are going to be learning about the human body and circulatory system so we started off this topic by looking at the organs we might find and discussing all of their different functions and how they all work together to keep us alive. We even used some augmented reality to look inside the human body.



**Mrs Sandhu (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader), Mr Payne (Assistant Head and Year 6 Leader) and Miss Knowles**

## 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. As we start the new school year, your child will now have been given a home reading book and a reading diary. Our expectation is for your child to read their reading book 5 times or more every week. When a child does read 5 times, they receive a stamp. Once they have got 10 stamps, children are able to choose a brand-new reading book to take home as their reading prize!

We appreciate your support in helping and encouraging your children to read at home. Please ensure that you also sign their reading diary so we can see how many times they have read. For every read, they achieve a dojo point! We will be sharing how each year groups reading is coming along each week in our assemblies.

**The English Team**



## Parent Information



### Parent Information Sessions 2022

**NHS**  
South Warwickshire  
University  
NHS Foundation Trust

Welcome back to school!!

The Coventry School Nursing team are continuing to offer free online Parent Information Sessions for the following areas of concern: toileting, sleep, eating, behaviour & anxiety.

Book now for dates available from now!

To see what dates we have & to book on, please scan the QR codes below using the camera function on your mobile phone/device. Not all phones are compatible with this feature so you can also follow the links, also provided below.

#### Toileting Sessions

<https://forms.office.com/r/TeGKvc23FV>



#### Understanding Anxiety Sessions

<https://forms.office.com/r/EJEPYuFMwF>



#### Sleep Sessions

<https://forms.office.com/r/BqV2PvLEWU>



#### Challenges in Eating Sessions

<https://forms.office.com/r/mHcBLCW5JT>



#### Managing Behaviour Sessions

<https://forms.office.com/r/nzcpmynGslJ>



Once you've booked, Coventry School Nursing will be in touch with you to confirm your booking via email.

A day before the session, we will send out a Microsoft Teams Link that you can click on to join.

If you need any further assistance please email either:

[swg-tr.charteravenueschoolnursing@nhs.net](mailto:swg-tr.charteravenueschoolnursing@nhs.net)

[swg-tr.MoatHouseSchoolNursing@nhs.net](mailto:swg-tr.MoatHouseSchoolNursing@nhs.net)

or call 01926 495321 ext. 7417 or 7494

## Macmillan Coffee morning

**When:** Friday 30th

September 2022, 9am

**Where:** Whitmore Park  
Community room.

**Why?** To support a  
fantastic charity close to  
many of our hearts.

SEPTEMBER

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## **Autumn Fun**

Pathways Family Hub - Radford

These free sessions are for parents/carers with children aged between 0 and 5.

We will:

- Use stories and songs to bring learning to life
- Share resources with you and your child to enjoy during and after the sessions
- Share ideas which will help you to support your child's development
- Address any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child's learning and development

**When:-**

**Thursday 1.00 – 3.00**

**22<sup>nd</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**



**How to enrol:-**

**Enquire at the Family Hub or visit the Adult Education website below**

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

To find out more contact:

kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 8730

steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 1301

Family Learning – programmes that promote strong positive relationships within families; enabling parents and carers to support their children's learning and development.

# Attendance

## Reporting Absence & Appointments

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school by 9am if their child is absent. A clear reason must be provided on the day of absence. You can report your child's absence by leaving a voicemail on the school's absence line or message school via school gateway. Please be sure to contact school **everyday** of absence. If we do not a reason for an absence, this will marked as **unauthorised**.

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



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

**KS1 –  
KS2 –**

**WEEKLY WINNERS!  
(w/e 16/09/2022)**



## Punctuality

Registration is at **8:55am** for all classes. Gates are opened from **8.30am**. The gates will close at **8.55am** therefore, please ensure your child is in school before this time. If your child arrives after this time, then you **MUST** take your child to the Main Office to sign them in late. If you know your child is going to be late, please call school to inform us of this and a reason why.

## Holidays in Term Time

Family holidays should be arranged outside of a school term. If you are planning to take a holiday during school time then a **Exceptional Leave of Absence** form must be completed and handed back into the main office.  
Please note that holidays will **not** be authorised following Local Authority guidelines and a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) could be issued.

# Family Welfare

## Cost of Living Support

We are all concerned with the rising costs of living and will share as much information as we can with our families about where and how to get support.

Coventry City Council have launched a Cost of Living and Wellbeing support page where you can access referrals for school uniform and shoes as well as financial support.

Please ask to speak to Mrs Smith, our schools Family Welfare Officer, if you or your family need support.

We have included a list of useful links below for your information. You can also find these links on our schools website.

### Health

**Parent Advice** Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am -4.30pm, 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 **07507329114** 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk) offers a fun way for children to learn about health with games, activities and quizzes.

### Finance

Coventry Independent Advice Service offers free advice, information and support to Coventry residents.  
Call **024 7652 1100**



### Domestic Abuse

**Coventry Haven** 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** supports children and young people with mental health and well being [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

**Childline** available to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. **0800 1111** 9am to midnight every day

**Samaritans** provides a free 24-hour helpline for people who are upset, troubled or who are feeling suicidal. Call **116 123** at any time



We are delighted with how the children continue to settle. We have had our planning with SEMH&L and CCT. If your child has been allocated a space this term, you will be notified by the end of next week. Miss Chadwick has been in touch with the parents of children who she will be supporting this term too. Further information about Lexia will be included in next week's newsletter for those who have access to it.

Please note that where parents have asked to meet specific members of staff, we will accommodate as soon as possible and will aim to do so within a week of the request. However, where requests to meet a member of the Inclusion Team alongside the class teacher are made, these appointments may take longer to arrange.

## Vacancies

<b>School Name:</b> Whitmore Park Primary School	<b>POSITION: 1 x Permanent and 1 x Casual Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants</b>
<b>Full Address:</b> Halford Lane Keresley Coventry CV6 2HG	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.
<b>Telephone Number:</b> 02476 335697	You need to be physically fit and be able to interact with all pupils in the school, encouraging play and inclusion.
<b>Email Address:</b> jobs@whitmorepark.org	
<b>Job Title:</b> 1 x Permanent Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants and 1 x Casual Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants	<b>Do you have:</b>
<b>Salary range:</b> Grade 1 £9.50 to £9.60 per hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of working with children and managing behaviour?</li> <li>• The ability to work as part of a team, building relationships with children and staff?</li> <li>• A caring nature, able to support the emotional wellbeing of children?</li> </ul>
<b>Hours:</b> 11.25 hours a week (permanent positions) or as and when required for Casual positions. Term-time only (38 weeks).	
<b>Closing date:</b> Midnight on Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	
<b>Interview date:</b> Morning of Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	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.
<b>Start Date:</b> As soon as possible.	
	Applications packs are available on our website via this link: <a href="https://www.whitmorepark.org/job-vacancies/">https://www.whitmorepark.org/job-vacancies/</a> . Or, if you would like to request an application pack, please email <a href="mailto:admin@whitmorepark.org">admin@whitmorepark.org</a> . Completed applications can be emailed to <a href="mailto:jobs@whitmorepark.org">jobs@whitmorepark.org</a> , handed in at the School Office or posted to the school for the attention of Mrs Christine Clough, School Business Manager.