



# Whitwell Primary School Newsletter

December 2023

[A message from Mrs Tomlinson](#)

We have had a really busy few weeks in school with even more to come, including Christmas Dinner, the Coffee Morning, a Panto and Parties!

I would like to thank all members of our school community, the staff and children for all their hard work and the parents and friends for your continued support. Our school is a really positive place to be and we hope you share that feeling too!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## DIARY DATES

### 12th DECEMBER

Key Stage 1 concerts @ 9.30am and 1.45pm

### 13th DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner  
Wear Christmas jumpers from now

### 14th DECEMBER

Christmas Coffee Morning  
9.00am - 10.30am

### 15th DECEMBER

FWPS Christmas Disco @ Whitwell Community Centre  
6.00pm - 8.00pm

### 19th DECEMBER

Panto visiting school

### 20th DECEMBER

Christmas Parties

### 21st DECEMBER

Last day at school

### 8th JANUARY 2024

School re-opens

### INSET DAYS:-

22nd December 2023  
24th May 2024

An up to date calendar is available on our website and will be updated



## Friends of Whitwell Primary School Christmas Coffee Morning Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am - 10.30am

Come and join us for tea, coffee or hot chocolate and a selection of cakes and sweet treats

Our Key Stage One 'Melody Makers' choir will be performing Christmas songs.

The raffle will be drawn for the colour hampers and LOTS of other prizes to be won!



## Class Attendance Week ending 8th Dec 2023

Emerald Class	99.13%
Amethyst Class	96.67%
Topaz Class	95.36%
Amber Class	95.31%
Ruby Class	94.80%
Sapphire Class	94.58%
Diamond Class	94.48%
Moonstone Class	91.85%

Overall 95.27%

Well Done to those classes who have achieved or surpassed our target of 96.00%.

**REMINDER** - If your child has flu-like or Covid symptoms they can attend as long as they feel well. If they are really poorly we will let you know!

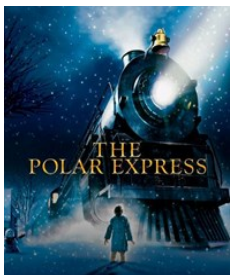
Also to help lessen the spread of infection, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they should stay away from school for 48 hours to reduce it from spreading to others.

## Breakfast with Santa - Friday 15th December.



£5 per child for a present from Santa but Breakfast Club will also be open as normal at the usual prices if your child doesn't want a gift.

Some of our Key Stage 1 and Reception children had a fantastic evening at our Polar Express event. On Thursday 7th December after school, children came in pyjamas or comfortable clothes, brought a teddy, cushion or blanket so they could snuggle up and watch the film with their friends. Refreshments were provided and the children left with a souvenir of their magical experience!



Believe, Endeavour, Succeed Together!



## FWPS NEWS & EVENTS

### *HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!*

We have a new committee at Friends of Whitwell Primary School who will endeavour to enrich our children's lives at school. We are always grateful for the help and support from parents, carers and volunteers!



**THANK YOU** to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair and/or donated items or baking. We very much appreciate all the support!

So far we have raised an amazing **£777.00** from the Christmas Fair and we have the Coffee Morning and Christmas disco to come yet, so we hope we can raise £100s for our school and wonderful children!



Please look out for more opportunities in 2024!

### **THANK YOU!**

*Your support has been amazing at school this Christmas!*



As well raising much needed funds for our own children, we have also managed to raise £178.00 for Children in Need Day and £75.43 funds for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper Day.



Remember you can also wear your jumpers every day from 13th December.

### IT'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT TIME!

Our EYFS concerts were joyful events where our youngest children performed 'Baaarmy Bethlehem!' They were brilliant!

We are also looking forward to our Key Stage 1 concert on the 12th December where our children will perform 'Little Angel gets her Wings.'

Thank you to our new FWPS Committee who kindly served refreshments!

Please can we remind you that all children need to have a pair of wellies in a named bag that are left in school all the time.



Also in preparation for the winter months, please ensure your child has a jumper or cardigan as well as a warm, waterproof coat in school every day. Also, there is a selection of second hand uniform for sale at school if you wish to buy anything and PLEASE write/re-write names in clothes during the holidays. Thank you.

### Exceptional Leave of Absence in term time

Remember holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless in an **exceptional circumstance** and the same reason cannot be accepted twice as it would no longer be exceptional!

### Breakfast Club

May we also remind you that school begins at 8.40am. The doors are open at 8.40am or alternatively Breakfast Club is available from 8.00am in the hall at a low cost of £2.00 per child. An earlier start is also available from 7.45am for an extra 50p. You do not need to pre-book a place, just turn up! However **children do need to be signed in by an adult.**

**Any late arrivals, after 8.55am, must come into school via the office so lunch can be ordered.**

### COMMUNICATION

Please can you make sure you update the office if you change your address, mobile phone number or email details so we can update our records. You can complete the online FORM on our website under the Parents tab, email or call the office.

Thank you.