



# Whitwell Primary School Newsletter

October 2023



## DIARY DATES

### 12TH OCTOBER

Power Maths open Morning

### 16TH-19TH OCTOBER

Parent consultations

### 24TH OCTOBER

Phonics Meeting 2.30pm

### 26TH OCTOBER

Last day at school

### 27TH OCTOBER

INSET DAY

### 6TH NOVEMBER

School re-opens

### 7TH NOVEMBER

Accelerated Reading Meeting  
8.45am

### 13TH NOVEMBER

School photos

### 17TH NOVEMBER

Children in Need

### 21ST NOVEMBER

Flu Immunisations

Y6 SATs Parent Meeting

### 27TH Nov-1ST DEC

Book Fair

### 1ST DECEMBER

Christmas Fair

### 8TH DECEMBER

EYFS (Nursery & Reception)

Christmas Concerts

9.30am & 1.45pm

### 12TH DECEMBER

Key Stage 1 (Infants)

Christmas Concerts

9.30am & 1.45pm

### 13TH DECEMBER

Christmas Dinner

### 20TH DECEMBER

Christmas Parties

### 21ST DECEMBER

Last day at school

### 22ND DECEMBER

INSET DAY

### 8TH JANUARY 2024

School re-opens

### INSET DAYS:-

24TH MAY 2024

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

Please find included loads of information with regards to this term – it feels like a really positive start to the school year!  
Thank you for all the harvest contributions, for those who donated.  
We have an amazingly high number of you who have signed up for parent consultations, there is still space if you haven't yet. And don't forget the maths open morning this week!

*Mrs Sarah Tomlinson*



**Harvest Festival** was celebrated in Chapel this week and we were delighted with the donations brought along. Thank you for your generosity and kindness, it is very much appreciated. All donations received have been donated to the Bassetlaw Food Bank.

## Year 6 Secondary School Applications

If you have not yet made your application, this must be done by midnight on 31st October 2023.

You can do so online at the following link:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/secondary-admissions/secondary-school-admissions.aspx>

Or you can make a telephone application through Call Derbyshire -Tel: 01629 533190 from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and from 9:30am to 4pm on Saturdays.

## Derbyshire Constabulary Mini Police



This new police engagement programme is aimed at Year 5/6 children. The programme is designed to give young children the opportunity to learn about their safety, their role within their community and how the police work to keep them safe.

## Class Attendance Autumn Term 1 2023

### Week 1

Moonstone Class 97.53%

### Week 2

Topaz Class 97.86%

### Week 3

Emerald Class 97.92%

### Week 4

Sapphire Class 95.83%

### Week 5

Sapphire Class 97.92%

### Week 6

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### Week 7

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### Week 8

? Class 00.00%

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

**REMINDER - If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home, call school, or order a test and advise school of the results ASAP! Also to help lessen the spread of infection, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then we recommend they stay away from school for 48 hours.**

## CHRISTMAS AT WPS



27th Nov - 1st Dec - Book Fair  
1st Dec - Christmas Fair  
8th Dec - EYFS Christmas Concerts 9.30am & 1.45pm  
12th Dec - KS1 Concerts 9.30am & 1.45pm  
13th Dec - Christmas Dinner  
20th Dec - Christmas parties



*Full details will be given closer to these events.*

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Reminder - please sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Nursery & Infants) or for Key Stage 2 (Juniors) please sign up with the school office.

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|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Sapphire  | Mrs Plaister & Mrs Watts |
| Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Topaz     | Miss Morris              |
| Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Emerald   | Miss Webster             |
| Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Ruby      | Miss White               |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Moonstone | Miss Brown               |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Amethyst  | Mr Moore                 |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Nursery   | Mrs Draycott             |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Diamond   | Miss Sleight             |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> October 23 | Amber     | Mrs Anderson             |

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. We have a selection of second hand uniform and new jumpers for sale if you wish to buy anything. Also for details about our full school uniform please see our website or copy & paste this link.

<https://www.whitwellprimary.co.uk/school-uniform-1/>

**PLEASE** write their names in all their clothes, as we already have a lot of lost property at school. 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!**

Unfortunately in the last academic year we had to issue a growing number of fixed term penalties due to parents taking their children out of school in term-time.

## COMMUNICATION

Please can you make sure you phone the office if you change your address, mobile phone number or email details so we can update our records. Also your quick response to letters and consents is greatly appreciated!

Thank you.

## PARKING on SOUTHFIELD LANE

Derbyshire Constabulary have asked that we bring it to everyone's attention that trespassing and parking is a serious problem outside of our school as we have recently had some near misses with our children!

We urge everyone to park and drive off SAFELY and SENSIBLY on Southfield Lane.

Also if you see anyone on school grounds when we are closed please call 101 asap.  
Thank you.



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CONSTABULARY**