

Thursday 10th October 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 6



A huge well done to our KS2 footballers this week who kicked off our sports calendar with the RUSC schools with a football friendly at Meanwood school. Despite some initial problems with transport, the team finally made it, played superbly and won 5-0. Well done to the whole team, you played really well together and Mr Chapman is sure we have a bright footballing future ahead of us. Thank you so much to the parents who stepped in to help after we were let down at the last minute for transport, it is much appreciated. Thank you also to Viking travel who have worked with us to ensure that future events are covered and all of our teams going forward will be able to get to their venues. This week we have years 2,3 and 4 cross country at St Edwards and I am sure they will represent us just as wonderfully as our footballers have. Good Luck runners!

In scenes reminiscent of the recent Oasis concert sales, our Autumn discos sold out in record time this week. Adjustments to the timings of the discos mean that more children than ever are able to attend. The PTA have already been meeting to get together all of the resources, snacks and sweets etc for the events and it looks like they will be another great success. If your child hasn't got a ticket and would like one, please contact the PTA who have a waiting list in place. It is rare that they aren't able to allocate a ticket for children on the list but, if they can't, we will make sure they get priority booking for the spring term disco.

Lastly, please can I request that parents and children leave the playgrounds as soon as possible after school has finished. We have after school clubs and Dragons Den who need to use the space straight away but are unable to come out until Alan the caretaker has locked the gates. Please can children also not use the school equipment, particularly the equipment in the EYFS playground - it is taking staff a long time to put it all away afterwards when it has already been organised and stored.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.96%

This week's winning class: 6M 100% Fantastic!

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

Thank you to those who attended our coffee morning today on World Mental Health Day. We hope you found the opportunity to speak to Nida, our Young Person's Mental health Practitioner, useful. If you require any further information on anything discussed around mental health at the event, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Cadogan or Mrs Beswick.

Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Monday 21st October. All children should come to school in uniform. If your child has P.E. on this day, they may come to school in their trainers. The school will be open from 8.30am for photos with siblings who do not attend the school.

SEND and SALT Padlet Links

Please visit the parents' section of the school website to find links to useful Padlets created by the LA SEND and Speech and Language teams. Both padlets contain lots of useful information about provision and services in the Rochdale borough.

Allergies

We politely ask that parents do not put products containing nuts into children's packed lunches as we have an increasing number of children in school who have severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Christmas Craft Afternoons

For the first time, this year we are inviting parents and carers to come into school to complete a Christmas craft with their child in their classes. The dates for the afternoons are detailed in the dates for the diary section of this newsletter. Due to limited space, we ask that only one parent or familiar adult per child attends the afternoon. If successful, we hope that this event will become a regular fixture on the school calendar. Happy crafting!

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Hayat	5M: Jack
R1: Nahla	6W: Haroon
R2: Yusuf	6M: Liberty
1W: Grace	
1M: Iris	Mrs Cadogan: Freya
2W: Matilda	
2M: Teddy	
3W: Rukaiyah	
3M: Phoebe	
4W: Olive	
4M: Lucia	
5W: Jordan	



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: Zach, Isaac, Charlie, Holly, Pearl, Finn, Riley, Elsie and Finley.

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

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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met this week to vote on their chosen charities for the academic year. Springhill Hospice was voted as the chosen local charity and Cancer Research was voted as the chosen national charity. Details of fundraising events to follow.

Harvest Assemblies 2024

Our Harvest assemblies will be led by Stuart Willis (ALM) and Rev. Jason on **Thursday 24th October**. We will be collecting Harvest donations on this day which will go to Rochdale Food Bank. Please send donations into school with your child. We thank you for your support with this - all donations are much appreciated.

Dojo Winners

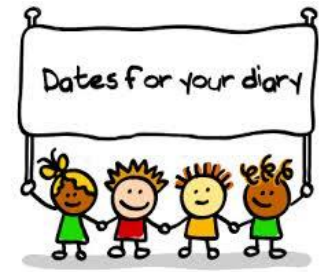
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Musa	
R1: Yousef	5W: Amelia
R2: Teddy	5M: Eddie
1W: Oliver	6W: Oscar
1M: Emily & Harry	6M: Emilia
2W: Hollie	
2M: Anisah	
3W: Layla	
3M: Owen	
4W: Fatima	
4M: Emily	



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.



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 9.30am	Open morning for prospective Reception parents
Friday 29 th November 2024 9.30am	Open morning for prospective Reception parents
Monday 9 th December 2.30pm-3.30pm	Nursery/Reception Christmas Craft Afternoon
Tuesday 10 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	Reception Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Wednesday 11 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 12 th December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 th December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 th December 10am - 11am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 13 th December 10am - 11am	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St. Paul's Church
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 th December	Star of the Term Assembly
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Break

**Tickets on
sale 04/10**

18th October

6 - 7.30pm

HALLOWEEN

DISCO



**It's
Spooky
Time!**

**ADDITIONAL STAMP CARDS
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE.
ITEMS PRICED AT 50P & £1.00 AT KS2 DISCO
(ALL ITEMS AT KS1 DISCO FREE)**

KS1 TICKETS £5.00

**TICKET INCLUDES A DRINK, CRISPS, A SWEET
TREAT, GLOW STICK & GLITTER TATTOO.
GAMES WILL BE INCLUDED FREE OF CHARGE.**

KS2 TICKETS £6.00

**TICKET INCLUDES £2.00 OF TOKENS TO SPEND
THE KS2 DISCO WILL HAVE A DJ, DISCO LIGHTS,
TUCK SHOP, GAMES, GLOW STICKS STALL & GLITTER
TATTOOS**

