

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 2

It's been a busy week in school. Everyone has started their units of work with lots of enthusiasm. We have been speaking with children about their learning and it is good to hear them talking about what they are learning and why, and also how their learning in one subject links to others.

Next week we have our School Council and Eco Rep voting in school. If your child is interested then please remind them to let their teacher know. We are also holding our MacMillan coffee morning on Wednesday 20th September in the Highwood hall. Donations of cakes and biscuits are very welcome and we hope to see lots of parents and carers to raise money for this very worthy cause.

We have heard this week from the staff at the Rochdale Foodbank. It is a difficult time and demand for the service is high. If you are able to put an extra item in your basket when shopping to donate to our foodbank bin, it would be greatly appreciated. As always, we will have a larger collection later in the term for harvest festival.

The request form for our extra-curricular clubs will be sent out shortly. Please remember that places are allocated in the order that the forms are received back to us. Please make sure you select an activity suitable for the age of your child (some are specifically for KS1 or KS2 pupils) and that you choose more than one preference. If places in a first preference are not available then it means there is another option we can consider. On the very rare occasions that we cannot offer either choice, an alternative will be offered and your child placed on the priority list for next term.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse.

Thursday 14th
September 2023



Summer Reading Challenge

If your child completed the library Summer Reading Challenge, please send them into school with their certificate for their class teacher to see. Anyone completing the challenge will receive a reward from Mrs Cadogan early next week.

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 22nd September

Children may come dressed in their jeans for a silver donation on Friday 22nd September. They may also wear their own top and sensible footwear. The school has supported this worthy charity for many years so please support this fundraising event.



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 ear-rings.

Parking

Please can parents/carers remember to park considerately in the streets surrounding the school. Sadly, school has received several complaints from local residents about cars blocking drives and roads through careless parking.



House Captains

Congratulations to Aahil, Ismail, Madihah, Areesha, Esme, Maisie, Yahya and Zara who are our new house captains. They all wrote excellent applications for the role. They will be responsible for announcing dojo points winners at assemblies and keeping the running totals of dojo points for our house teams.

Data Collection

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.

PTA News

The deadline for ordering tea towels with the children's self-portraits is the 16th September.

If anyone has lost the details or their child's unique code, please contact the PTA on socials or email them on whittakermosspta@gmail.com with their child's name and the class they were in last year.

Thursday 14th September 2023

School Council / Eco Council

Voting for school and eco councillors will now take place on Wednesday 20th September. 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.

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 announced from next week.

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Whittaker Moss Highwood Hall

Date: Wednesday 20th September

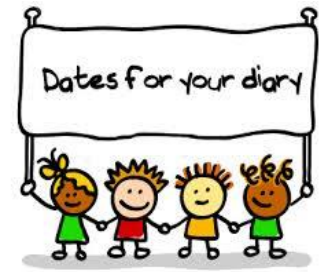
Time: 9.00am - 10.30am

Contact: Mrs Beswick



Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2023

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
Wednesday 20 th September 2023	School Council and Eco Council Voting Day
Friday 22 nd September 2023	Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform), small donation, please.
W/C 25 th September	Before and after school clubs commence
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