

Whitwell Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to give you important information as we move towards the end of this academic year.

Mrs Williams is now on maternity leave, and we are waiting for baby news any day soon! Mrs Draycott is covering Mrs Williams leave for continuity for the children and Mrs Beardsley and Mrs Pressley will continue their job-share.

Mrs Froggatt – School Business Officer, has taken flexi-retirement, meaning she will be in school half of the time we are all used to. So, we welcome Mrs Modiri to the office team, she will also be working part-time and has started some mornings this term, ready to increase her hours in September.

We also look forward to Mrs Lloyd joining the Support Staff Team, bringing lots of experience to Year 3.

CLASSES

The class structure is changing due to pupil numbers in Key Stage 1. The new classes will be:

Early Years Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1

FS1 – Nursery – Mrs Draycott and Mrs Beardsley/Mrs Pressley

FS2 – Reception – Miss Sleight, Mrs Harper and Miss Toon

Y1 – Miss Brown and Mrs Hardwick

Y2 – Mrs Gregson and Mrs Banks

Y2 – Miss White and Mrs Basford

Key Stage 2

Y3 – Miss Binge and Mrs Pegg/Mrs Lloyd

Y4 – Mrs Plaister and Mrs Bowley

Y5 – Mrs Anderson and Miss Mather/Mrs Lindley

Y6 – Mr Stirling and Mrs Croser/Mrs Manley

Y6 – Mr Moore and Mrs Boldero-Gray

This structure will work well, meaning that the children can all be taught age-appropriate objectives. This is important for us, following our Ofsted action to prove that children can remember what has been taught each year.



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Having mixed-age classes makes this much more difficult. It also means that there should be less movement from teacher to teacher for maths and English in Key Stage 1. Y6 will continue to be taught on a rotation due to the pupil numbers. However, this has worked well throughout Y5.

TRANSITION DAYS

Transition days in school are Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, and Friday 17th July.

Our Y2 and Y6 children will be split into different classes. If you are a parent of Y2 and Y6 only, you will receive a text on Monday 13th to tell you which class your child will be in. As always, the staff have worked hard to organise the children into their new classes, ensuring there is a mixture of abilities, boys, girls, and personalities. It is not always possible to put children with all of their friends, but we work hard to ensure each child is with one of their friends. Due to numbers, stability, and the make-up of the classes, some children will be remaining with the same class teacher as this year or may have a teacher they have had previously.

Transition Days give your child an opportunity to spend some time in their new classes, to get to know each other and to help staff to answer any questions that the children may have. The children come to school as normal on Wednesday morning and are registered in their current class. They will be 'moved up' after assembly each day. The children need to be collected from their normal classrooms at the usual home time. Staff will be available, so please introduce yourself to the new class teacher on the Wednesday evening if you would like to do so.

CURRENT Y6

The majority of Y6 children will be out on transition to Heritage High School on Monday 13th to Friday 17th July. The rest of Y6 should attend school as normal. The Y6 children attending Heritage should meet at the end of Southfield Lane to catch the bus at 8.40am. Heritage will have a member of staff on the bus. Please be there around **8.30am** as the bus will not wait. On the return journey, children will get off the bus and will then go straight home. They will not return to us at school as we have the other children in their new classrooms.

REPORTS

Staff have been very busy producing the End of Year reports for all the children. These will be sent by email on Friday 17th July, during the afternoon. Please do not contact school if you have multiple children and only receive one to begin with, as each class is sent separately so that it doesn't break the email system!! If you haven't received a copy, please let us know the following Monday morning.

We will also include a link to the end of year parent questionnaire for you to complete. This information really helps us in school and is used to help shape the school improvement plan for the following year. Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible.

There has been a national delay on Y6 SAT results, and these are now expected to arrive in school on Thursday 16th July. These do take a while to process but we will all do our best to get SAT data ready for collection from school from 3pm on Friday 17th July. We will update Y6 parents with any problems. SAT results must be collected by an adult and signed for.

STATION ROAD SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We are very sad that there will no longer be a crossing patrol at Station Road. Please ensure you walk with your child from the school exit gate to the railing. We have had reports that children run ahead and then run out on to the road! It is really important that children wait for you at the edge of the field and you walk down to cross the road with them.

No child should be on a bike or a scooter on school property or until they have crossed over Station Road safely.

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ONSITE HEALTH & SAFETY

- Please remember that dogs are not allowed on site.
- Vaping and cigarettes are also not allowed on site while waiting for the children at the start and end of the day.
- Bad language will not be tolerated. It is not acceptable to be rude and outspoken in front of children. Please treat all staff and other adults with the respect that they deserve.
- Children cannot have mobile phones in school, except for pre-arranged exceptional circumstances. You may have seen that the Government have now enforced a phone ban for all schools. This includes all school events. Children do not need a phone. Staff can communicate with all parents directly with regards to your child.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

All of Derbyshire libraries will be taking part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge. This year's theme is Read to the Beat.



The challenge is free to join and is designed to ensure that primary school children's reading skills are kept sharp over the summer, as well as providing much-needed entertainment.

The challenge is to read six or more library books over the summer. Youngsters will collect up to six stickers and once they have collected them all, they will have completed the challenge and receive a medal and certificate.

WHITWELL PARISH SUMMER PLAYScheme

Registration forms are available from Whitwell Community Centre or via the website at <https://whitwell-pc.gov.uk/summer-holiday-club/>. Please be aware that this is a club on school premises, but it is **not** organised and run by the school. Please contact the parish council for all further information and during the playscheme itself.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN AT SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

Please find detailed below the Summer Holiday Activity Days at Shirebrook Academy for children aged 6–11, 10 - 2pm. They will be running on the following dates;

- **Tuesday 28th July to Friday 31st July** - <https://forms.gle/6dL3AthT8X1gduME7>
- **Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August** - <https://forms.gle/6dL3AthT8X1gduME7>

More information can be found on the booking links above.

Free places to young people/families in receipt of free school meals as well as paid places to everyone.



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BOLSOVER DISTRICT
ACTIVE SCHOOLS NETWORK

Open to 6 - 11 year olds

Move Make & Munch Primary

Activities
Each day will have different activities! Join us for games, craft and outdoor fun!

Food
All days will include a healthy lunch, with a hot or cold choice. Some days children will also take part in cooking activities. If you would like to join us at 9.45am, you can also get breakfast!

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st July & Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August

BOOKING LINK

Shirebrook Academy - 10 - 2pm

it's about me - Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

DERBYSHIRE County Council Department for Education

Don't forget about the JGF Sensory Garden near the station.

They will be open during the Summer and would welcome your support!

Let's Build Our COMMUNITY Caterpillar!
IN THE JGFC SENSORY GARDEN

A little stone can go a long way... Together, we can create something beautiful for everyone to enjoy!

FROM FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026

GET INVOLVED!
Help us grow our Community Caterpillar by adding a painted stone to the caterpillar in our Sensory Garden. If you find one of our stones out and about, please return it to the garden and add it to our caterpillar.

PAINT YOUR OWN STONE!
We'd love you to add your own painted stone! Please make sure you write JGFC COMMUNITY GARDEN on the back of your stone before adding it to the caterpillar. Thank you!

JGFC SENSORY GARDEN ALWAYS OPEN!
A peaceful space for everyone to enjoy, connect and grow together.

SNACK SHACK
OPEN WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY 8:00am - 4:00pm
A range of tasty snacks & drinks perfect for a break!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US GROW SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL TOGETHER!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! JGF Club

Thanks for all the support at this incredibly busy time of year in school.

We value all the feedback you give and the kind words at the end of shows, sports events and assemblies really do make us all so happy to be working hard for our children in school!

It has been the hottest summer we have experienced and we have done our best to make sure that everyone is as comfortable as possible. We have tried hard to ensure all planned events could go ahead and we are grateful for your continued engagement with school.

Kind Regards

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Mrs S Tomlinson
Head Teacher