

# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week.....

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Today we have very much enjoyed rewarding children with 100% attendance so far this year. We would like to say a big well done to the children who have come to school everyday.

It is amazing how only a couple of days missed impact on learning. We realise that children do get poorly and sometimes are not well enough for school but if you are unsure about whether your child is well enough, can we assure you that if you send them in and they are not feeling well, we will phone home.

Please support us in trying to get as many classes as we can to 100%. Non uniform Fridays for classes with 100% will continue after the holiday. Also we will have an Early Bird week next half term rewarding those who come to school everyday and on time! Also for children who come to school everyday for the year we will be doing our draw for two children to win a bike each at the end of the year. This proved very popular last year and we are excited to be able to do this again to celebrate attendance.

We will also be ensuring that most improved attendance is acknowledged and celebrated.

If you have any further ideas about how we can continue to improve attendance, please come and talk to me.

Our tea, coffee and chat before and after Friday assemblies seems to be growing in popularity. This is a lovely opportunity to be able to see you.

Today was our Design Technology Enrichment Day in school where children were busy designing and making bridges. Please ask your children about it!

So, that just leaves me to wish you a very 'Happy half term holiday'. Children return to school on Tuesday 29th October so see you then!

Take care and have fun.

Michelle Harris

## Upcoming dates for your diary.....

21st - 25th October	Half Term
28.10.19	School closed - Teacher Training
30.10.19	Year 5&6 trip to Coventry Cathedral
31.10.19	Secondary School application deadline
05.11.19	PTFA Bonfire Extravaganza!!
11.11.19 -15.11.19	Anti-Bullying Week

### Reminders:

Please can I remind you that this is a no smoking site and as such you must not enter the gates smoking. Thank you.

A note from the PTFA: We will be holding a bonfire night on 5th November. This has previously gone out as being the 1st November. So just to confirm, bonfire night will be the 5th November. More details will follow.

The closing date for secondary schools applications is 31st October. You can find out more information online via the Parent Portal at: [www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolplaces](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolplaces)

### Lets show some support!

Sophie Stephenson in year 5 is having her hair cut on the 24th October.

She is donating her hair to The Little Princesses Trust to raise money for the Air Ambulance, in memory of her Dad.

If you would like to support Sophie, please follow the link below: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/nadine039s-campaign-for-air-ambulance-foundation-uk>

### Dinners

After Half term we will be starting back on Week 3 menu.



## Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Nursery	93.2
Reception	93.2
<b>LA</b>	<b>98.2</b>
LS	92.4
HP	90.8
AC	93.0
DM	96.9
JA	93.3
TA	98.1
Whole School	94.3

Well done to class **LA** for achieving the highest attendance last week.



# News from around the School



## EYFS

Another fantastic fun filled week of learning in early years!  
Nursery have been ordering dinosaurs by size and developing our size vocabulary. We have been Mark making in shaving foam and practicing our counting.

Reception have been using their cutting skills to design their very own dinosaurs. They have done lots of dinosaur math's including counting forwards and backwards to 20 and helping Mummy Tyrannosaurus Rex find all of her numbered eggs. We have also enjoyed getting outside and enjoying our fabulous outdoor area.

Today all of early years took part in a special design and technology day. We received a special letter from three very sad Billy Goats Guff's asking us to help them build a new bridge as theirs has been broken by the nasty troll. This was great fun and we all enjoyed the challenge.



## KS1

This week, we went on a brilliant trip to St John's House Museum in Warwick.

We had been looking forward to finding out what life was like for children in Victorian times. We explored the museum, learning about Victorian houses, Victorian laundry and Victorian families.

We even went inside an old school classroom and pretended to be Victorian school children!  
All of Key Stage One impressed their teachers and the adults at the museum with their wonderful listening and good behaviour. We are very proud of them all.  
During the half term week, please remember to read with your child at home as much as possible.  
Enjoy the week off!



## LOWER KS2



This week Year 3 and Year 4 have really enjoyed carrying out investigations into light in our Science Lessons. Our current Science topic is called '**Can you see me?**' and both classes have been

finding out how light helps us to see things and why we can see some objects better in the dark than others. Ask your child at home to explain their learning!

This week the children visited the **Library** to choose their own book. Children do not have to bring this book into school every day but please ensure it is kept safe. When children would like to change their Library book they will be given the opportunity to do so on **Thursday** afternoon's each week.

As always, thank you for your continued support at home with reading and spelling. We are really seeing a difference in those children who are practising at home regularly!



## UPPER KS2

Wow... we've reached half-term already! Your children have settled well in their new classrooms and are now showing engagement and enjoyment in their learning. Upon reflection, there are many highlights of the term so far... Our Blitz launch day was a success, the Y5's have enjoyed a trip to The Wave and the Y6 residential trip was amazing! Overall, we are very proud of what the children have achieved so far.

Over the holiday, please encourage your child to continue with reading, practice their spellings and complete a Power Project. We aim to create a phase display of these in school to showcase our knowledge!

Don't forget—we have our trip to the Cathedral on Wednesday 30th October. Your child can dress in their Blitz costume and will need to bring their lunch in a named bag. If they are entitled to a free school meal, this will be provided on the day.

Have a wonderful half term—we can't wait to hear all about it!



KS1 - Alfie

## Lunchtime Awards

KS2 - Destiny



Awarded by the dinner ladies to children who have shown excellent manners and impeccable behaviour during lunchtimes.

MERITS FROM TODAY	REC	Johith is a very calm, kind and thoughtful member of our class and a natural born leader.
	LA	Evie-Grace gets on with her work straight away and she always tries her best.
	LS	Georgie has consistently shown amazing learning behaviours since she started in year 2.
	HP	Aaron is a kind and caring boy who is a brilliant friend to other children in his class.
	DM	For his enthusiasm towards our 'Tomb Raiders' topic. Kayden has settled well into our class.
	AC	This week, Emily has really impressed me with her improved listening skills.
	JA	Everything every teacher in the school says about Maria...it IS true.
TA	Mankaran and Brandon for just being Superstars !!!	

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