

Whittle Weekly

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please can adults waiting to drop off their child to Reception stand in the Reception playground as soon as their gates are open, to reduce numbers standing by the gates.

If your child/children have been absent from school with possible COVID related symptoms it is important that you telephone the school on the day before their intended return so that we are aware of any updated information. Please do not just send them back without speaking to us beforehand. Thank you.

We are busy developing packs of work for children who may be at home to support home learning.

We continue to update our COVID-19 risk assessment in light of any updated advice or guidance we receive. We will post this on the school website.

Please remember to bring your water bottles in from home. Thank you.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so pleased with how well the children have settled back to school. They have responded so well to the changes that are in place in school and continue to impress us with their mature attitudes.

Outside, children have enjoyed playing in their zones—how lucky we have been to have such lovely weather so far!

In class this week, children have enjoyed writing character descriptions of one of the Roald Dahl characters and have been designing a 'CARE' poster showing how at Whittle we CARE for ourselves, each other and our world. Winning posters from each class will be laminated and displayed in school.

Children are also busy doing some informal baseline tests at the moment too. These will help us to make sure that the provision we have in place meets their needs. They are, as always, embracing these with confidence.

At the moment our focus is on key skills across core curriculum areas. Our homework this term will reflect this focusing on reading, spelling and numbers. Further information about homework for this term will be out today as well. Watch out for the POWER Projects coming your way soon too...

Next week children will be starting more formal English and Maths lessons in years 1-6. I can't wait to hear all about their new units of work and I'm sure they will tell you all about it.

Open evening this term will be via a telephone call with the class teacher. Letters will be emailed out next week with more information.

Finally, I would like to end with some lovely news. Miss Charles is expecting a baby due in the new year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her - we are all very excited.

Wishing a lovely, sunny weekend,
Michelle Harris and Rob Darling

**This is a lovely website
if you are looking for
packed lunch ideas...**

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/school_lunch_and_snack_ideas



Class attendance for last week...

Class	%
Robins	91.6
Wrens	96.4
Sparrows	93.6
Hummingbirds	91.5
Eagles	90.7
Puffins	92.6
Owls	84.8
Peacocks	96.1
Whole School	92.0%

Well done to the
Wrens
for achieving the
highest
attendance last week.

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Remote learning @ Inspire

We will be trialing our new Remote Learning offer from next week to Years 3 and 6. This will be primarily for children who are well but are having to self-isolate at home. After taking feedback from the summer remote learning offer, we have developed the following to develop our offer:

1. Work linked to teachers planning in your children's class - **not** separate work packs
2. Video content to introduce or explain concepts
3. Work can be accessed via School Website or via Class Dojo

We will be asking staff to show all children in school how to access the Remote Learning resources so they know how to navigate them if/ when they are not in school.

We hope if all goes well next week, that we will move to add other year-groups from week beginning 28th September. Obviously, with staffing constraints, we are trying to move as quickly as possible with this offer whilst balancing day-to-day teaching in school. You should see the first Remote Learning resources appear on Tuesday 22nd September!

