

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

16th December 2022



'Excellence in a Caring Community'

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who were able to join us for our Christmas performances this week. It has been lovely to be able to invite families back into school to celebrate with us. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to showcase their Christmas concerts and Nativities. The children, each and every one, were all superstars and should be incredibly proud of themselves.



Yesterday, we celebrated in classes with our Christmas parties. We had a very exciting visitor!



Father Christmas came to visit all the children and brought each one a gift. Thank you to the PTA for supporting with this. The visit was made extra special as Father Christmas arrived on his 'reindeer' pulled sleigh with his elf helper (thank you Mr Biddle and Mrs Foy!). The children were all so made up to see this and then have their special visits from him. Thank you very much Father Christmas for taking time to come and spread some Christmas joy at Whitby Heath! We know how busy you are at this time of year!

Many thanks to the PTA for putting on fab discos for our children yesterday. There was lots of dancing, singing and fun to be had - a great end to the year!

Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - The Whole Class
Elm Class - The Whole Class
Ash Class - Hugo C
Beech Class - Zac B
Fir Class - Beatrix H
Cherry Class - Esme P
Poplar Class - Oliver T
Rowan Class - Floyd H
Cedar Class - Poppy-Rose K
Holly Class - Emily K
Sycamore Class - Nyima M
Willow Class - Josh C
Birch Class - Tayla W
Maple Class - Nikolett C

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Holly 99%
Second: Beech and Willow 97%
Third: Cherry 96%

Whole school attendance: 93%



We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

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Staffing Update

We are very pleased to have Mrs C Williams return from maternity leave this week. From January, she will be working alongside Mrs Buttery as Poplar's class teacher (Wednesday - Friday).

We are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Bartley this week. Miss Bartley has been a key member of the teaching team for the past couple of years as well as co-leading PE. We thank Miss Bartley for all she has done for the school and our children and wish her all the best as she moves away from education and onto working full-time on her farm.

Lunch Menu

When we return in January, we will be on Week 1 of the lunch menu. To view our menus, click on this link: <http://www.whitbyheath.cheshire.sch.uk/page/lunchtime-menus/14612>

Christmas Craft Party Day at St. Thomas & All Saints Church

There will be lots of lovely Christmas craft activities for all the family to enjoy. Come and see what you can make, with some fantastic things to take home ready to decorate your home ready for the big day! Including working with special guest artist Charmaine Maw.



Wednesday 21st December 2022, 2pm-5pm at St. Thomas & All Saints Church

Plus join for a Christmas party tea - lots of yummy food and a few Christmas party songs too. To book a place please contact: Rev. Gill Foster on Revgill52@gmail.com or 07850 122092 by Saturday 17th December.

Useful Websites

Find below a list of websites which you may find helpful to visit. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help in any way.

Housing benefit council tax: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/help>

Home energy help for residents:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/energy/home-energy>

Where to get support in west Cheshire: <http://www.welcomenet.co.uk/get-support.html>

Household support fund: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/household-support-fund>

Warm, welcoming spaces: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/cost-of-living-support/warm-welcoming-spaces>

Benefit advice: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/housing-benefit-council-tax/benefit-advice/financial-help>

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Free school meals: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Healthy start: <https://www.gov.uk/healthy-start>

Finally

We will be returning to school at 8.45am on Tuesday 3rd January.

Thank you for your continued support.

I wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope it is filled with love and joy for you all.



Mrs E Williams