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NEW RECEPTION CLASS - Our new children have made a brilliant start to their time at Whitchurch Primary School and from next week they will all be full time. They will now come in with the rest of the school so please bring your child to the bottom of the ramp by the first red door inside the gate where Miss Knight will meet them and take them to class. The gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.50am. At the end of the day, please make your way to the rear playground where your children will be returned to you. School ends at 3.15pm.

Reminder - HARVEST FESTIVAL - BOOKS AND BREAKFAST! We will be repeating our popular 'Books and Breakfast' session from last year where we invite children to bring a book into school to enjoy over breakfast. Next Tuesday 25th September children simply need to bring a book of their choice into school, where they will receive toast, juice and time with friends in the hall to share a named book. Please note school will begin at the normal time.

We will be tying this in with Harvest Festival on the same day. We are inviting children to bring a small item of food on the day, (non perishables please, items in packets or tins are best), which we will then donate to the Counterslip Food Bank. Thank you.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: BOOKS AND BISCUITS! We are proud to once again support the Macmillan coffee fundraiser, this year with a 'Books and Biscuits' session on the field. Parents are welcome to join their children on the field from 2:30pm on Friday 28th September, where they can share a book and enjoy biscuits (children) and tea/coffee (parents!). We ask parents to bring their child's favourite book with them, and a £2 donation towards Macmillan Cancer Support, which also entitles you to tea/coffee and biscuits!

BROAD CURRICULUM- BROUGHT ALIVE - This week we have continued our exciting initiative of bringing the curriculum alive for the children through two amazing days! On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed a day of 'Antarctic survival skills' with Dr Hawkins from the University of Bristol. Here the children and Dr Hawkins explored the history of Antarctica and the biographies of those who dared to explore it, before doing just this themselves!



BROAD CURRICULUM- BROUGHT ALIVE - Years 3 and 4 explored their topic of 'Crazy Cavemen' through a visit to Cheddar Gorge, where they too studied the lives of our distant ancestors, before dressing as them and acting out life in prehistoric times!



YEAR 4 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROJECT – Children in Year 4 will be selling cupcakes that they have designed and made themselves as part of their business project next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They will be on sale at break time and after school for 50p each. Please send your child in with 50p if you they would like to purchase one. Thank you.

SPANISH - A Spanish after school club will begin next Thursday. Please see the poster attached for information.

PARENTS CONSULTATIONS - These will take place between 3:30pm and 6 pm on Monday 15th October and Wednesday 17th October. Further information will follow.

ADOPTED AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - If the children in your care are adopted or looked after (ie foster cared for) then please let us know as we are able to secure extra funding to assist and help the children in school. Of course, if you choose to keep this information to yourself we understand.

TREE! Thank you to the many parents who notified us of the fallen tree outside the school, in yesterday's gales. Thank you to the local authorities who dealt with the issue quickly.



PUPIL PREMIUM and PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS - Please remember to apply for Pupil Premium funding if you believe you are eligible by claiming certain benefits. Parents and Carers who earn below a specified income can gain extra financial support for their child in school. We use the money for additional in class support, out of class support (both academic and social/emotional) and many other ways to help the children. Furthermore, parents of 'looked after' children and parents/carers in the forces can also apply for this funding. If you believe you are eligible please ask the office for a form. Thank you.

DATA COLLECTION FORMS – Please return your signed forms to the office. Thank you.

PARKING – Please do not park in the community centre by the church when attending events at school and dropping off children. This is a private area. The Toby carvery have kindly said that parents may park there when dropping and collecting their children.

CROSSING PATROL – Please note – there will be no crossing patrol on Monday afternoon next week.

THIS WEEKS' ATTENDANCE RESULTS!

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 95.6%

Year 3: 95.7%

Year 4: 96.6%

Year 5: 93.4%

Year 6: 97.3%

THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE YEAR 6! Year 6 will receive 10 minutes extra play time!

THE HOUSE WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS **OAK** WITH 97.2%

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!

Praise assembly will now take place on a Friday and so the children that have been awarded will be on the following week's newsletter.