

Safe Arrival

Many congratulations to Mrs Lilley who has a new baby son.



Mrs Cooper, Miss Ball and Miss Smith are all expecting new arrivals into their families. Miss Ball and Miss Smith are due to start their maternity leave at Christmas. Mrs Cooper will start her maternity leave during the Autumn Term.

Departures

At Christmas two members of staff will be leaving Whingate. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Sheikh and Mrs Dubej success and happiness in their new posts.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Thank you to everyone for your support collecting stickers for the Aldi Competition. We have our fingers crossed that we may win a school sports kit.

Times Table Rockstars

The latest update is that fifty four of our children have now been awarded the highest status - Rock Hero. They are all now in our 'Hall of Fame'. Check out the website to see them.



Developing Personal Strengths

The 'Zakon Crime Day' has been another great success this term. It gives our Year 6 children the opportunity to work with a professional crime scene specialist and understand what doing this job would entail. We feel that it is an important part of each child's learning at school to be helped in starting to think about the world of work and the choices that they can make whilst still in education that will help them to develop their opportunities.

We are also currently considering the personal characteristics that we aspire to help all children develop, either through the way they learn or by looking at how topics at school best empower the children to develop personal strengths and understand what educational, personal and emotional skills will best equip them for the 'world of work'.

These will hopefully compliment the role that our four superheroes - Resilient Reggie, Resourceful Ray, Reflective Rita and Responsible Robyn already play in helping the children to become independent learners.

We would be very interested in what personal attributes our children and parents feel would be most important for them as well so that we can then develop a scheme of work that includes how we can provide opportunities and direct teaching to help the children to improve these life-skills.

We have designed a short questionnaire to help gather your views. This will be available at Parents' Evening and can be posted into the responses box which will be in the hall.

Training Day

Please note that school is closed on Friday 25th October for a training day

Sharing a bedtime story is one of the best ways to relax for sleep whilst also building up vocabulary, knowledge of story structures and having fun!

Nut Allergies

Due to a number of children having severe allergies to nuts, there are no nuts or nut products, in school meals or allowed in packed lunches

Arrivals

Mr Gray will be taking over as teacher of 5S from January.

Miss Farrar will be the new teacher for 2B starting in January whilst Miss Ball is on Maternity Leave. She is already teaching for part of each week in Year 2.

Punctuality

Learning starts in class as soon as the bell goes at 8-55am. Please ensure your child is in the playground ready to enter school when the doors open.

Associate Governors

The governing body are currently working on the criteria for an associate governor position that they are interested in filling.

More information will follow when the skills required have been finalised.

High School Transition Events

As part of our work with nearby schools, Dixons Unity Academy are trialling transition visits to their school for children in Year 5 from this year. They are offering 5L and 5S children the opportunity to have two-hour long taster sessions where they can experience high school life and how the schools function.

It does not matter whether your child is planning to go to Dixons Unity or not - they are equally welcome.

The dates for these visits are the 14th and 25th November.

Halloween Disco

We have been able to organise a Halloween Disco for Thursday 7th November.

As always can we ask that the children's costumes are age appropriate, as some masks we have noticed for sale are particularly gruesome and frightening.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 24 th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24th October	Last Day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 4th November	First Day of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 7 th November	Halloween Disco
Tuesday 10 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance (am)
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (am)
Wednesday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance (pm)
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance (am)
Friday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance (am)
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Autumn Term

Training Days for staff (remaining):

Friday 25th October 2019

Friday 15th November 2019

Monday 1st June 2020

Tuesday 2nd June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020