

Thursday 11th January 2024

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 16

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a restful and peaceful break and welcome you all back to a new term. Once again, the children have returned to school happily and have settled back into work and routines with no issues at all. They are excited about their new units of work over the Spring term. Please do have a look at the class pages on our website if you have time, where you will find the full overview for the term.

It seems like there might be some changeable weather coming our way in the next few weeks. Please can I ask that hats, scarfs and gloves are clearly named so we can reunite any stray items with their owner quickly! Can I also ask that if your child suffers from asthma, please will you check medications are up to date and send an inhaler into school if required? Asthma can flare very quickly in cold, dry air and we would want to ensure that all children have what they need when they need it.

We have updated our dates for this term so please have a look at the end of the letter for dates for your diary. We will add to them over the term so it always worth checking for new dates being added.

Request forms for extra-curricular clubs have been sent out today. Please respond promptly and put more than one choice on the form if your child would like to participate. We have a broader range of clubs this term and have also included more before school and lunchtime clubs which will enable more children with after school commitments and SEND to participate.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Backhouse

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.47%

This week's winning class: R2 100% Amazing!



## Clubs

Before and after school clubs will recommence from the week beginning Monday 22nd January 2024. A booking form was sent out via e-mail on Thursday morning. Completed forms must be returned by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 12 p.m. to allow time to create lists and registers. Pupils will be informed of their club allocation by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## PTA Events

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events in the autumn term. Your contributions make a huge difference to the school. A big thank you also to our dedicated PTA members who work so tirelessly to organise all these wonderful events. Watch out for upcoming spring term events.

## Learning

Please look on your child's class page on the school website to find information about what they will be learning this term.

## Rochdale Christmas Toy Appeal

Thank you to all our families for their generous donations to the Rochdale Christmas Toy Appeal. All gifts were gratefully received and made a huge difference to families in the local area.

### Stars of the Term

Congratulations to all our children who were awarded Star of the Term for the Autumn Term. We are really proud of you all:

Nursery: Frankie	5W: Zaara
R1: Aariz	5M: Christopher
R2: Wilfred	6W: Aisha
1W: Marwah	6M: Zach
1M: Archie	Mrs Cadogan: Benjamin
2W: Pearl	Mrs Backhouse: Fara
2M: Ciara	
3W: Amaya	
3M: Arib	
4W: Riley	
4M: Azka	

### 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. Vouchers will recommence this week.

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



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### School Council News

Thank you to everyone who supported the council's Christmas trolley. Every penny raised will be spent on new playground equipment for school. The school council will meet next week to discuss upcoming fundraising events.

### Calendar Dates

Please see below for important dates for the Spring term. These may be added to as the term progresses.



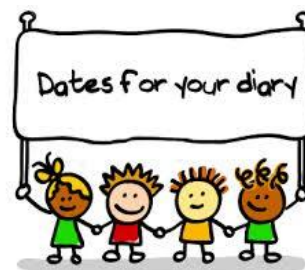
### Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners last term. Dojo points have recommenced this week.

Well done to all children in **Greenbooth** who were our winning house last term.

## Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2024

*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 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Non-uniform day - donations for Save the Children, please.
W/C Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Clubs recommence
W/C Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
W/C Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half-term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - Bedtime Story Theme. Dress in pyjamas for donation to Manchester Children's Hospital - School Council Local Charity for 2024
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA School Discos 6pm - 7.30pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 5pm - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 1.45pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Close for Easter