

Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I start by saying a big thank you to those of you in the PTFA who helped to organise Bonfire Night at Whittle, The children seemed to have a lovely time watching the fire-works, playing with glow sticks and eating hotdogs! Thank you also to all the staff that supported the event. I am very pleased to be able to say that we raised over £400.

This week, our Sports Leaders have also had training on their new roles. They met with the Sports Leaders from across the Inspire MAT and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. I am really looking forward to seeing them in action.

As we head towards Christmas, I hear that last year a number of you donated Christmas decorations, trees etc to support some of our families. I know that this was very successful and the families that benefitted really appreciated it. It would be a lovely thing to do again. So, if you would like to donate, we will be collecting from 1st December.

Next week, there is a lot going on.... I just want to let you know of some of the key events.

On Monday it is Remembrance Day and we will have an assembly about this and two minute silence. There is a Peace Evening at 5pm for older children and some of you will have been invited to this.

It is also National Anti-bullying week and we will be having an assembly about this on Tuesday and doing some follow up in the classrooms. On Tuesday, it would be lovely to see children wearing 'Odd Socks'.

On Thursday we will have Year 5 and 6 family assembly. On Friday, there will not be a merit assembly as we will be joining Pudsey Pair and celebrating Children in Need. Children should come to school in Sports kit for the day.



I look forward to seeing lots of you during the week.

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

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| 11.11.19 -15.11.19 | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 11.11.19 | Peace Evening for Years 5&6 |
| 11.11.19 | Flu Vaccines for Reception to Year 6 |
| 12.11.19 | Odd Socks Day |
| 14.11.19 | Year 5&6 Family Assembly from 9.05 am |
| 15.11.19 | Children in need Day |
| 18.11.19-22.11.19 | Road Safety Week |

World War II Menu

Join us for a special meal on Thursday 14th November. If you would like your child to have a special meal please return your slip to the office by Monday 11th November.

Parking....

I would like to remind you again about parking outside the school gates at drop off and home times. There are still some cars parking on the double yellow lines.

Also, at no point should parents/carers be driving onto the school site to drop off or pick up. This has been said before and I know school staff have spoken to a number of you. This includes dropping off and picking up from our wraparound care. Please can parents always use the pedestrian entrance to school.

Our aim is that the children's walk to and from school is safe. We ask for your continued support with this.



Class attendance for last week...

| Class | % |
|--------------|-------------|
| Nursery | 95.7 |
| Reception | 97.1 |
| LA | 98.9 |
| LS | 98.4 |
| HP | 96.2 |
| AC | 97.3 |
| DM | 96.7 |
| JA | 97.3 |
| TA | 97.4 |
| Whole School | 97.2 |

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



News from around the School



EYFS

We have had a very busy and colourful week in Early Years as we have been learning all about bonfire night.

We made some wonderful firework pictures using paint, glitter and marbles and some yummy firework biscuits! We created our own rockets using different shapes and we learnt all about bonfire night safety. In Reception we even used our phonics to write lots of exciting sounds such as bang and pop. It's been great fun and our classroom displays are looking lovely.

Can we please remind children in Reception to bring their reading folders in everyday containing their reading book, reading diary and word wallet. It is expected that children should read at home 3 times a week and when you have heard them please record this in their diaries so that we can see.

Thank you.

KS1

This week, Year 1 have started to join in with Guided Reading lessons. They have shown lots of enthusiasm and have worked hard in their groups to sound out and read new words.

During English, the Year 1 classes are reading the story, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Ask your child what they like about the story!

In Year 2, the children have been practising subtraction during their Maths lessons. They are exploring lots of different methods and learning to subtract tens and ones.

The children have been writing diary entries in their English lessons, taking on the role of a Victorian school child!

On Monday, all of KS1 took part in a dance lesson with Kirstie, our Inspire Education Trust dance teacher. The children were brilliant! We are so excited to see the dance skills that they will learn for our Christmas Production.

For this half term, our KS1 PE days will be on a Monday and Friday.

LOWER KS2

Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic week and been extremely resilient in their learning, especially in Maths where we have all been tackling tricky subtraction with renaming! In English Year 4 have been writing their own newspaper reports based on Howard Carter's exciting discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Year 3 have been challenged with a new text type in their English lessons this week... play scripts! We have been looking at how Roald Dahl's story 'The Twits' can be turned into a play script for a performance.



In gymnastics the children are progressing well with their skills and have learnt how to hold a shoulder stand and enjoyed working in groups to plan their own routines..

UPPER KS2



**Join us for
our Y5/6 family
assembly on Thursday 14th
November at 9:00am.**

**Children are welcome to wear
their WWII costumes.**

**We look forward to seeing you
there.**



KS1 - Timur

Lunchtime Awards

KS2 -Sera



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

MERITS FROM TODAY

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| REC | Harper Rae tries hard every day and is so enthusiastic about her learning. |
| LA | William always enters the room with a cheery good morning and a lovely big smile. |
| LS | Alfie works hard on his writing at every opportunity and never gives up. |
| HP | Mirren is a kind and helpful friend to others and always tries her best in the classroom. |
| DM | Sydney-Rae is always the first person in class to be ready for learning and always puts in 100% . |
| AC | Ellie is always well prepared and can always be relied upon to try her best at all times. |
| TA | Riley, on behalf of the Year 6 team, I want to say a huge thank you for just being you. |

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