



Whitwell Primary School Newsletter

May 2023

Summer Term 1

Wow—What a busy few weeks we have had since Easter! The children have been working so hard and it is lovely to see them learning so well. Y6 and Y2 have had amazing attitudes towards their SATS and have truly done their best!



DIARY DATES

24th May
Last day at school

25th & 26th May
INSET DAYS

5th June
School re-opens

5th June - 9th June
Y6 Isle of Wight trip
Y4 Multiplication Check

12th June – 16th June
Y1 Phonics Screening Check

13th June
Class Photos

16th June
Bikeability Y4/5

19th June - 23rd June
National Sports Week

28th June
Nursery Sports Day

29th June
Sports Day Y1-Y6

5th July
FS2 Trip to Chatsworth
Reserve Sports Day

10th July
Y5/6 Production
1.45pm & 6pm

11th-13th July
Y6 to Heritage High School

12th-13th July
Move up Days in school

19th July
Y3/4 Trip to Weston Park

21st July
School closes 3.15pm

Coronation Day 5th May 2023

We had an amazing day to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III with the whole school involved in learning about King Charles; making crowns; taking part in a whole school 'crown hunt'; celebrating with a party dinner and ending with a whole school outdoor disco! Everyone loved the day - to see staff dancing with the children and having fun was so lovely! All the children have decorated a tile to use on a commemoration board so they can remember it for years to come. We hope they liked their coin keepsakes!



Class Attendance Summer Term 1 2023

Elephants Class	98.15%
Macaws Class	97.89%
Pandas Class	96.22%
Tigers Class	95.40%
Pangolins Class	95.29%
Turtles Class	94.89%
Sharks Class	94.76%
Chimps Class	93.32%
Orangutans Class	92.64%
Rhinos Class	91.82%
Overall	95.04%

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

Your child's attendance data is monitored regularly and is reported at parent consultations and on the end of year report. If there are concerns, you will be contacted directly.

Every day and every minute counts!



However, we do understand, to help lessen the spread of infection, if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they should stay away from school for 48 hours.

Uniform

A reminder that all children are expected to attend school wearing school uniform. Black or grey trousers or shorts with a white or pale blue polo shirt and a navy jumper or cardigan. Children may wear plain shorts or blue summer dresses in summer. They should also have a hat for being outside when the weather improves. School shoes should be black and sensible for school. PE Kit is navy or black shorts with a plain white t-shirt, no logos please. Trainers should be worn for all outdoor PE. Children may continue to wear their PE kit for the whole day on PE days.



Believe, Endeavour, Succeed Together!

School Website www.whitwellprimary.co.uk

Our website is full of helpful information about our school. There is information about staff, our governors, the calendar, clubs, policies and school letters are added to it.

Please check it out if you haven't used it previously.

We have just made sure it is all up-to-date!

Class Pages

All classes have a class page of information for you about the learning for the term and the routines for their class. Teaching Staff update their class pages regularly. Please check these for information and photos that are shared of the children in school. Class pages are found on the website under the 'Children' tab on the homepage.



We are really looking forward to all the exciting things happening next term. Trips and visits, Sports Day events, Y5/6 production, meeting new classes and Y6 transition days to their new schools.

We will keep you up-to-date with all the information you need!

Please speak to class teachers or email directly for any additional questions. Thanks

Breakfast Club

May we remind you that school begins at 8.55am. The doors are open at 8.45am or alternatively Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am in the hall at a low cost of **£2.00** per child.

You do not need to pre-book a place, just turn up! However children do **need to be signed** in by an adult every day!



Congratulations!!

We have a new school cook! Kerry Smithson joins us on a permanent basis from 15th May and we are pleased to

welcome her to the team. We look forward to her leading the staff team in our busy kitchen!



WOW!

Every fortnight we hold a WOW assembly. We celebrate our children's achievements by awarding two children a WOW Certificate. 'WOW' stands for 'Whitwell's Outstanding Workers'. It is about rewarding something that they have done which shows their resilience to keep going, even when they find it difficult. Parents are notified by text message and we ask that you keep it a secret from the children until the assembly!

We would appreciate it if all adults do not vape or smoke on school grounds.
Thank you.



WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure water bottles contain only water. Even the popular prime bottles must not have juice in them. We support healthy eating in school and encourage children to drink water at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

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!

Please ask for a Leave of Absence request form and all requests are considered carefully against Derbyshire County Council Guidance.

Please remember you can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time!



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.