

Thursday 19th September 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 3



Well done to all of the pupils across school who have put themselves forward for School Council and Eco School reps this week. We have had some wonderful campaigns, very well presented and thought out with a clear focus on school priorities for pupils. It is always a decision I am glad we as staff do not have to make and it is left down to the pupil vote! We will celebrate every candidate who has taken the time to join the process - we are proud of them all.

Clubs have started this week and we are really pleased that all children have been able to be allocated a place in one of their chosen options. From time to time, some clubs have additional spaces and Mr Chapman will advertise these on our Facebook page. The spaces are open on a first come, first served basis.

We have a busy week coming up, Years 3, 4 and 5 have visitors coming into school, European languages day is next Thursday (please check further down for countries and colours) and we host our annual MacMillan coffee morning next Friday. Everyone is welcome and donations gratefully received.

This year we are trying to complete our annual calendar of trips and visits as early as possible. This enables us to spread trips more evenly over the year, gives parents and carers more notice to plan ahead and hopefully means we will avoid some of the complications with securing coaches at busy times of the year. Please keep an eye on the calendar at the bottom of the newsletters as we will update them regularly as events are booked.

Lastly, it is that time of year where the weather is changeable and coats and jumpers are regularly being taken on and off. Please can you ensure that all items have your child's name in and that you check from time to time that the jumpers coming home have the correct name in them. Thank you for your help with this.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 97.41%

Last week's winning class: 2W 100% Amazing!

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 20th September

Children may come dressed in their jeans for a silver donation on Friday 22nd September. They may also wear their own top and sensible footwear. The school has supported this worthy charity for many years so please support this fundraising event.



Parking

School has received a number of requests from local residents to remind parents to park considerately on the streets surrounding the school. Please ensure that the way you park allows residents space to get through to their homes. We thank you for your support with this matter.



Clubs

Thank you to everyone who submitted a club application form. Over 260 responses were received, and Mr Chapman has worked hard to allocate everyone a place in one of their preferred clubs. All clubs began this week. Please let the teacher who runs the club know if your child is unable to attend for any reason.

Data Collection

Please let the ladies in the office know if you need to make any changes to your data collection sheet. It is very important that we have up to date telephone numbers to enable us to contact you quickly.

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Khadijah	5M: Stanley
R1: Finley	6W: Laibah
R2: Ammarah	6M: Evie
1W: Grayson	
1M: Evie	
2W: Adeem	
2M: Charlotte	
3W: Skye	
3M: Aleena	
4W: Ollie	
4M: Emily	
5W: Ayaan	



Four Books Challenge

The Four Books Challenge has been launched again this year. Your child will be coming home soon with a sheet to evaluate the four books set for their year group. There are copies of the books in school if your child would like to borrow one. Lots of children participated in the challenge last year and we hope lots will this year.

European Languages Day

This will take place on **Thursday 26th September**. Please see the end of the newsletter for more information about this event.

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 last week: Matthew, Nahla, Jenson, Imogen, Faith, Adam, Azka, Aisha and Rafael.

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

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School Council / Eco Council

Voting for school and eco councillors will take place this Friday (20th September). A councillor will have the responsibility of taking ideas and suggestions from year one and the foundation stage to ensure that their voice is heard. Children will have had the opportunity to make a speech in class or share a PowerPoint presentation during the week leading up to the voting day. Please encourage your child to put themselves forward for nomination if they are interested in being a school councillor or eco rep.



Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Phoebe	
R1: Molly	5W: Hamza
R2: Heidi	5M: Isla
1W: Alice	6W: Zac
1M: Annie & Zander	6M: Oliver
2W: Marwah	
2M: Matilda	
3W: Connie	
3M: Owen	
4W: Fatima	
4M: Alfie	

PTA News

Hello everyone!

Our AGM is going to be held on 1st October at 7pm at Norden Old Library.

The term of office is coming to an end and there are a number of committee roles that will be to be filled to enable our PTA to continue.

As our PTA is a registered charity, these roles are a statutory requirement and to enable our PTA to continue to run events, we need to elect more committee members.

If you don't feel you can commit to being on the committee, we are also asking for parents to volunteer to help with the organisation of any future events and fundraising activities. Discos for example take a lot of time and preparation so help with shopping, setting up, tickets etc is needed, as well as helping on the evening for the duration.

If you are able to give time to help or have suggestions or ideas, please come along to the meeting.

If you are interested in taking on one of the committee roles, please message the page directly and we can let you know what the roles entail. Or please speak to a member of the current committee.

Thanks so much and we hope to see you there.

WMPTA



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

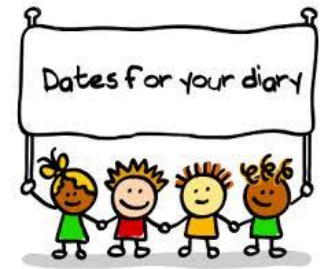
1st October 2024
-7pm start

Norden Old Library,
Edenfield Road



Dates for the Diary Autumn 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 16 th September 2024	Before and after school clubs commence
Friday 20 th September 2024	Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform), small donation, please.
Friday 20 th September 2024	School Council and Eco Council Voting Day
Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Year 3 Stone Age Experience In School
Thursday 26 th September 2024	European Languages Day
Friday 27 th September 2024 9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in Highwood Hall
Thursday 3 rd October 2024	Poetry Workshop for a group of Year 5/6 pupils
Wednesday 9 th October 2024	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Thursday 10 th October 2024	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14 th - Friday 25 th October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 21 st October 2024	Individual & Sibling Photographs from 8.30am
Thursday 24 th October 2024	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Friday 25 th October 2024	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	School Re-Opens
Thursday 7 th November 2024	Year 6 Red Cross First Aid
Friday 8 th November 2024	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 11 th November 2024	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November 2024	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	Parents' Evening 2
Wednesday 13 th November 2024	Olympic Athlete Visit
Friday 15 th November 2024	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Wednesday 20 th November 2024	Prospective New Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Thursday 28 th November 2024	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Friday 29 th November 2024	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

Christmas Activity Dates To Follow



European Day of Languages

On Thursday 26th September we will be taking part in the European Day of Languages. Each year group will be focussing on a different country where they will research the language spoken, landmarks, famous/significant/inspirational people, food, music and flag etc. We will all come together via Zoom at the end of the school day to share our research with each other. The children can come into school/ nursery in non-uniform on this day and, if possible, it would be great if they could wear the colours of the country flag they are researching.

Nursery /Reception - France FR (blue, white, red)

Year 1/ 2 - Italy IT (green, white, red)

Year 3/4 - Germany DE (black, red, gold)

Year 5/6 - Spain ES (red and yellow)

The official theme is also 'Languages for peace' to convey messages of unity and understanding across different languages.

Thank you for your support with this event.

Mrs Orley (MFL Lead).