

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 11



Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.1%

This week's winning class: R2 98.7% Super!

This week we are looking forward to another visit from poet Andy Tooze. Andy has visited the school before and always delivers fun and interesting poetry sessions which children of all ages enjoy and become inspired to write their own poetry.

As we start to approach the Christmas period, please keep checking the newsletter and dates section for updates. Our Christmas performances are delivered by nursery, reception and Years 1 and 2. The dates and times are below and we allocate two tickets per child. Unfortunately, we do not have space in the hall to extend ticket numbers but will add names to a waiting list if any tickets are returned. These are allocated on a first come, first served basis. For parents of our older pupils, our Key Stage 2 pupils will be singing at the church on Tuesday 19th December. Parents are welcome to attend, this is not a ticketed event. Christmas dinner is open to all children and details have been sent out via ParentPay from the office. The PTA aren't holding a Christmas Fair this year but have planned a different, equally fun event which they will share with you.

Please can I ask once again for people to use the school carpark considerately. I have had parents sharing concerns about cars not parking in designated bays, blocking the entrance/exit to the carpark and an instance where a car parked incorrectly has rolled forward. All of this can put children and families at risk and we all hold equal responsibility when it comes to using the site safely and protecting our children. We are all busy people with things to do and places to be, but nothing is more important than children's safety.

Many Thanks
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse



School Council Christmas Trolley

Back by popular demand, the School Council Christmas Trolley will be wheeled out next week. Children can purchase Christmas themed toys and stationery items priced between 50p and £2 from it. Please send your child in with up to £4 if you would like them to purchase any items from it. Class days are detailed below:

Monday 27th November: Nursery and Reception

Tuesday 28th November: Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 29th November: Years 3 & 4

Thursday 30th November: Years 5 & 6

Friday 1st December: All children who forgot earlier in the week.

All monies raised by this event will go towards the purchase of new playground equipment.

A huge thank you in advance of your support!



As online Christmas shopping begins to commence in earnest, please remember to go through Give as you Live or Amazon Smile as the school PTA receives money for your purchases at no extra cost to you. Please contact the PTA if you would like more information about the schemes if you haven't already signed up to them.

Before and After School Clubs

Before and after school clubs will finish on Friday 8th December until after the Christmas break apart from the Units of Sound group. We will send out a new club booking form early in the new year for the Spring term clubs. If your child is on a waiting list, they will automatically receive a place in the club of their choice.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Freddie	5M: Freya
R1: Lottie	6W: Ismail
R2: Zander	6M: Poppy
1W: Inam	Mrs Cadogan: Oliver
1M: Rosie	
2W: Adam	
2M: Ciara	
3W: Uhyab	
3M: Freddie	
4W: Faizaan	
4M: Roxy and Haadi	
5W: Aaliyah	



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

This will take place on Friday 15th December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper – a small donation for Springhill Hospice is welcomed if you are able to donate. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas themed lunch on that day, please look out for a letter that will be sent home shortly.

Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding 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 this week: Jessica, Oliver, Fara, Eesa, Aaryan, Faizaan, Maryum, Khadijah, Daud and Oliver.

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



Thursday 23rd November 2023

School Council News

Councillors met on Monday to discuss the upcoming Christmas Trolley fundraising event. Please see above for details. They also spent time discussing their mental health campaign and took feedback from councillors who attended training to be Wellbeing Ambassadors last week.

PTA News

Please see the end of the newsletter for information about upcoming events.

Poet Andy Tooze Visit

Poet, Andy Tooze, will be visiting Whittaker Moss on Friday 24th November 2023 to lead assemblies and workshops for pupils across school. Signed copies of his three full-length books will be available to purchase on the day of his visit. Their titles are 'Green Shoots Rising', "The Poetry Bug," and "The Poetry Bug Strikes Again" These are all published by Matador and will be available at a specially reduced price of £5 per book, cash only please, on this day.



Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Lily	
R1: Alice	5W: Aleeza
R2: Lilah	5M: Maryum
1W: Ava, Aayan & Sonny	6W: Ruby
1M: Louis	6M: Ayaan
2W: Knoah	
2M: Will	
3W: Emily	
3M: Max	
4W: Dylan James	
4M: Ellie	

PTA News

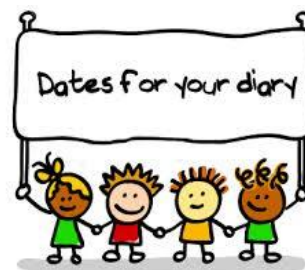
This Friday (24th November), the PTA will be holding a good-as-new uniform and tuck shop sale straight after school. Payments can be made by scanning the Q.R. codes on posters displayed at the event. Monetary payments are also welcome. Please come along and support this event if you are able.

On Monday 11th December, the PTA will be holding a Christmas Event Day in school. There are lots of surprises in store and more details will follow in next week's newsletter.



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 24 th November 2023	PTA used uniform sale and tuck shop 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
Monday 18 th December 2023	Christmas Assemblies with Rev. Margaret Smith
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