

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 1

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families, especially those new to school. The sun is shining for us! It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such happy faces and settling into their new classes. Our youngest children have made a fabulous start to their time with us too. It has been lovely to share news of the holidays and also to hear all about what the children are looking forward to this year.

There have been two new Whittaker babies born over the holiday. Mr Chapman's family has welcomed baby Pippa and Miss Hilton has said an earlier than expected hello to baby Thomas. Our biggest congratulations to them all on the safe arrival of their beautiful babies.

A big thank you to the fabulous Mr Eccles and our hard-working cleaning team who have spent the summer making sure our building is clean, repaired and fresh for another school year. Over the summer, we have worked with a sensory specialist to install a bespoke sensory provision 'The Cove' in school which we are very excited about using with our children. This will further add to our resources in school and will be used for both individual and group sessions.

Please ensure we have all of your updated information, especially where you have changed telephone numbers or your GP surgery. Data sheets are being sent out this week; please return them as soon as possible. We have started to put some dates in the diary for this term. These will be added to every week so please remember to keep checking at the end of each newsletter.

We look forward to another successful and productive year at Whittaker Moss, working in partnership with our families and providing the very best for all of our children.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse.

Thursday 6th
September 2023



Reminders for the New School Term

Please remember that children are only allowed to wear simple stud ear-rings and a watch to school. On a games or PE day it would be helpful if your child does not wear their earrings to school. If they do have their earrings in, they need to be able to take them out themselves. If they are either unable to as they have just been pierced or cannot take them out by themselves, please send them in with some medical tape to place over the earrings.

P.E. Kits

Children are asked to come to school dressed in their Games kit on their P.E. days. Class teachers will inform you on what day(s) P.E. is. We ask that children leave their pumps in school in a small carrier or pump bag for indoor P.E. Please label all items of clothing, including pumps and coats. Please do not purchase P.E. kit with logos, it is an unnecessary expense - the school P.E. kit is a plain white t-shirt with plain black or navy-blue jogging bottoms / shorts, which can be purchased cheaply from supermarkets.

Parking

Please can parents/carers remember to park considerately on the car park and ensure that cars are parked in the designated bays only. Do not stop and drop off at the front of the school office. Please do not park in disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder. Highwood car park also has a one-way clockwise system - please could you ensure that you follow this to prevent any accidents.



Parent Pay

Please can parents/carers of children new to the school activate their Parent Pay accounts. Please speak to the ladies in the office if you are having trouble accessing your account.

Please let the ladies in the office know if you need to make any changes to your data collection sheet. It is very important that we have up to date telephone numbers to enable us to contact you quickly.

Uniform Appeal

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA's uniform appeal over the summer term. There is still lots of good-as-new uniform left if you would like to purchase any spares for a small donation. Please speak to one of our PTA committee members to find out more.

Thursday 6th September 2023

Collecting After School

Please inform the office if an adult different to the adults on your named list is going to collect your child after school. Please let us know before two o'clock on the day they are collecting.

New Staff Members

We welcome to the school this week Miss Collier who will be teaching class 1M and Mr Greenhalgh who will be teaching class 3W. We also welcome Miss Tasker, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Berry.

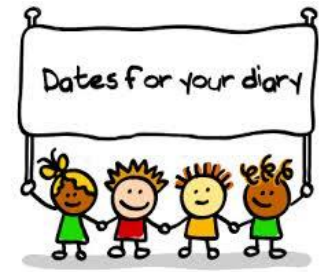
Awards

Dojo winners will be announced on the newsletter from next week. Every child in school has been assigned a virtual Dojo monster. Dojo points will be awarded for excellent effort, good manners, reading at home, great homework and super behaviour. The child with the most Dojo points each week will be awarded a certificate in class.

Star of the Week certificates and Lunchtime Golf Vouchers will also be awarded from next week.

Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2024

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.



Wednesday 20 th September 2023	MacMillan Coffee Morning 9am Highwood Hall
Friday 22 nd September 2023	Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform), small donation, please.
W/C 18 th September	Before and after school clubs commence
Wednesday 20 th September 2023	School Council and Eco Council Voting Day
Tuesday 26 th September 2023	European Languages Day
Wednesday 27 th September 2023	Year 6 Crucial Crew
W/C 2 nd October 2023	Black History Week
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	World Mental Health Day
Monday 16 th October 2023	GB Athlete Visit to School
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Thursday 19 th October 2023	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 30 th October 2023	School Re-Opens
Monday 30 th October 2023	School Photographs from 8.30am
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	Flu Vaccines Reception to Year 6
Friday 3 rd November 2023	Halloween Dress Up Day & After School Discos
Monday 6 th November 2023	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 6 th November 2023	Scholastic Book Fair in School
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	Prospective New Parents Open Evening 6pm - 7pm
W/C 13 th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 18 th November 2023	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Tuesday 21 st November 2023	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am and 11am
Friday 1 st December 2023	Advent Assemblies

Christmas Activity Dates To Follow

PTA News

The PTA hope everyone has had a great first day at school whether it's their very first day or their first day in their new classes.

Just a quick reminder for that orders for the class tea towels need to be ordered by 16th September. If you have misplaced your sheet, with the details and your child's unique code, please contact the PTA who have a copy of your code so you can place your order online.

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Please note you need to use the class your child was in last year (September 22 - July 23).