

Whittle Weekly

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LATEST COVID INFORMATION

Thank you for being vigilant and spotting coronavirus systems.

- a **high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



Thank you for following the guidance.



for taking the right action.

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading

We are so excited in school to have lots of new reading books. Mrs Upton and Miss Antcliffe have worked incredibly hard to sort all of the new books ready for us to share with the children. I know that some children have managed a sneak preview already and are really excited. As you know one of our priorities in school is reading. We are doing lots to help children to become fluent readers who understand and enjoy what they read. We have guided or whole class reading every day, story time and daily phonics for the younger children. All children have the opportunity to read to an adult - we even have the PE coaches helping out with reading. Please can you continue to help us at home by reading with your child or encouraging them to read as often as they can - there is nothing better than the feeling of losing yourself in a good book!



Parent Consultations

Thank you for engaging in conversations with your child's class teacher over the last couple of weeks. It has been lovely to be able to talk about how your child has settled. If you haven't yet managed to speak to your child's teacher, don't worry - we will be getting in touch. Thanks

Social Media

At the moment in school we are having lots of conversations with the older children about the safe use of social media and internet safety. Can you support us by having similar conversations at home and by monitoring your child's usage? We will continue to do work on this in school but please do come and talk to us if you need any help.

Late Arrivals

Please can you try to ensure that your children get to school on time. Until this week, overall this has been better but we have seen an increased number of late arrivals. It is important that children do not miss any of their learning, especially as it is reading timetabled at the start of the day.

CARE Value

Finally, we need to say a big thank you also to Mrs Henry who has created some amazing artwork for a display in school - who knew she was such a talented artist? The canvases she has produced represent the three aspects of our core value of CARE that we are talking to the children so much about... CARE for ourselves, CARE for each other and CARE for our world. Thank you Mrs Henry!

Have a lovely weekend.

Michelle Harris and Rob Darling



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News from around the school....



EYFS

This week, EYFS have been learning all about Dinosaurs. Nursery have used printing to make dinosaurs, learning the names of shapes and have been enjoying the story, Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs.

Reception have read the story Tyrannosaurus Drip and have really enjoyed lots of dinosaur themed learning within the classroom. They have made habitats for the dinosaurs, used cutting skills to make dinosaur masks and have used their writing skills to write secret messages to Drip!



YEARS 1 / 2

This week the year 1 and year 2 children have been looking at the work of the artist, Alexander Calder in our theme lessons. We have used his ideas to design some kinetic sculptures of our own which we cannot wait to make. We have shown excellent team work as we work on our designs with a partner.

Across key stage 1 we have continued to study the stories that we started last week and we have used our imaginations to create our own versions.

The Wrens and Sparrows have been creating their own versions of Old Bear - ask them to tell you where their toy got lost and how it was rescued. Look out for the Hummingbirds' published version of their own Traction Man adventures. We can't wait to share them with you.

The children should have brought home an entry form for a poetry competition this week. Details can be found on Class Dojo and on Facebook. If your child wishes to enter, please remember to bring your entries in next week to your class teachers.

We are delighted that so many of you are doing lots of reading at home; this is making a huge difference to their progress.

Thank you so much for your continued support.



YEARS 3 / 4

We had great fun this week riding our bikes, scooters, roller-skates and even hover boards around the playground. The children really enjoyed showing off their skills and telling each other about their vehicles. Thank you so much for your support in making this happen.

Back in the classroom, we have been learning about James Starley and his contribution to the bike industry - ask your child what they have learnt about him! In Maths, the children have been working incredibly hard at rounding 4-digit numbers. It's a tricky concept but they have all shown such resilience! Next week we move onto addition....

It is great to see the children reading so much at home. Thank you for your continued support with this.



YEAR 5 / 6

Years 5 and 6 have had a brilliant week!

We are continuing to learn about real-life disasters during our Theme lessons. This week, we have been exploring the question, 'What is an earthquake?'

Children used a variety of resources to research and collate information. The children then created super fact files full of interesting facts about earthquakes!

Take a look at National Geographic's website if you'd like to find out more at home!

We are really impressed with the enthusiastic attitudes that our year 5 and 6 children are showing towards their reading since returning to school. We are encouraging the children to try and read every day. There are lots of new and exciting books in school for them to discover!



MERITS FROM TODAY



CLASS ATTENDANCE

Ducklings	Pharoah you are a kind, caring and outgoing member of our nursery.
Robins	Jack is showing incredible care for his learning.....
Wrens	Johith demonstrates brilliant listening and understanding throughout school.
Sparrows	James has been trying so hard to do his best in all his work.....
Hummingbirds	It is a delight to have Ella C in our class, we are so proud of her....
Eagles	Scarlett has worked so hard in English and Maths.....
Puffins	I am really impressed with Lainey's attitude to learning....
Owls	Adam's attitude towards his reading and writing is shining through!
Peacocks	Anastasia, we are so impressed with your writing this week....

Class	%
Robins	92.7
Wrens	99.4
Sparrows	93.9
Hummingbirds	94.4
Eagles	98.6
Puffins	95.3
Owls	95.0
Peacocks	97.0
Whole School	95.8

Universal free school meals If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free school meal. If you would like to change over please contact the office.

