

Friday 10th November 2023

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 9



It has been a bit of a busy week!

On behalf of myself, the staff of the school and the Governing Board, I would like to thank you so much for your support this week as we have completed our **much-awaited** OFSTED inspection. It has been an intensive two days. We have really appreciated all of the kind words and messages from parents, the engagement with the parent surveys, the discussions you had with inspectors to give your own personal experiences of the school and also for keeping us going with biscuits! The process around reports and feedback is that this will take a few weeks to come through as the final document has to go through several checks. As soon as we are able to share, we absolutely will! What I can share is that your children have been every bit as fabulous as they always are and we are so very proud of them. I am also very proud of the staff at the school who always go above and beyond for our pupils, especially so this week. And also thank you to you for working with us to ensure the best provision possible for your children. I am a happy and proud Headteacher!

Thank you also for your patience with the other parts of the week that have been pushed back over the last few days. Any issues with Parents Evening appointments etc. will be picked up on Friday and all children will get chance to visit the book fair. Please bear with us whilst we work through the queries, we will get back to you!

Thanking you once again for all of your support and kindness. It is very much appreciated.  
Have a lovely weekend

*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.1%

This week's winning class: R2 99.7% Super!



## Poppy Appeal

The school council would like to thank everyone who has supported the Poppy Appeal over the last two weeks by purchasing poppies and poppy-themed items. They have been amazed by your generosity.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair this week. School will receive 60% commission in books that will be used across school. The final chance to purchase a book will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



## Children In Need

Children may come in non-uniform (spots if they wish!) for a small monetary donation on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for Children in Need.

## Remembrance Assemblies

School enjoyed a visit from Rev. Margaret Smith, Rochdale Chaplain, who led our Remembrance assemblies this week. Thank you to her for taking time out of her busy schedule to come and speak to our children.

## Scholastic Book Fair

The last chance to purchase a book is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. The average price of a book is £6.

### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Harper      5M: Muhammed  
R1: Layke              6W: Eliza  
R2: Aiva                6M: Ilyaas  
1W: Remi   Mrs Cadogan: Laitham  
1M: Nil  
2W: Zahra  
2M: Zaina  
3W: Hassan  
3M: Betsy  
4W: Zaynab  
4M: Lucas  
5W: Florence



## Parents' Evenings

Please remember to book a virtual or face-to-face appointment for next week's Parents' Evenings using our online booking system.

Information has gone out this week about how to book an appointment. Please contact Mrs Cadogan at school if you have any difficulties booking.

### 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: Isaac, Isaac, Maryam, Norah, Safaa, Jordan, Amaad, Ismail, Ethan and Rosie.

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



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## School Council News

Councillors met this week to discuss how well the Poppy Appeal has been going and to discuss the upcoming Christmas trolley. Next week, eight of our councillors will attend training to be Wellbeing Ambassadors for the school.

## PTA Halloween Discos

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent PTA Halloween Discos. A great time was had by all. Photos of this event can be found on the school website.



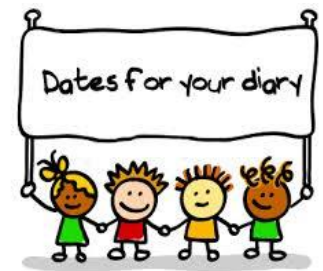
## Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Bobby  
R1: Anaya                      5W: Ben  
R2: Iris                         5M: James  
1W: Reuben, Rosie & Ava 6W: Uzair  
1M: Mirha                     6M: Aahil  
2W: Norah  
2M: Sara  
3W: Safaa  
3M: Arib  
4W: Stanley  
4M: Daniyal

## 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.*



W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Scholastic Book Fair in School
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Prospective New Parents Open Evening 6pm - 7pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Neeli Mosque Assemblies
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am and 11am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	PTA used uniform sale after school
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Advent Assemblies
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	PTA Christmas Event Day in school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Nursery Christmas Concert 10am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Paul's Church 10am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole School Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Star of the Term Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Pupils finish for the Christmas break