



Message from Mrs Squires

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week at Whitmore Park with lots of great learning taking place. We started the week wearing odd socks to launch Anti-Bullying Week to celebrate how unique we all are. The children have completed work around anti-bullying and learning the importance of this year's theme 'Reach Out'. And we ended the week raising awareness for Children in Need – it has been great to see children in their spots and completing activities about this very special day. Thank you for your support with this – it is very much appreciated. Next week in school we will be celebrating cultures from around the world and each year group will be focusing on a different country and the importance of diversity.

Christmas is nearly upon us, and we are busy planning lots of exciting events. From Christmas Jumper Day to the fayre to performances to Christmas dinner, we are very much looking forward to the weeks ahead.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend and hope that you all enjoy spending time with your families.

Health and Safety Notices

Head Lice

Recently, we have seen an increase in Head Lice cases in school. While it is a common issue among primary school children, it can be very frustrating, and costly, to treat regularly. Please see the advice below from the School Nursing Team about how to prevent Head Lice. It is important that we all work together to actively try to prevent the spread of Head Lice in school. Please contact Mrs Smith if you have concerns about Head Lice or if you need further advice. You can purchase a lice comb from your pharmacy or from Amazon.

HOW TO FIND AND GET RID OF HEAD LICE

1. Wash hair as normal.
2. Put conditioner on, and comb through the hair with a normal comb.
3. Section/part hair .
4. Using a head lice comb, comb all the way down the hair shaft from the scalp to the end.
5. After every comb, wipe away with a tissue.
6. This must be done on every section of hair .
7. Rinse out the conditioner.
8. This can be repeated every 3 - 4 days over a 2 - 3 week period .
9. This method should also be used **once a week** to check for Head Lice, even if you think your children doesn't have this.



FURTHER HELP

Further help is available from:

- **Your School Nurse – contact no. 024 75 189 190**
 - GP/Practice Nurse
 - Pharmacist
 - www.chc.org
- www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits



Attendance



Our school target for attendance is **96% or above**.
School attendance for this week = **92.7%**



Weekly Winners

Reception = RBETA – 93.9%

Year 2 = 2DELTA – 94.0%

Year 4 = 4BETA – 96.9%

Year 6 = 6DELTA - 99.4%

Most Improved Winners

Year 2 = 2DELTA

Year 3 = 3GAMMA

Year 4 = 4BETA

Year 6 = 6DELTA

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox

Until all spots
have crusted
over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from
last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are
crusted & healed or
48 Hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from
onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from
onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first
treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Flu

Until
recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Threadworms

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Class Teacher Messages...

Nursery

This week, Nursery have been working very hard to make a display for the school corridor. Everybody has joined in and contributed something to the display. We have used collage materials to create brown bear. We have practised the skills that we need for writing, by tracing characters from the story and drawing around animal templates. I will put a photograph of the display onto Seesaw at the end of the week. We have enjoyed lots of messy play this week. We have explored sloppy sand, slimy playdough, finger painting and printing. We also worked very hard to sweep all the puddles away that had formed in the garden after the torrential rain. Have a lovely weekend

Mrs McShane



Reception



This week in Reception the children have been creating story maps to help them to learn the story 'A Christmas Star'. In Numeracy, we have been learning about the number 5 with help from Fiona Five! In our Read write inc lessons we have learnt the sounds z, ch, qu and x. In the classroom, some children have chosen to make boats for 'Freddie Four', they have also been practising how to match CVC words to pictures. Please remember to send in reading books next week so that they can be changed. We will be doing a little assessment next week to see how well the children are retaining the read, write inc sounds. We will send it home so that you can practise at home too. We hope that you have a great weekend!

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

Year 1

Year 1 have started re-telling the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' in their English lessons. They thought of some fantastic sentences to write and they have started using 'and' to join sentences together. In Maths, they have been solving addition word problems. They had to work out what the question was asking them to do and use objects and drawing to help them solve the problem. In History, Year 1 have learnt what 'sources' are and learnt that we can use them to find information. In Science, Year 1 explored the properties 'waterproof' and 'transparent' and carried out an investigation to see which materials are waterproof. This week has been anti-bullying week. The children role-played different scenarios and thought about what advice they would give to the children in the scenarios. They also practised phrases they could say if they thought someone was bullying them or someone else and made an anti-bullying poster. They thought of some great ideas!



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

Year 2



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

This week has been anti-bullying week at school. The children were introduced to this on Monday in our whole school assembly. Lots of the children also wore odd socks to start the week. We designed our own odd socks and wrote about what makes a good friend. This week in English, the children wrote their story about "Amazing Grace." They tried really hard to include lots of conjunctions and adjectives to make their writing more interesting. The teachers were so impressed that they sent some children to Mrs Squires to receive Headteacher's awards. In Maths, we have been continuing to learn about addition and subtraction. The children learnt a special trick to do if they were subtracting and didn't have enough ones. Ask your child what this is. We have also been exploring missing number problems in arithmetic. Lots of the children challenged themselves to use known facts to solve their problems.

In Science, we investigated which materials were bendy. The children placed weights on different materials to see if they would bend. They found out that plastic was bendy but not objects made out of plastic are bendy. In Geography, the children chose one of the countries in the UK and wrote a non-chronological report about it. The children enjoyed researching about their country to surprise their readers with fascinating facts. Next week at school is Cultures week. We are looking forward to exploring a surprise culture with the children and creating lots of artwork around this!

Year 3

In Year 3 we have written our own version of 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. Look out for some of these stories on our school Twitter. In Maths, we have consolidated addition and subtraction. Also, we have been applying our skills in helping us to solve word problems. In Science we looked at our results from the shadow investigation and drew conclusions. In Geography, we had the opportunity to research about the West Midlands. The children have produced some great fact files! This week we have also had a focus on Anti-bullying, we discussed what bullying is and how to prevent it. The national theme this year has been 'Reach out' where children are encouraged to tell a trusted adult if they feel bullied. Look out for another tweet about the work we have done around Anti-bullying.

Miss Kukathasan, Miss Khan (Year 3 Leader) and Miss Waddell

Year 4

In Year 4 this week, we have finished reading 'The Spider and the Fly.' We have written in role as the spider, writing his diary entry for the end of the story. We have tried to include all the skills we have learnt over the last few weeks, including fronted adverbials and prepositions. We have also been working on our reading and well done to all those children who have brought their book in every day. In maths this week, we have started to explore the 3,6 and 9 times-tables and how they are related. We have also completed two lessons for Anti-Bullying Week along the theme of 'Reach Out.'

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

Year 5

We started the week with an assembly introducing 'Anti-bullying week'. Together we had a discussion about reaching out and completed various activities on Wednesday afternoon. Also, I have been very impressed by how the children have shown maturity and behaved really well when they have had to stay inside for wet playtimes this week. In English this week, we have continued to read 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. Children have helped their teachers with ideas whilst writing a playscript and they have focused on building their retrieval skills and vocabulary understanding in their reading lessons. In Maths, the children have been working hard on their knowledge of multiplication. They have been developing their understanding of factors alongside multiples of numbers and applying these skills to solve various problems. During our Science lesson, where the children have been focusing on states of matter, we planned our own investigation for our next lesson where we will test the reaction between white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. Finally, it has been wonderful to see the children in their spots today as we try to raise money for Children in Need. A huge thank you to all of you for your continued support and for giving to such a worthy cause! Have a wonderful weekend.



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

Year 6

It has been Anti-bullying Week this week and we have been learning about empathy and how people feel when they are being bullied vs how we want to make people feel by being kind. In English, we have been learning to use parenthesis so that we can include this skill in our non-chronological report next week. In Maths, we have been making great progress in adding and subtracting fractions. In Geography, we have been learning about the range of climates in North and South America and in Science we have learnt about Charles Darwin and evolution!



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



Freephone: 0808 196 2660

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Housing Advice

Weekly appointments available at all hubs across Coventry

Do you need advice about your housing situation?

Are you at risk of losing your rented property or mortgage due to arrears?

Come and speak to us about your housing situation

We also provide appointments at our office every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm

We have **families** appointments available on
the following days ...

| FAMILY HUB | DAY/TIME |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| PATHWAYS HUB | EVERY TUESDAY FROM 11am-1pm |
| ASPIRE HUB | EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10am-12pm |
| HARMONY HUB | EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10am-12pm |
| PARK EDGE HUB | EVERY MONDAY FROM 12-2pm |
| MOSAIC HUB | EVERY TUESDAY FROM 12-1pm |
| WOODSIDE HUB | EVERY MONDAY FROM 9am-11pm |
| FAMILIES FOR ALL HUB | EVERY FRIDAY FROM 9am-11pm |
| THE MOAT HUB | EVERY FRIDAY FROM 1-3pm |

Contact us by email at: **cov@p3charity.org**

Hats and Gloves

As the weather begins to turn chilly children will need to keep warmer when outside, please contact Mrs Smith if your child needs a wooly hat or a pair of gloves.

Donations also appreciated.

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.

The expectation is for children to be reading at least 5 times every week; reading diaries need to be signed by an adult to show how many times children have read. Reading diaries also need to be in school every day so we can see that children are reading daily.

Winning classes for last week for children reading the most were:

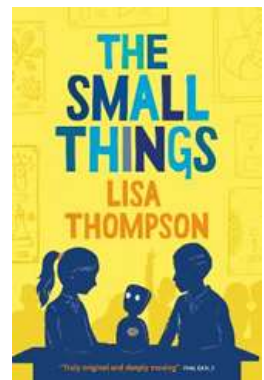
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| YEAR 1 = 1 BETA (48%) |
| YEAR 2 = 2 GAMMA (67%) |
| YEAR 3 = 3 DELTA (72%) |
| YEAR 4 = 4 BETA (52%) |
| YEAR 5 = 5 DELTA (63%) |
| YEAR 6 = 6 GAMMA (57%) |

All of these children will receive an extra 5 dojo points and 5 minutes of extra playtime in the week!

In assembly this week, Mr Johnston spoke to the children about Anti-bullying Week and how important it is to reach out and talk to an adult if you are ever concerned about this.

So, this week's recommendation is themed around Anti-Bullying week. It is called 'The Small Things' by Lisa Thompson.

Anna has friends at school, a kind teacher, she's not being bullied, yet still she feels anxious, subdued, and terribly conscious that her friends' lives are much busier than hers, a round of after school lessons, activities and clubs. The arrival in her class of new girl, Ellie, changes everything.



Enjoy!
The English Team

PE/Sports News

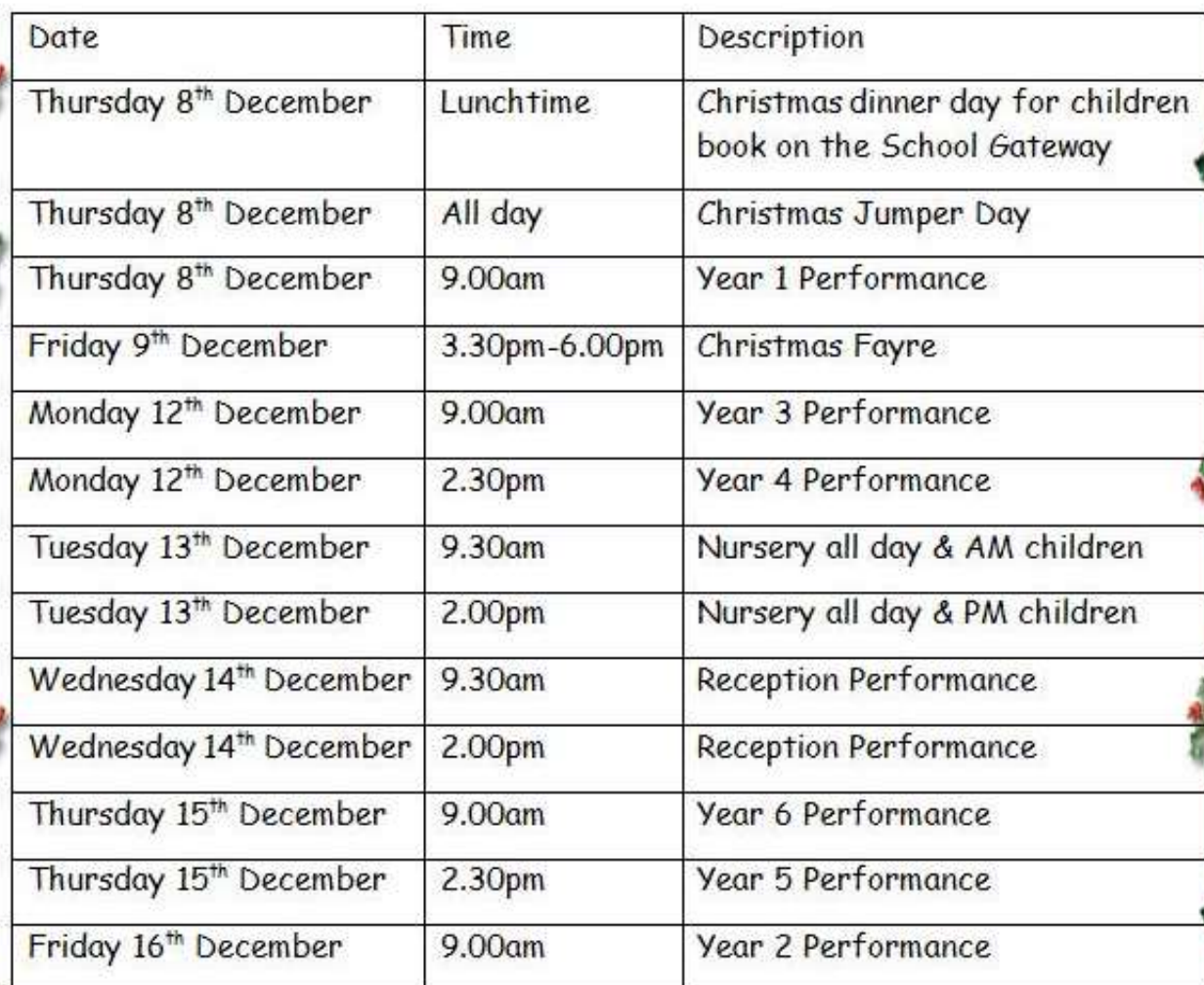
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Well done to our boy's football team who had their first friendly match last week. Some great play was shown by all and the start of a positive journey for this group of players. Mr Brown and Mr Parry were very impressed by everyone's performance and the one touch football shown during stages of the game. Thank you again for Wyken Croft Primary School for hosting the match and the support from our parents.

👋 #GoTeamWhitmore



Diary Dates



| Date | Time | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Thursday 8 th December | Lunchtime | Christmas dinner day for children book on the School Gateway |
| Thursday 8 th December | All day | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 8 th December | 9.00am | Year 1 Performance |
| Friday 9 th December | 3.30pm-6.00pm | Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 12 th December | 9.00am | Year 3 Performance |
| Monday 12 th December | 2.30pm | Year 4 Performance |
| Tuesday 13 th December | 9.30am | Nursery all day & AM children |
| Tuesday 13 th December | 2.00pm | Nursery all day & PM children |
| Wednesday 14 th December | 9.30am | Reception Performance |
| Wednesday 14 th December | 2.00pm | Reception Performance |
| Thursday 15 th December | 9.00am | Year 6 Performance |
| Thursday 15 th December | 2.30pm | Year 5 Performance |
| Friday 16 th December | 9.00am | Year 2 Performance |

School Christmas Fayre



Whitmore Park
Christmas Fayre

Friday 9th December 2022 3pm - 6pm

Meet Santa Raffle

Face painting

Guess how many sweets in the jar.

And many more ...

Are you interested in having a stall?
Contact
admin@whitmorepark.org

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Primary School

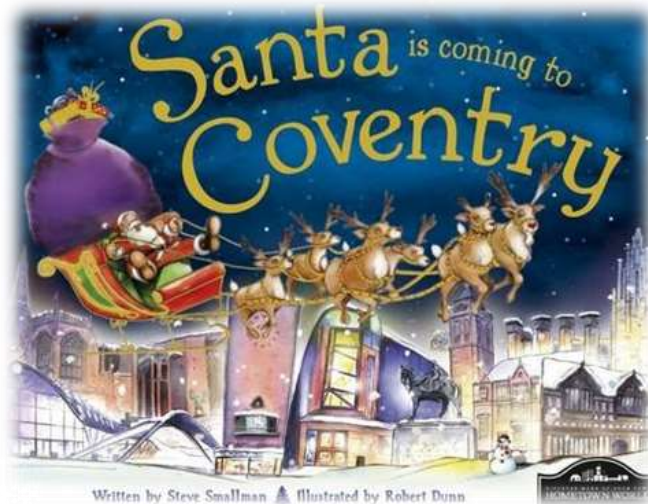


Non-Uniform day
Thursday 24th November 2022

Next Thursday, we will be having a 'bring a bottle' non-uniform day in preparation for our Christmas Fayre.

TOMBO LA

Santa is coming to Coventry



This book normally retails at £4.99 each, as a special deal to Whitmore Park Primary School they cost £4.00 each.

If you wish to buy any copies, please could you send the money into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name/class/amount and number of books you wish to order.

Once we receive the books in school, we will get them sent home.