

Friday 3rd November 2023

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 8



Welcome back, I hope you all had a happy and restful half term break.

We started this week with a visit from the photographers. Thank you to those families who came before school with siblings and waited so patiently. I know having photos taken is something parents ask for each year, so I am pleased it went so well.

This week I have been really impressed with how well the children have settled back into their routines. As I have walked around school I have noticed how purposeful classrooms are and how well the children are engaged with their learning. Visitors to the school this week have commented on how well-mannered and behaved our children are. This makes me an extremely proud head teacher. I will enjoy speaking about how proud I am of this school community at our Open Evening for prospective parents next Tuesday evening.

A big well done to some of our pupils who took part in a Ten Pin Bowling event this week. The staff who attended have reported that all pupils had a fantastic time and their behaviour was a credit to themselves and the school.

Next week we will have Scholastic Book Fair in school. Please try to support this event as school receives lots of new books to replenish the library and classrooms as commission for sales. Class days and further information about the event are detailed below.

Our school councillors have been doing an excellent job of selling poppies and poppy-related items around school this week. We will have special Remembrance Assemblies in school on Monday next week, led by Rochdale Chaplain, Margaret Smith.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.1%

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

Harvest 2023

A massive thank you to all our families who generously sent in donations for our Harvest collection before the half-term break. The school has received a letter of thanks from Rochdale Foodbank for our ongoing support. There is a box in the main entrance to the school where donations for the Foodbank can be left all year round.

GB Athlete Visit

Thank you to everyone who sponsored pupils to participate in the fitness circuits with GB athlete, Anthony Cotterill. Pupils loved completing the energetic circuit and hearing Anthony speak. Please send any outstanding sponsor money into school with your child.



Poppy Appeal

The school council is selling poppies and poppy-related merchandise for the Royal British Legion over the next two weeks. Please send your child with a donation into school if you would like them to support this worthy cause.



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.

Scholastic Book Fair

This will take place between the 6th and 10th November. We are asking that money to purchase a book is sent in an envelope with your child's name on. Please indicate if you do not wish your child to purchase stationery items. Each class will be assigned a day to bring their money in. The average price of a book is £6. Class days are as follows:

Monday 6th November: 6W, 6M, 5W, 5M

Tuesday 7th November: R1, R2, Nursery

Wednesday 8th November: 2W, 2M, 3W, 3M

Thursday 9th November: 1W, 1M, 4W, 4M

Friday 10th November: All Year Groups Extra
Chance Day

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Jamal	5M: Dexter
R1: Grace	6W: Aidan
R2: Rumaysaa	6M: Ayub
1W: Ralph	Mrs Cadogan: Zidane & Jack
1M: Lamisah	
2W: Elaiza	
3W: Jack	
3M: Olive	
4W: Jack	
4M: Lucas	
5W: Sophie	



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 the last week before the break: Harper, Ella, Eric, Jack, Bobby, Is'Haq, Alleza, Zubair and Finley.

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



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School Council / Eco Council

During the first two weeks of November, councillors will be selling poppies and stationery items for the Royal British Legion. Please send money into school with your child if you would like to support this worthy cause.



PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition. The entries were amazing! Winning pupils have received their prizes from Mrs Beswick.



Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Jessica	
R1: Idrees	
R2: Ani	5M: Eesa
1W: Reuben & Marwah	6W: Ayaan
1M: Ameliya	6M: Ilyaas
2W: Esme	Khadijah
3W: Daniel	
3M: Bobby	
4W: Fearne	
4M: Isabelle	

PTA News

Non-Uniform Day Friday 13th October 2023

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day on Friday 13th October 2023. All monies raised by this event will be used to purchase prizes for the Halloween discos.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered - the standard was exceptionally high!

Halloween Discos

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

We're all looking forward to seeing you at the disco!

To ease the drop off and pick up at the disco, please can parents use the following doors -

Reception and year 1 - main office doors.

Year 2 - car park door.

Years 3 and 4 - main hall doors

Years 5 and 6 - old entrance by nursery.

It will be dark so torches are advised.

Water bottles can be brought and can be refilled on the night - drinks are also available to buy KS2 (or included in ticket price for KS1). If bringing own water bottle please make sure it is clearly labelled with their name in case it is left behind.

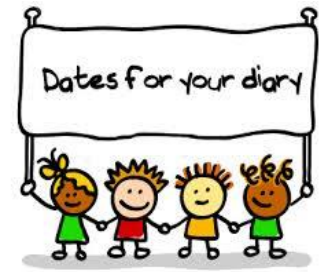
If you forget your ticket, don't worry! All the teachers on the doors will have a list of everyone who has bought tickets.

KS1 disco-goers don't need to bring any money with them as we have included drinks and snacks in the price.

KS2 can bring money or the stamp cards can be used - don't forget KS2 tickets have £2 worth of stamps on their tickets so try not to forget it!

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 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

Bamford Chapel
& Norden United Reformed Church



Loving God, Serving Others,
Building Community



**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

Let's Get Ready!

Sunday 19 November 2 – 4 pm



hope

peace

joy

love

Menu

Hot dogs



**Professor
Potty's**

children

Lab

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please bring an adult with you

BC&N URC Messy Church