



Excellence at Whittle



# Whittle Weekly

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## What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super week! It's been a hive of activity this week all across the school from Nursery through to Year 6, with our youngest children now in full time, and our new classes really settling in and developing that great team ethos that we strive for. Our children are showing such positive attitudes and exemplary behaviour, and are such a credit to their new class teachers and classmates.

Year 3/4 have been actively spreading the kindness to build on that caring nurturing vibe that we were so proud to have recognised and celebrated as part of our OFSTED inspection last year.....and the kindness certainly is contagious. 'Kindness' is our first Yoimoji Core Value of the year, so if you spot your child being kind, please do let them know you've noticed - encourage them to let their class teacher know to add to the class Yoimoji scrapbook.

This time is such an important time to bond and feel steady and secure in new classes, with much time spent setting expectations, building relationships and learning how to keep ourselves safe. As part of this, the week has explored Protective Behaviours, where the children have reflected on their body's Early Warning signs, and trusted adults they could talk to if they felt 'unsafe'. If you would like any further information on this, please chat to your child's class teacher, Luke or Catherine.

This week your child will have brought home their curriculum letter detailing all the activities they will be covering in the Autumn Term because next week we will see the start of the full curriculum timetable, and the start to the new adventures of 2018-19 ahead! We have lots of exciting plans for the year, and look forward to sharing these with you.

Have a lovely weekend, *Pam Carpenter*, Head Teacher

**Year 6** - All children in year 6 have this week brought home a leaflet explaining how to register for a Secondary school via the Council's website. Although the deadline for registering is October 31st, it is advisable to register as soon as you know where you want your child to go. If you have any queries please ask at the office/ class teacher.

## Coming soon.....

17/9/18 - Y3/4 start swimming  
17/9/18 - Wheelie Good Day - Y3/4

18/9/18 - Tapestry meetings - REC parents @ 2pm & 6pm

19/9/18 - Individual & Family photo day for whole school



21/9/18 - POWER projects out  
21/9/18 - First Merit Assembly  
21/9/18 - Good to be Gold trip out

25/9/18 - Learning to Read & Write - course for Reception parents

26/9/18 - Meet the Teacher

28/9/18 - MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



## Attendance so far...

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	98.2
RD	88.8
R/1K	94.3
1/2A	95.9
2M	95.5
3/4H	97.5
3/4S	93.2
5/6TA	92.9
5/6C	91.1
5/6JA	92.9
Whole School	93.8

Well done to all the children who were in school every day last week!



# News from around the School



## EYFS

Early Years children have been settling into school life this week. They are becoming used to the school rules and routines and we have given out lots of stickers for super behaviour already!

Please have a look on Tapestry to see what your children have been getting up to. If you are unsure of how to use Tapestry we welcome you to one of our information sessions next Tuesday at 2pm or 6pm. Next Friday Reception will be bringing home their first school reading book!

## YEARS 1/2

The children in Years 1 and 2 have had a great first full week of the new school year! Everyone has settled brilliantly into their new classroom routines and Miss Morgan, Mrs Adcock and Miss Keith have been so impressed with the children's behaviour and positive attitudes!

We have been busy drawing, painting, writing, counting, crafting and having lots of fun. Our favourite day this week was our 'In the Toy Box' launch day. The children loved playing with and sharing their favourite toys. We have also enjoyed our PE lessons this week with Miss Newell and Kirsty from 'Step on to Stage!' Reminders:

- Please ensure that all children have a water bottle and PE Kits in school at all times.
- Today your child will have received their new Reading Book and Reading Diary. Please see the letter inside their Reading folder for an explanation of our expectations and routines for Reading in KS1. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. Thank you.

## YEARS 3/4

Year Three and Four have had a positive and purposeful start to the year. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new classes. Attitudes to school have been really up lifting and we have been 'Passing on some kindness' as part of our learning. We believe that in a world where you can be anything..... Be kind. Our power projects, and homework packs are coming home tonight. These are for the whole term and need to be handed back in at the same time. We recommend no more than 15 minutes a night at this age. Remember to let your child have time to be a child, have fun and laugh with family. They are not small for very long..... so enjoy 'free time'.



## REMINDERS for Years 3/4

**Monday 17th September 2018**

**SWIMMING (AM) Letter has already been sent out about this.**

**Wheelie Good Day (PM)**

As an exciting launch to our new topic, children are invited to bring in their favourite transport. **The children are welcome to bring in their scooters, skateboards, roller skates. Be imaginative!** In the afternoon we are also hoping to get some vehicles into school for the children to look at. Very exciting and real learning! Thank you parents and friends for supporting and allowing this real life experience to happen for so many of our children.

**LOOK OUT FOR :** Letter coming soon about our trip.



**Trip to Coventry Transport Museum!**

As part of our Topic we will visit the Transport Museum with educational tours on 'Victorian Cycles' and 'Transport Timeline'. We will also get time to explore the museum.

## YEARS 5/6

Welcome to Phase 5/6 parents and carers!

We have had a brilliant first few weeks settling into our new classes - it has been wonderful to see all of the smiley faces and getting to know your children and we're really looking forward to the year ahead. Today your child will bring home their first reading book of the year and we have outlined our expectations with them. We ask that you please support us by signing their diaries regularly to say they have read to an adult at home. We also encourage you to use these diaries as a tool for communication with us, as we appreciate it can be tricky to speak to us if your child walks home. We are always available to talk to at the end of the school day and we're keen to get to know you as well as your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to one of the 5/6 team.

*We hope you have a great weekend!*

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