

## LATEST COVID INFORMATION

Thank you for being vigilant and spotting coronavirus symptoms.

- 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.



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,*

### Bonjour!

Firstly and most importantly we hope you all are well and keeping safe at this time. This week we have decided to use some sub-headings so here goes!

### Anti-bullying Week

Children have talked lots about anti-bullying in classrooms and about the importance of being kind to one another and showing respect. It is lovely to hear them talking about how 'At Whittle we CARE about one another.' This is one aspect of our new principles of CARE that is lovely to see starting to embed. Lots of children also had fun wearing their odd socks on Monday - what brightly coloured, interestingly patterned socks some of the children and staff have! Thank you to Mrs Sharratt and Miss Antcliffe who organised lots of the resources and activities for this week.

### Pupil Premium Funding

All schools are able to access pupil premium funding for children. If your child is eligible, then we could receive additional funding into school to help support their learning, well-being and pay for school dinners. Alongside this letter, we will also be emailing out to you another one which explains in further detail eligibility criteria and also what to do next. Here is the link for further information if you need any help with this please contact the office.  
<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals>

### School Photos

These are on Tuesday next week. They will be single photographs this year taken at a social distance and we will not be able to include pre-school age children and families. It is lovely that we can go ahead and get some photos taken however!

### Nasal Flu Vaccination

We would like to also remind you about the nasal flu vaccinations. We sent information out about this via email last week. It is really important that you fill out the form for your child to receive the vaccine. Even if you DO NOT want your child to have the vaccination we ask you to indicate this via the link giving a reason. Thank you to those who have done this already. The deadline for this is 25/11/2020.  
<https://iv.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/consent?returnurl=https://iv.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/form?identifier=e86716e0-1f85-48f9-998e-fd2456b28ea0>

### Sharing Home Learning

Thank you to all of you who are posting regularly on Dojo and sharing your children's home learning. It is lovely to see what they are doing. We do hope that you are enjoying doing some of the activities we have suggested linked to our assemblies!

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Mrs Harris & Mr Darling.

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# News from around the school....



## EYFS

This week in Reception, we have been learning a new story called Pumpkin Soup! In maths we have been learning how to order objects according to their size. We have practised using the words small, medium, big, wide and narrow. We hunted for sticks outside and then worked in teams to find the smallest and biggest sticks.

Nursery have been learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. There was a wonderful smell coming from Nursery yesterday as they made and tasted their very own porridge! I think the children agreed that the porridge was 'juuuuust right'.

EYFS Team

## YEARS 1 / 2

We kicked off anti-bullying week this week with Odd Socks day! The children have learnt about what bullying looks like and what to do if they ever see it happening. They really loved listening to and singing along with the song 'The Kids are United' by the band Andy and the Odd Socks. To find out more or watch the full anti-bullying online assembly at home visit <https://andyandtheoddssocks.com/odd-socks-day/>

In our Theme lessons this week the children have designed their own Sock Puppets and thought about what materials and equipment they will need to make them. Next week we will be reviewing our designs and making our own puppets. The children are very excited!

Finally, the KS1 staff team would also like to share with you how pleased we all are with the children's progress in their phonics and reading skills so far this term! Thanks to their hard work in Read, Write Inc lessons and your support at home, they are really starting to fly!

Wishing you all a safe weekend.  
The Key Stage 1 Team :)

## YEARS 3 / 4

In Theme this week we have continued with our ceramic tile design. We look forward to getting the clay out next week to bring our designs to life! As well as artists, we have also been geographers this week, looking at local maps and identifying places of interest. We found Bakewell in Derbyshire and have looked at the best route to get there. We are really looking forward to learning more about Bakewell and making tourist information posters.

The Year 3s have been working hard on their instruction writing this week. They have looked at different types of instructions and are enjoying writing their own set of instructions. Year 4 wrote some fantastic setting descriptions of Narnia last week - we're hoping to share these on Dojo next Tuesday so keep an eye out! Their next challenge is to apply some of their knowledge of grammar using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to write a character description.

Thank you for your support in reading with your child at home. The enthusiasm that the children are showing in reading is fantastic!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

The Phase 3/4 Team

## YEAR 5 / 6

What a wonderful week of learning in Years 5 and 6. We have some super stories to share with you written by our Year 6 children and some lovely poetry performances from our Year 5 children. We're really impressed with how much progress they are making.

Over the past few weeks, we've also been impressed by the children's positive attitudes and their maturity around discussing our themes of the week. We're proud that they have embraced kindness towards each other and continued to celebrate our differences.  
#unitedagainstbullying

Years 5 & 6 Team

## MERITS FROM TODAY



|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Ducklings    | Shenaya Rose is a very smiley, well mannered little girl who joins in well. |
| Robins       | Reggie has tried really hard with his learning, making models and writing,  |
| Wrens        | David is showing more confidence during group and whole class work.         |
| Sparrows     | Nayan has really shown that he cares for his learning.                      |
| Hummingbirds | Elise, for showing care, resilience and determination in her learning.      |
| Eagles       | Georgie-Leigh has really focused on her work this week, great results.      |
| Puffins      | Brooke has impressed us all with her hard work and focus in class.          |
| Owls         | Laasya has worked hard taking part in all that we are doing in class.       |
| Peacocks     | Lisa, we are impressed with the work you are completing at home.            |



## CLASS ATTENDANCE

| Class        | %    |
|--------------|------|
| Ducklings    | 87.8 |
| Robins       | 88.9 |
| Wrens        | 91.1 |
| Sparrows     | 99.0 |
| Hummingbirds | 94.9 |
| Eagles       | 91.9 |
| Puffins      | 97.6 |
| Owls         | 94.1 |
| Peacocks     | 94.5 |
| Whole School | 93.8 |



### Upcoming Dates:

24th November - Individual School Photo's

1st December - Reception to Yr6 Nasal Flu Programme

11th December - Christmas Fun Day at Whittle. Get those Christmas jumpers ready!!