

Whittle Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a busy term it has been here at Whittle. On the run up to Christmas, it has been no different. We have been lucky to have Father Christmas visit us twice this week—it has been great to visit him in his grotto. We have also enjoyed our Christmas Fayre, school discos, party afternoons and my personal favourite—a visit from the residents at Brandon House. Our children all came and performed songs to our visitors and I think they absolutely made their Christmas. Thank you to all for organising, we can't wait for our next partnership event with Brandon House and other local care homes.

As the Autumn term draws to a close, can I start by thanking the staff for their continued dedication to the children and providing them exciting learning experiences. Can I also thank you as parents and carers for your ongoing support, feedback and determination to help Whittle be the best it can be. Most of all, can I thank the children - as you have settled into your new year groups, your learning behaviours have continued to grow and all visitors we have at school comment on your good manners and the way that you work together. Keep up all your hard work.

A special thank you also to the PTFA who have worked together to put on some of our lovely Christmas events over the last couple of weeks. At the moment they are few in numbers and have given up their time voluntarily to make Christmas at Whittle a very special time. Thank you. If you are interested in joining the PTFA, please do come in and talk to us—we would love some extra help!

Finally our Head Girl Fontaine would like to add her personal reflections.

"Being Head girl means a lot to me because I like helping others and being a role model to the smaller children in our school. My highlight this term has been getting to learn new things that I didn't know before and enjoying my learning activities. I love welcoming children to our school and representing Whittle Academy."

So that just leaves me to say, HAPPY CHRISTMAS! Stay safe, enjoy time with your families and we will see you in January to hear all about it!

Michelle Harris

Notices:

All sports clubs and homework clubs will start on the second week back—13th January 2019.

Young Voices will start in the first week— on Wednesday 8th January because we are coming up to the performance.

We have an unclaimed raffle prize in school. If you have the raffle ticket number 120, you are the lucky winner. Please come and claim your prize.

If you would like to volunteer in school next term, please come and talk to me!

Lost Property:

There has been a Gift Card and a Nintendo game handed into the office, if you think you may have lost either one please come and see us.



Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Nursery	88.9
Reception	90.5
LA	98.6
LS	96.6
HP	94.0
AC	96.1
DM	99.2
JA	92.1
TA	91.1
Whole School	94.1

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

Upcoming dates for your diary.....

07.01.20	Children return to school Happy New Year!
WK com 13.01.20	After school clubs will be back to normal.
13.01.20	Reception Vision screening test.
20.01.20	Young Voices Concert in Birmingham.



News from around the School



EYFS

We can't believe that our first full term at school is nearly over and what a term it has been! We have had so much fun doing lots of exciting activities and it has been wonderful to watch the children make new friendships and grow in confidence everyday.



The classroom and outdoor area is ever changing and the children approach it with such enthusiasm and are so eager to learn new skills. They have all come on socially, emotionally and academically and we are extremely proud of all of them.



This week we have enjoyed a Christmas disco, a class party, more Christmas crafts and we even got a visit from Santa!

A highlight of this term was definitely our trip to see Blooming Christmas at the Warwick Arts Centre. Their little faces were a picture and their behaviour on the trip was outstanding! And who can forget our Christmas Nativity, everyone played a part and it was wonderful!



Thank you for your continued support at home with the children's reading and words, tapestry and remembering all of the things we ask of you. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! Enjoy the holidays and we can not wait to see all the children back for lots more exciting learning in 2020!

KS1

We have had another action packed week full of exciting Christmas events. The children showed off their dancing skills on Tuesday at the KS1 disco; there was lots of super singing and dancing to our favourite songs!

During the week, the children were also asked to reflect on their learning from the Autumn term. Each class spent some time looking through their Theme books and sharing their favourite pieces of work. The children chose particular moments or events that stood out to them and shared why they were enjoyable.

We rounded off the Christmas week with class party celebrations. There was dancing, laughing, tasty treats and games!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely break and a wonderful Christmas!

LOWER KS2

What a busy last week of term we have had in Years 3 and 4! Year 3 have been working hard to publish their diary entries that they have written in English. The children in Year 4 then helped them proof read and edit their work; they gave some super feedback! The Year 4s have shown great resilience this week when writing their Romeo and Juliet diary entry — ask them all about it!

We have all finished our Tomb Raiders theme with a code cracking activity using hieroglyphics and Egyptian numbers. It's been a great end to a really enjoyable theme. We would like to say a huge 'thank you' for supporting your child with their POWer Projects this term. We have seen some wonderful creations and been blown away with the learning the children have done at home. Thank you for your support with this! We look forward to launching our new theme with you all in January.

We all had fun on Thursday morning when we sang to some of the older members of our community. The children sang their hearts out and there were smiles all round! We'd like to say a big 'thank you' for your contributions to our class party. We had lots of fun and it was a great way to celebrate the end of term.

Over the two week holiday, please continue to read with your child and encourage them to practise their spellings. Don't forget they can log-in to Time Tables Rockstars to practise their maths skills (this will give you some peace and quiet too!)

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
The Phase 3/4 Team

UPPER KS2

Wow! We can't believe we are at the end of the Autumn Term already and how much your children have grown and matured so far.

Thank you to those who joined us for 'Come and Share' last week. It was lovely that so many of you could join us and celebrate our learning.

This week, we have had lots of fun, smiley faces and laughter have been seen throughout the classrooms. Your children have enjoyed being creative and we hope you like their calendars and cards.

We hope you all enjoy the holidays and spend time together. The children's homework is to relax, spend time with family and friends and enjoy being children.

Parents, your homework is to share a story with your child where you read to them instead of them reading to you!

Merry Christmas.
We look forward to seeing you in January!



Coventry foodbank Christmas arrangements – 024 76993770

Central office and warehouse – open until 12 noon on Tuesday 24th December – reopen 2nd January
Coventry City Mission -our last foodbank session is on Monday 23rd December and will be open from 12-3pm - No other foodbank centres will be open

All foodbank Distribution centres will be closed From Monday 23rd December until Monday 6th January.
Clothesbank will be closed - From Friday 20th December until Monday 6th January
deliveries to foodbank centres will re-start from w/c 13th January.

The Fuelbank Scheme – will be closed From Friday 20th December at 3pm – until Monday 6th January - requests received after 3pm will not be processed until the scheme re-opens.

Emergency food provision over Christmas

We will be placing Emergency food boxes in the 4 Fire Stations across Coventry
Canley, Foleshill, Binley and Radford open 24/7.

These will be accessible from Tuesday 24th December until Sunday 5th January, these are for those in crisis and need food over the Christmas period. Clients can bring a red voucher with them or can ask for help when they arrive.



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