

Thursday 22nd September 2022

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 3

Thank you to everyone who added messages to our memorial book. The finished piece is a lovely mix of children's thoughts and reflections and those of our wider school community. We will now give some thought to the best way to store it and keep it as a reminder of recent events.

Lots of excellent work happening in school this week. Children have really settled in to their new units of work and are busy and engaged in their learning. I've seen some fabulous pieces of work produced across all subject areas. School clubs will begin next week and information regarding allocations will be going out shortly so please check pockets and bags! As usual there has been a very large number of requests and school staff are working hard to accommodate as many of the preferences as possible.

This week I have been made aware of ongoing difficulties in the carpark at the start and end of the school day. Parking is an issue for all primary schools, especially when parents also work and have tight timeframes. However, there is a real risk that someone will get hurt or badly injured if cars continue to be left in the middle of the thoroughfare or not parked in designated bays. An additional few minutes to park safely or find an alternative parking space is inconvenient but it is far better than injuring another person or a child. Sadly, this has happened recently in another school and it is my worst fear that it could well happen here. Please be considerate and help avoid an accident. Likewise, playing football on the school playground before school. Last week someone was injured and badly shaken after being hit by a football whilst collecting their child. The playground is busy with parents, children, small toddlers and pushchairs. Footballs are allowed for break and lunchtimes but not for before or after school. Thank you for your help with this.

On Monday we are holding our European languages day in school so children are invited to come to school

wearing red, white and blue. We will be learning about the different regions of France, practicing our French and even sampling some French food. We are all looking forward to it and am sure it will be a day of deep learning experiences and really good fun!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse



## Attendance

**Whole School Target: 97%**

**Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.87%**

**This week's winning class: 6W 99.1%. Super!**

## Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who completed the library Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge. Rewards were given out this week to all children who brought their certificate into school.

## Jeans for Genes Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September



Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day last Friday. You all looked fabulous! We will inform you of the total raised in next week's newsletter.

## Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a club application form. Over 200 responses have been received and we are working hard to allocate everyone a place in one of their preferred clubs. Clubs will begin from next week. Your child will have come home with a slip which details the club they have been assigned.

## Fruit

If children bring grapes into school for a healthy snack, they **must** be cut in half as they can be a choking hazard. We can not allow children to eat them whole.



## Parking

It has been brought to our attention that some parents have been parking in and across the disabled spaces outside the main school office. These spaces are designated for blue badge holders only. Please do not park in these spaces unless you are a blue badge holder. Please do not obstruct these spaces.

### Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Antonia	5M: Saima
R1: Archie	6W: Usman
R2: Adeem	6M: Ayma
1W: Hibah	
1M: Norah	
2W: Harry	
2M: Adam	
3W: Eiliyah	
3M: Max	
4W: Thomas	
4M: Emilia	
5W: Aahil	

### Four Book Challenge

The Four Book Challenge has been launched again this year. Your child will be coming home soon with a sheet to evaluate the four books set for their year group. There are copies of the books in school if your child would like to borrow one. Lots of children participated in the challenge last year and we hope lots will this year.

### European Languages Day

This will take place on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Children have been assigned a region of France to study in depth in class. They may come to school dressed in red, white or blue or non-uniform, including those who have P.E. that day.

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### School Council / Eco Reps

Voting for school councillors and eco reps will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for children in years two to six. A councillor will have the responsibility of taking ideas and suggestions from year one and the foundation stage to ensure that their voice is heard. Children will have the opportunity to make a speech in class or share a PowerPoint presentation during the week leading up to the voting day. Please encourage your child to put themselves forward for nomination if they are interested in being a school councillor or eco rep.



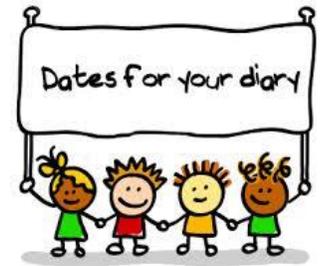
### Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners this week:

Nursery: Rory	
R1: Yusuf	5W: Yahya
R2: Hana	5M: Haris
1W: Will	6W: Ella
1M: Lucy	6M: Lilly
2W: Oscar	
2M: Max	
3W: Eddie	
3M: Thomas	
4W: Zac	
4M: Rehan	

## Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2022

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



Friday 23rd September 2022	School Council and Eco Voting Day
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Before and after school clubs commence
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	European Languages Day - dress in red, white or blue or non-uniform.
W/C 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022	Black History Week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Flu Vaccines in School
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year Three Freshwater Theatre Stone Age Experience
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Halloween Dress Up Day & After School Discos - separate e-mail to follow shortly.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Non-uniform day. £1 donation for PTA
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School Re-Opens
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School Photographs from 8.30am
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	Parents' Evening 2
W/C 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Scholastic Book Fair in School
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.

Christmas activity dates to follow.