

# Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023



*'Excellence in a Caring Community'*

On Wednesday, one of our bowling teams from the SEN bowling competition before half term were lucky enough to take part in the regional finals in Bolton. The children were a credit to the school and showed great sportsmanship during the competition. They supported each other and other schools and proudly came away with a certificate and a medal which will be presented in celebration assemblies today.



This week, the Eco team researched and looked at air pollution and what it is during our Monday assemblies. They explained to the children how air pollution happens and what it can do to people and the environment around us. The team spoke about what changes we could all make to reduce air pollution to make our local area a cleaner breathing environment for all.

For World Book Day this year, the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite character or bringing a clue about their favourite book. We enjoyed guessing each other's stories, voting for favourite books and discussing why we had chosen them. Be sure to check twitter to see some lovely pictures from the day.



Well done to all the children who have brought in their 'story on a spoon' competition entries this week - we have had some fantastic entries! This competition will be open until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. A winner will be picked from each phase (EYFS, KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2) by our School Ambassadors and will be announced in our celebration assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Jacé M  
Elm Class - Heidi R  
Ash Class - Mia L  
Beech Class - Rory B  
Fir Class - Scarlett G  
Cherry Class - Darcy K  
Poplar Class - Hermione A  
Rowan Class - Jessica P  
Cedar Class - Jake M  
Holly Class - Emmie R  
Sycamore Class - Sophie P  
Willow Class - Jacob L  
Birch Class - Amy S  
Maple Class - Ava L

Congratulations to you all!

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This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Elm 100%  
Second: Poplar 99%  
Third: 98% Holly



Whole school attendance: 97%

This is above our target of 96%, which is fantastic! We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

## Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on 17<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a non-uniform day. We are asking for donations of food for West Cheshire Foodbank for this day.



Currently on their shopping list, they are requesting the following items: tinned meat/fish, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, cuppa soups, pot noodles/super noddle, instant pasta (pasta and sauce), pasta sauce, instant mashed potato/tinned potato, tinned/instant custard/puddings, tinned fruit, biscuits and small treats, UHT fruit juice and instant coffee. They currently have plenty of: pasta, baked beans and tea.

We thank you in advance for your kind donations.

## Parent Forum

Reminder that we have our next Parent Forum meeting in the hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Parents/carers will be able to enter the hall straight from the main playground after drop off. There will be refreshments available from 8.45am.

## Lunch Menu Update

Alongside Edsential (our catering company), we have updated some of our lunch menus after feedback from the children. Parents/carers can find the weekly menus on our website:

<http://www.whitbyheath.cheshire.sch.uk/page/lunchtime-menus/14612>

## Happy Birthday Whitby Heath!

Yesterday marked the 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our school opening!

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1932, our school was opened by Mr Stephen Roxby Dodds JP. It was first named Whitby Council School and was built with the intention of serving the children of Whitby, parts of the South Ward and Wolverham.



If you would like to find out more about this, or about the history of Whitby, there is a book in the local library 'Welcome to Whitby Village' which has lots of interesting information about the history of our local area.

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## **Social Media**

A polite reminder to parents/carers to continue check their child/ren's mobile phones/tablets/computers/online devices. At primary school age, children should not have social media accounts. If your child does have a phone, tablet or device to chat/communicate with others, please can we remind parents/carers to be keeping an eye on what their children are doing on them. We thank you for your support.

We are currently in talks with PSCO Wendy and the Police to hold a Year 5 and Year 6 parents/carers information session around children's use of social media. Once a date has been confirmed for this, we will share this information with parents/carers.

## **NEU Strike Action**

The final two planned strike action days for the NEU are due to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Communication to parents/carers regarding this strike action will be sent out as soon as arrangements have been confirmed for the days.

## **Finally**

Thank you to the Friends of Whitby Heath who held our World Book Day discos this week. We raised over £1000 which is fantastic!

Thank you for your support.

*Mrs E Williams*