

Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we have had in school this week. The highlight has to have been the Nursery and Reception Nativity yesterday. It was absolutely brilliant. The singing and speaking was so confident and the smiles on the children's faces said it all! We are all very proud of them as I am sure you are! A huge thank you to all the grown-ups who have helped them!

Today has also been another celebration of success this term with our Gold Merit Assembly being another highlight. It was a real pleasure to present such special awards this morning - well done children!

It was also lovely to have a visit from our local Pastor Dave this week. The children very much enjoyed his assembly and were immaculately behaved. I hope that we can welcome him into school again soon.

As I know you are aware, there are a number of events coming up over the next two weeks as we build up to Christmas. Please check out the calendar dates below. One addition is a visit from a Rock Band on Wednesday 11th December at 10am. Please can we ask for a £1 contribution towards this special event to be paid on the day. It should raise the roof!

On Friday next week we are having our Christmas Jumper Day to raise the profile of the charity 'Save the Children'. We will not be asking for donations on this day.

Thank you again for your support - I look forward to seeing you all over the next couple of weeks. We have lots of mince pies ready to share with you during the festive season!

Have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Harris

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

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| 10.12.19 | Belgrade Panto Visit for children in Yr 1 to Yr 6 |
| 10.12.19 | PTFA Afternoon tea with Santa (Nursery & Reception) 2pm |
| 11.12.19 | KS1 Christmas Performance's @ 1.45pm & 6.00pm |
| 12.12.19 | Nursery & Reception Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas trip |
| 13.12.19 | Christmas Jumper Day (no money required) |
| 13.12.19 | Stay & Play (Nursery) - morning Christmas Come & Share (Rec-Yr1) - afternoon |

Reminder

The Sun newspaper have started a books for schools campaign.

If we collect enough vouchers, we will be able to get £600 worth of books. The vouchers are available in The Sun and associate papers.

If you have any, please send them into us. Miss Kockelbergh will be doing a count for us.

Reading is so important to us. It is the foundation of all learning. Please try and encourage your child to read as often as possible at home.



Class attendance for last week...

| Class | % |
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| Nursery | 91.9 |
| Reception | 97.4 |
| LA | 100.0 |
| LS | 94.4 |
| HP | 98.1 |
| AC | 96.6 |
| DM | 97.5 |
| JA | 96.3 |
| TA | 93.5 |
| Whole School | 96.2 |

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



News from around the School



EYFS

Reception and Nursery have had such an exciting week! They performed their Nativity 3 times, once to the school and twice to parents! They made us incredibly proud with their superb confidence, fantastic singing and super behaviour during the performances. Well done to all of the children, you did so well and we expect to see many of you on the stage in the future!

In the classroom, Christmas has well and truly landed with lots of exciting provision in both Reception and Nursery. There are trees to decorate, cookies to cut, letters to write and toys to build in Santa's workshop. What a fun place to be!



KS1

This week in English, Year One have been learning and performing poetry. They have been creative with their voices and actions and have performed some brilliant poems to each other!

Year Two have been super mathematicians, continuing their learning all about multiplication. Children have been recapping their two and five times tables and have been learning to write multiplication sentences.

There are only a few days left before our big performance: Christmas with the Aliens! We are looking forward to seeing parents and carers join us for what will surely be a festive and exciting day.



LOWER KS2

It's been another busy week packed full of learning in Years three and four! Our theme lessons this week have been all about mummification! We have acted out the gruesome process and written our own explanation texts about the process. Ask us how a pharaoh would have been prepared for the after life in Ancient Egyptian times...



Thank you for all the responses we have had from Year three parents about the writing we sent home last week. We have loved reading your responses and it has been fantastic to see the children take such pride in their work.

Reminder: The hand in date for Power Projects and Autumn Homework packs was today.

UPPER KS2

Year six have been working hard this week to become journalists and write a newspaper report about the night of the Coventry Blitz. We have been impressed with the facts that they have learnt!

Year five have been learning about 'The Highwayman' this week and acting out the story. Mr Ashbridge has been very impressed with their freeze frames and understanding of the story so far. Next week, they will be writing a play-script of the story—watch this space.

This week Miss Morgan launched the Times Table Rockstars programme in school and explained how it works to the children. They have all been given a log in to use at home in their diaries. We cannot stress enough the importance of times-tables recall facts, they also help the children with their division and fraction facts! If your child is unable to log in at home, please come and speak to one of us so that we can create time within the school day for them to compete with their peers.

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| Autumn Term 2019 | Class REC | Class LA | Class LS | Class HP | Class DM | Class AC |
| | Jacob | Brooke | Georgie-Leigh | Nigar | Srivalli | Shashwath |
| Gold Merits & Cup Awards | Class JA | Class TA | | | | |
| | Emma | Kartiae |  |  |  |  |
| | Academic Award | Creativity Award | Sports Award | Special Recognition Award | Head Teacher's Award | |
| | Elise | Daniel | Tate | Sophie | Jackson | |