

Thursday 12th October 2023

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 6



Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our mental health coffee morning this week, it was nice for staff to meet and talk with you and we look forward to welcoming you in school again soon.

Super work happening in school over the past couple of weeks and we have been especially impressed with the food technology taking place. Year 6 making pasta from scratch and tasty pasta sauces, Year 3 making ratatouille and showing some very careful and accurate peeling and chopping skills. Our children have told us that they miss cooking club. We have some exciting additions to our food technology provision on the way. Watch this space for updates!

I'm giving the main part in this section over to our children. Things our children have told us about their learning in school:

'Practical lessons really help us to remember the important bits of what we need to know'

'We use Flashback activities to revisit what we have learned before at the start of lessons which link learning together'

'If we're stuck, we think about what we already know, talk to our table partners, try a different method and keep trying. It's resilience!'

'My teacher helps me by giving me reminders and hints to think about so I can work it out myself.'

'A full triangle with a number in our books tells us how well we have learned'

'Tricky work is good, you really learn from it'

'We always try resilience when we get tricky work, it means try your best and never give up. I'm using it at home to learn to ride my two-wheeler!'

'I'm proud of my work because I used all of the new vocabulary that I had learned'

'Learning about bodies in Year 4 has helped me understand work about the heart in Year 6'

So much for us all to be proud of 😊

A quick reminder that school finishes next Thursday for the half term holiday.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.5%

This week's winning class: 3M 99.3% Super!

Harvest Assemblies 2023

Our Harvest assemblies will be led by Stuart Willis (ALM) and Rev. Jason on **Thursday 19th October**. We will be collecting Harvest donations on this day which will go to Rochdale Food Bank. A letter from the foodbank can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please send donations into school with your child.

Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Monday 30th October. All children should come to school in uniform. If your child has P.E. on this day, they may come to school in their trainers. The school will be open from 8.30am for photos with siblings who do not attend the school.

GB Athlete Visit Monday 16th October

All pupils will participate in a sponsored fun fitness circuit with a GB athlete on Monday 16th October. Your child will have come home with a sponsor form last week. Please encourage family and friends to sponsor your child's participation in this event.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Update

Thank you to everyone who attended our World Mental Health Day coffee morning this week. We hope it give you a chance to find out about what the school offers to support good mental health and wellbeing.

If you have any concerns around your child's emotional wellbeing, there is a range of support that the school can provide. For a wealth of resources, please visit the mental health and wellbeing section on the school website, within the parents' tab. If you would like to speak to someone, please contact Mrs Cadogan, the senior school mental health lead, on the school telephone number or by e-mailing

scadogan@whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Rafael	5M: Oscar
R1: Eileen	6W: Ruby
R2: Amber	6M: Heidi
1W: Hollie	
1M: Rory	
2W: Saafa and Pippa	
2M: Jack	
3W: Kiswa	
3M: Max	
4W: Zak	
4M: Evie	
5W: Albie	



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: Ben, Rory, Archie, Hibah, Noah, Arya, Sophie, Zara, Freya and Polly.

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

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School Council / Eco Council

The school council will meet on Friday to decide which events they would like to run to raise money for school and charity over this academic year.

Halloween Dress Up Day

On Friday 3rd November all pupils are invited to come to school in a costume, which may be Halloween themed. No scary masks or accessories, please. If they prefer, they may come in non-uniform. This is a fun event, so no donation is required.

Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Hattie

R1: Hawwa	5W: Liberty
R2: Charlie	5M: Aila
1W: Umar	6W: Jacob
1M: Eliza	6M: Poppy
2W: Phoebe	
2M: Francesca	
3W: Daniel	
3M: Ayaan	
4W: Isla	
4M: Max	



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.

Non-Uniform Day Friday 13th October 2023

Pupils may come dressed in non-uniform on Friday 13th October 2023 for a small donation. Monies received will go towards purchasing prizes for the upcoming PTA Halloween Discos.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

If you would like to enter the PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition, please bring your entry into school on Monday 30^h October 2023 and leave it on the school field. Please put your child's name and class underneath it. A prize will be awarded for the best entry in each year group. Please send the £1 entry fee into class with your child. All monies raised will go to the PTA.

Halloween Disco

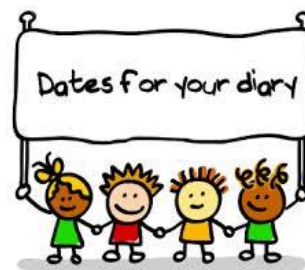
Tickets for our Halloween disco on 3rd November will go on sale this Friday on the PTA SumUp - <https://whittaker-moss-pta.sumupstore.com/products>

All information can be found on the poster. Halloween fancy dress is optional.

Please can parents with children attending the KS1 disco in particular, please be mindful that for many of our younger pupils this will be their first disco without parents. Please bear this in mind when it comes to costumes and please don't be too scary!

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.



Thursday 12 th October 2023	PTA AGM 7pm Millcroft Tea Gardens
Friday 13 th October 2023	PTA Non-uniform day for a small donation
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	Annual pumpkin carving competition. £1 to enter. Please leave entries on the school field.
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
Friday 10 th November 2023	Neeli Mosque Assemblies
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 24 th November 2023	PTA used uniform sale after school
Friday 1 st December 2023	Advent Assemblies
Monday 11 th December 2023	PTA Christmas Event Day in school
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Friday 15 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Nursery Christmas Concert 10am
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Paul's Church 10am
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Whole School Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Star of the Term Assembly
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Pupils finish for the Christmas break

**Tickets on
sale now!**

**3rd November
6 - 7.30pm**

HALLOWEEN DISCO



KS1 TICKETS £5.00

TICKET INCLUDES A DRINK, CRISPS, A SWEET TREAT,
GLOW STICK & GLITTER TATTOO. GAMES WILL BE INCLUDED FREE OF CHARGE.

KS2 TICKETS £6.00

TICKET INCLUDES £2.00 OF TOKENS TO SPEND
THE KS2 DISCO WILL HAVE A DJ, DISCO LIGHTS, TUCK SHOP, GAMES, GLOW STICKS
STALL, UV FACE PAINTS & GLITTER TATTOOS

**ADDITIONAL STAMP CARDS AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ONLINE.**

ITEMS PRICED AT 50P & £1.00 AT KS2 DISCO
(ALL ITEMS AT KS1 DISCO FREE)





**ROCHDALE BOROUGH FOODBANKS
HELPING THOSE IN NEED IN OUR BOROUGH**

**Heywood Foodbank
Middleton Foodbank
Rochdale Foodbank**

13th September 2023

Dear Headteacher

September 2023

It's the start of another school year and one which will present significant challenges to you and your staff. However, as we approach the **Harvest Festival Season**, would you please consider collecting non-perishable food and toiletry items to donate to our local foodbanks in Rochdale, Middleton and Heywood.

We are very conscious that parents will be experiencing severe financial pressures due to the continuing high energy costs and the significant increase in the cost of living. Please therefore stress that even one tin or packet will be very welcome, or even a 'bag for life'.

The same pressures are causing demand for our services to continue to rise considerably. Regular donations are vital to meet this demand and the Foodbanks rely on the generosity of the people of the borough. Even so, sometimes food has had to be purchased to meet demand, which is not a sustainable situation.

So, please help! **If you want to help, please contact us by telephone or email.** The names, addresses and contact details of the foodbanks are given below. Each of our foodbanks is grateful for the support given to them by you, your staff and pupils as well as local people, community groups and Rochdale Borough Council, who see and understand the needs of families in our area and are willing to stand with them by donating food so generously.

Rochdale Foodbank: 14-16 Newgate, Rochdale OL16 1BA. Open Mon – Fri 11am- 12.30pm

Email: info@rochdale.foodbank.org.uk Phone: Cath on 07840 701428 for more Harvest information and resources

Heywood Foodbank: Heywood Baptist Church, Chapel St, Heywood. Open Monday and Friday 10am-12noon

Email: info@HeywoodFoodbank.co.uk Phone: 07396 071193 for more Harvest information and resources

Middleton Central Foodbank: The Lighthouse Project, Middleton Shopping Centre, Limetrees Rd Middleton. Open Monday and Thursday 11am – 1pm

Email: info@middletoncentral.foodbank.org.uk Phone: 0161 643 1163 for more Harvest information and resources

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Fell
Schools' Coordinator (Rochdale Foodbank)
On behalf of all the foodbanks