

Whittle Weekly

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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,

Life at Whittle is very busy as we build up to Christmas.

Firstly, a massive well done to our Year 2 children who, in the Coventry East Autumn Term School Games, won the Agility Competition. Amazing!

Our 'Whittle Words'
Describe Learners who
CARE
Engaged
Enthusiastic
Work Together
Independent
Think hard
Reflective
Curious
Creative
Resilient
Brave
Proud
Believe

We continue to talk to the children about our ethos of CARE. We have revised our Whittle Words that describe our Whittle Learners. Children show they CARE by being all of these. This week we have started our Christmas Champions Countdown to Christmas where children 'Open a new virtual door' each day and take part in different activities - each day there is a link to care, a maths challenge, a song, story and short video. Each class will choose their 'Countdown to Christmas' participants of the day. So far this week, our winners are: **Wrens** George, Alicja & George L. **Sparrows** Evie-Grace, Roman, & Brooke. **Hummingbirds** Ella, Noah & Ella C. **Eagles** Lawrence, Holly-Mae & Nadezhda. **Puffins** Bella, Brooke & Benaiah. **Owls** Joe, Alissia & Laila. **Peacocks** Kyra, Maria & Jakob.



We have also started our whole school Reading Advent Calendar. Each day a different grown-up is reading a chapter from the beautiful book 'How Winston Delivered Christmas' by Alex T Smith. If you would like to listen along then we are posting our daily readings to social media too.

In other news, we are now able to sing again in school, so we will be able to sing along to a few Christmas songs in our classrooms. We will continue to have assemblies in our classrooms and not come together for whole school gatherings, however.

Next week, on Friday 11th December, we are having a 'Christmas Day - Whittle Style'. We are really looking forward to it! Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school and will be having their Christmas dinners. They will also be able to watch the 'Virtual Belgrade Pantomime.'

Over the next week or so, we will be sending out a questionnaire to those of you who have accessed our Remote Learning resources with your children. We would like your feedback to help us to know what is going well and how we could continue to improve our offer. Thank you.

That's all for now! Have a lovely weekend. I hope the sun comes out!
Mrs Harris & Mr Darling.



The staff team at Whittle are sharing this story with you as a School Advent Calendar. Every day, a different member of staff will be reading a chapter of the story and posting it to Class Dojo and our Facebook page. There are follow up activities that you can complete at home and tweet to the wonderful author (who is from Coventry) @Alex_T_Smith.

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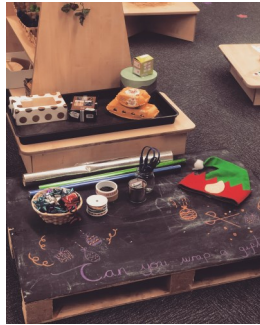


News from around the school....



EYFS

Reception and Nursery have been having great fun getting ready for Christmas! We have made lots of decorations for the classroom including paper-chains, fir cone baubles and sparkly stars. We are also busy preparing some special things to send home which we really hope you like. We are very proud of our new, Christmas themed home corners which come equipped with fireplaces, hot chocolate stations, letter writing areas and present wrapping stations!



YEARS 1 / 2

This week we have been reviewing the children's work and are really pleased with how much progress they have all made since the summer. We can see their attitudes and learning behaviours maturing as they show how much they care for their learning.

In theme, we have been creating sound effects for puppet shows and have had lots of fun investigating different instruments. We have learned the difference between tuned and out of tune instruments and have begun to recognize how different sounds can make us feel.

We have introduced our classes to our new class libraries this week and we have enjoyed accessing it through our weekly 'comfy' reading sessions. Look out for the children bringing library books home after Christmas.



YEARS 3 / 4

As we approach the Christmas holidays, excitement in school is running high. Last Friday afternoon we enjoyed making decorations for our classrooms. It was wonderful to see the children's faces on Monday morning when they saw the school decorated. We look forward to doing more Christmas crafts in the coming weeks.

As we continue our Theme learning, the children have been geographers, learning all about Bakewell and why it is a popular tourist attraction.

In maths, the children have been learning about multiplication; specifically, learning to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers. Don't forget they can log-in to TTRockstars to keep their multiplication recall skills ticking over!

Finally, we would like to say how proud we are of all the children as they have completed assessments this week. They worked incredibly hard and demonstrated how much they have progressed over the last term. Well done children!
The 3/4 Team

YEAR 5 / 6

This week our first 'Countdown to Christmas' calendar has begun. We are looking out for children who stand out as showing our value of care towards others whilst spreading kindness and festive cheer. Keep an eye out for a little postcard from your child if they are a 'Countdown to Christmas Champion'.

In our Theme sessions, we have continued to look at the problem of 'plastic pollution'. Years 5 and 6 have written their own songs to share with you to create awareness of this problem.

Our weekend challenge to you is to recycle any plastic bottles or containers using your blue bins! The children know to check for the recycling label.

Have a lovely weekend.

MERITS FROM TODAY



Ducklings	Simran has engaged in all of the activities in Nursery. She is a delight.
Robins	Noah, we have been so proud of your learning in the classroom this week.
Wrens	Harper-Rae is a really good friend to every member of the class.
Sparrows	Leo, I am so impressed with your wonderful learning behaviours.
Hummingbirds	Kenzo's calm, resilient and caring attitude makes him a super learner.
Eagles	We are SO proud of the progress Poppy has made, Well Done!
Puffins	Sydney tries her best in every lesson and is determined to succeed.
Owls	Shaun has worked hard to make good choices with his learning.
Peacocks	Caitlynn, we are impressed with you for showing care for your learning.



CLASS ATTENDANCE

Class	%
Ducklings	81.9
Robins	92.3
Wrens	95.8
Sparrows	94.3
Hummingbirds	92.8
Eagles	97.1
Puffins	93.1
Owls	97.2
Peacocks	90.2
Whole School	93.1

Upcoming Dates:

Friday 4th December—Last day to order the Christmas Dinner. Please email admin@whittleacademy.org to place an order.

Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day.

Friday 18th December—Break up for Christmas! Children return to school on the 5th January 2021.