

Thursday 1st February 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 19

I would like to say a big thank you and send out our appreciation to our parents and carers who are able to read regularly to, and with, your child. We really see the impact in school with learning new vocabulary, listening skills, language and conversation, imagination and developing confidence. Our older children also tell us often how they still really enjoy being read to and reading to others. They also enjoy the opportunity to talk with adults about the deeper content of their books and discussing exciting new vocabulary.

It is an extremely busy time in school at the moment. I apologise in advance if it takes us a little longer than usual to respond to calls or emails. When it is particularly busy, we might pass you on to another experienced member of staff to help to avoid any delay. Thanking you in advance for your understanding and support.

I am hoping to have positive news to share with you soon regarding finding a replacement for our Caretaker Mr Eccles. Interviews have been held this week so the process is definitely underway. In the meantime, we continue to be supported by the lovely Mr Mark. Thank you for making him feel so welcome.

I am aware that parking around schools has been talked about a lot on local groups recently. It is a difficult situation without one clear answer/remedy. Thank you to those who do park considerately and appropriately despite the challenges. It is much appreciated. Please can I also remind parents that staff are on our school playgrounds from 8.45am. Children should not be dropped off and left unsupervised before this time.

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: 5M 98.7% Super!



PTA Penny Wars

Back by popular demand from our pupils, the PTA Penny Wars will run from Monday 29th January until Friday 9th February 2024. Each class will have a special jar that they can put any copper coins which they find at home, into. The class that fills their jar with the most pennies will win a film and snacks afternoon. All monies raised by the event will go to PTA funds which are used to buy resources or fund special events in school.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Our theme for World Book Day this year is 'Bedtime Stories'. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas for a donation to Manchester Children's Hospital, the school council's chosen local charity for this year. Children may bring slippers to wear inside but they must have shoes or trainers to wear outside. Children may bring their favourite bedtime story to share on the day.

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Online Safety



Tuesday 6th February is Safer

Internet Day. Children will be completing activities in school around the theme of inspiring change online. Please visit the staying safe online section of the parents' area of the school website for access to a wide range of information leaflets for parents about the latest games and platforms that children are accessing online.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Hira	5W: Imaan
R1: Grace	5M: James
R2: Iris	6W: Habib
1W: Leo	6M: George
1M: Max	Mrs Cadogan: Charlotte
2W: Owen	
2M: Faith	
3W: Harry	
3M: Ayaan	
4W: Dylan James	
4M: Gabriel	

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: Jamal, Rory, Eric, Esme, Emily, Zayd, Aila, Zara, Archie and Emily.

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



School Council News

The school council will meet on Monday to finalise their plans for Children's Mental Health Week, next week. They have prepared posters to be displayed in classrooms and they will help to deliver a whole school assembly.

Eco News

Eco reps met last week to discuss participation in the Duracell Big Battery Hunt and clearing out the planters in the school grounds. More updates to follow.

Year 6 Parents' SATs Information Meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 6 SATs meeting this week. We hope you found it informative. Please speak to class teachers if you were unable to attend as they will be able to give you copies of the slides shared on the night.



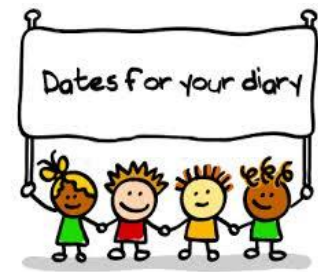
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Rafael	4M: Hattie
R1: Rory	5W: Aleeza
R2: Aminah	5M: Oscar
1W: Reuben	6W: Ijaz
1M: Finley	6M: Aahil
2W: Phoebe	
2M: Ezaan	
3W: Uh'yab	
3M: Freddie	
4W: Isla	

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.



W/C Monday 29 th January	PTA Penny Wars for two weeks
Wednesday 31 st January 5.30pm	Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting
W/C Monday 5 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 16 th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 26 th February	School re-opens after the half-term break
Thursday 7 th 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 th March	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 22 nd March	PTA School Discos 6pm - 7.30pm
Monday 25 th March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 26 th March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents
Wednesday 27 th March 5pm - 6pm	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter egg and bonnet entries into school
Thursday 28 th March 1.45pm	Pupil of the Term Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Close for Easter

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**FEBRUARY 2024
MULTI-ACTIVITY**

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

BOOK NOW!

**FOR 4-11
YEAR OLDS**

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
19th, 20th & 21st February
9:00am - 4:00pm**

**JOIN US FOR 3 DAYS OF FUNTASTIC
SPORTS & ACTIVITIES**

**TRAMPOLINE &
MULTI SPORTS**

Exciting sessions packed with fun filled sporting activities, including; trampoline, multi-sports, athletics, uni-hock, new age curling, boccia, tennis and lots more.

COOKERY

Join Danni to learn how to cook healthy and exciting food.

PRICES

Single day £22.00 | 3 days £60.00

BREAKFAST CLUB: 8:15AM - 9:00AM - £3 PER DAY



**For more information, please contact Beth
Leicester on 01706 641013 (opt 3) or
bleicester@norden.rochdale.sch.uk**

All the tutors and coaches are highly qualified and DBS checked working under the leadership of Mrs Leicester, Community Business Officer. Safeguarding and first aid procedures are in place

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Application Form

**Please circle your preferred dates
Monday 19th | Tuesday 20th | Wednesday 21st
February 2024**

Our February half term multi activities is available to children from any primary school. All children will have the opportunity to participate in trampolining, multi sports and cookery each day however, each itemised activity/sport may not be available every day

Child's Name..... School Year.....

School.....

Parent/Carer's Name.....

Emergency Contact Number.....

Does Your child have any special needs? Yes | No

If yes please provide information.....

Breakfast Club, please circle which days you would like Mon19th Tues 20th Wed21st

**Please provide your child with a packed lunch, drinks and
snack as there are no catering facilities available**



Payment details

£22.00 per day

£60.00 for 3 days

Breakfast Club £3

All sessions can be booked via our parentmail booking system (parentmail>payments>shop) or you can return this application form to Norden Community Primary School with your payment of cash, childcare vouchers, bank transfer, card or cheque (made payable to Norden CPS)

Healthy breakfast included.

Activities include:
wake-up shake-up
session

Every child will be able to access cookery and a sporting activity each day.

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