

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 3



Well done to all of the pupils across school who have put themselves forward for School Council and Eco School reps this week. We have had some wonderful campaigns, very well presented and thought out with a clear focus on school priorities for pupils. It is always a decision I am glad we as staff do not have to make and it is left down to the pupil vote! We will celebrate every candidate who has taken the time to join the process - we are proud of them all.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined our Macmillan coffee morning this week. It is a worthy cause and a great chance to meet other parents and the staff. We have other coffee mornings planned in across the year so please look out for dates added to the diary.

Can I appeal to those who use our staff carpark for dropping off and picking up to please be considerate of other users? I am receiving a number of emails from people being blocked in parking bays and then being late to work or appointments.

We have met this week with colleagues from ALTUS Multi Academy Trust to discuss The Children's University. This is a charity which works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. It does this by engaging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities both in and outside of school. Pupils are awarded for taking part in clubs, online activities, and other activities done alone, or with the family, at home and in the local area. Children earn awards and there will be an end of year celebration to recognise their additional learning. This is an exciting opportunity. We will send more information out shortly.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.95%

This week's winning class: 5W 99.3% Super!

## Jeans for Genes Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Children may come dressed in their jeans for a silver donation on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 earrings.

## Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a club application form. Over 230 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 come home with a slip which details the club they have been assigned.

### 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.

#### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Arthur      5M: Laibah

R1: Jenson            6W: Zakir

R2: Evie                6M: Yahya

1W: Bobby

1M: Xander

2W: Pearl

2M: Layla

3W: Annum

3M: Dawood

4W: Aiza

4M: Ellie

5W: Evie



#### 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 **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**September**. Children have been assigned a French speaking country 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.

#### Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding up to ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Congratulations to our winners for last week: Ada, Emily, Ameliya, Rukaiyah, Annabel, Sarah, Oscar, George and Finn.

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.

## Thursday 21st September 2023

#### School Council / Eco Council

Voting for school and eco councillors took place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations to all our newly elected councillors. 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. Councillors will have their first meeting of the school year, shortly.

Well done to all pupils who worked so hard on their election campaign and speeches.



#### Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Ada

R1: Oliver

R2: Erin

1W: Matilda & Adeem

1M: Liyana

2W: Nancy

2M: Maiya

3W: Safaa

3M: Noah

4W: Aryan

4M: Max

5W: Hannah

5M: Eesa

6W: Amelia

6M: Charlie

## PTA News

### PTA AGM

Our PTA AGM for the 2023-24 school year will be held at 7pm on Thursday 12th October at Millcroft Tea Gardens.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be electing members of the committee at the AGM and discussing the charity's accounts as well as planning fundraising events for the coming school year.

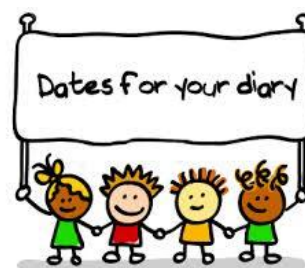
We encourage everyone to get involved as much as you can, but we promise you won't be roped into something you don't want to do or cannot commit the time to.

Every parent is automatically a part of the PTA and coming to our AGM is a great way to get to know all of the committee and have some input into fundraising ideas for our brilliant school children.

Babes in arms are welcome and tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

### 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.*



Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform), small donation, please.
W/C 25th September	Before and after school clubs commence
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	European Languages Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Year 6 Crucial Crew
W/C 2nd October 2023	Black History Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	World Mental Health Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	GB Athlete Visit to School
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 30th October 2023	School Re-Opens
Monday 30th October 2023	School Photographs from 8.30am

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Flu Vaccines Reception to Year 6</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Halloween Dress Up Day &amp; After School Discos</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Remembrance Assemblies</b>
<b>W/C 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Scholastic Book Fair in School</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Prospective New Parents Open Evening 6pm - 7pm</b>
<b>W/C 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 1</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 2</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am and 11am</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Advent Assemblies</b>

*Christmas Activity Dates To Follow*