

# Whitwell Primary School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year!

This week has flown past in school and I wanted to say welcome back and that the staff and children are raring to go as we move into Spring Term.

As many of you will remember we had our Ofsted inspection on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December. The children were a credit to us all and gave the visitors a fantastic welcome! They spoke proudly about their work and what they do each day in school. Thank you to those who spoke to the team about your views, either on ParentView or at the December coffee morning. Due to the Ofsted break and our school holidays we do not yet have the report but this will be shared when it is available.

Clearly this is the coldest term we have in school. Please make sure your child comes to school in a coat, and has a hat, gloves and named wellies so they are warm and dry. We are using the field on a rota currently, as it is muddy, but we are very aware that many of the children love the space to run around in and to play football. If we do get any snow or bad weather we will be in touch with you all through 'Teachers to Parents' to inform you of any important information. We will always try to keep school fully open as long as it is safe to do so.

## Internet Safety

Internet safety day is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. During this week staff will be teaching a specific focus on 'Together for a Better Internet' which is the focus of the day. We teach internet safety each term and whenever an incident arises. However, please check that you have set parental controls through your own devices for sites your children are able to access at home. Mr Stirling sends a regular E-Safety newsletter which is full of helpful and current information.



We are also hoping to host an event for parents about internet safety with an external expert to talk on this. Please look out for more information to come!

## Contacting Staff

Many of you speak to class teachers at the beginning or the end of the day. If you do have something more private to discuss, please call and arrange to have a meeting which can be held inside the building. Alternatively please contact the class teacher by email. All staff have their email addresses on their class webpage. However, if you email out of hours the emails may not be picked up until the next working day. All staff will endeavour to reply to you within 48 hours and if they are not available, due to staff illness, it may be passed onto one of the Senior Leadership Team. Please don't expect staff to reply after 5pm or at weekends.



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## Uniform

Many children seem to have had a growth spurt over the holidays! If you have any old uniform that is still fit for use but now too small please consider sharing this with us at school for the second-hand shop.

Also, a reminder that children should be wearing our Whitwell Primary School uniform of a navy sweatshirt, black or grey trousers or skirt and black shoes.

Jewellery is not allowed for school, except for stud earrings and a watch. These must be removed for PE or taped. School does not provide the tape. Earrings must be removed for swimming. This is for Health and Safety reasons. The welfare of the children always comes first.



## Staffing

Both Mr Stirling (Deputy Head) and Mr Somerset (Site Manager) are expecting babies at the end of this month. We wish them and their wives all the best with their new arrivals! Mr Stirling's Paternity Leave will be covered by Mrs Patterson and Vertas will provide a cover site manager.

## Road Safety

Following the retirement of Mrs Davies on the Southfield Lane crossing, there is no 'lollipop' patrol. Please cross carefully as the cars and lorries travel quickly and there are usually many parked cars.

## Coffee Morning

Following the success of the coffee morning in December, the Friends of Whitwell Team would like to host a coffee morning for Valentine's Day. This will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, at 9am in the hall. Please come and support if you can.



Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to the office, chat to class teachers or myself outside or make an appointment to see me directly.

I hope the updated list of dates will help you plan ahead for the year and I will continue to update you each term.

Kind regards

*S Tomlinson*

Mrs Sarah Tomlinson  
Headteacher

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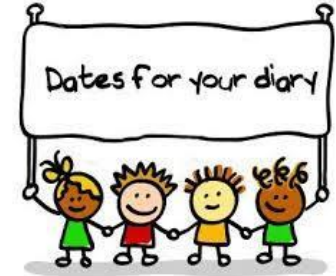
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## Dates for 2024

Mon 8th Jan	School re-opens for Spring Term Young Voices Concert
Tues 16th Jan	Swimming restarts
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	FS2 Balance Bikes
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Y1 Balance Bikes
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parents meeting for Mount Cook – 3pm Hall
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Dental visit – FS2 and Y1 children
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5/6 Music assembly for KS2 – Y5/6 parents welcome. 9am – hall
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 Parents Drop-in about KS1 assessments in May. 3.20pm – Miss Brown's classroom
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	FWPS Coffee Morning
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4/5 Residential to Mount Cook
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Back to School
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day – details to follow shortly
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Week
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations – Mrs Anderson, Mrs Watts & Mrs Plaister
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations – Miss Morris, Miss Sleight, Miss White
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations – Miss Brown, Mr Moore
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations – Miss Webster, Mrs Draycott & Mrs Williams
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of Spring Term for Easter Holidays
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Back to School
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Swimming restarts
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	FS2 Balance Bikes
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Y1 Balance Bikes



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Week starting 13th May	Y6 SATS
	Y2 Assessments start
Tues 14th May	Y2 and Y6 Fire Safety talk
Thurs 23rd May	Last day of term for children
Fri 24th May	INSET
Mon 3rd June	Back to School
Mon 3rd – Fri 7th	Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Week starting 3rd Jun	Y4 Multiplication Check
Week starting 10th Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Reserve)
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Nursery Sports Day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nursery Sports Day (Reserve)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Production for Parents 1.45pm and 6pm
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 last day at Whitwell Primary School (Heritage Students)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 attend Heritage High School
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Transition Days
Tues 23rd July	End of Year – Last day at school