

Thursday 17th October 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 7



It has been another active week at school. Our Year 6 pupils have started their Bikeability training, learning safe use of the roads when out on their bikes. We continue our successful sports run, this week with cross country for Year 5 and 6 pupils. Thank you for all of your positive feedback and for your support of these events. It is a huge uplift in the numbers of children participating in a wider range of activities. By half term, we will have had over 50 children who have represented the school in just 7 weeks which is amazing!

Everything is set for our school discos this Friday. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform that day and are free to wear their spooky outfits if they wish. We ask that masks and additional 'props' are kept for the actual disco or outside of school please. Some children are nervous of fancy dress and it can also take some time to match up various characters with their artefacts after playtimes and lunches.

On Tuesday we hosted prospective candidates for a teaching role with us. We have had high quality applications from experienced teachers, all of whom spoke very highly of the children, staff and the general atmosphere around school. We saw some fabulous teaching and impressive interviews and the decision was very difficult. We will have news to share shortly so watch this space!

Last week I asked parents to please leave the playgrounds promptly after school drop off and not let their children play with the EYFS equipment after school. Whilst we are grateful for the support we have had with this, there are still children using equipment after school hours and Alan is still unable to lock the gates on time for clubs and Dragon's Den. This is negatively impacting our after-school provision for pupils so please support us with this.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.96%

This week's winning class: 1M 99.6% Super!

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

Thank you to those who attended our coffee morning 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 **8.00am** for photos with siblings who do not attend the school. (Please note change of time).

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.

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 and the Rochdale Food Bus. Please send donations into school with your child. We thank you for your support with this - all donations are much appreciated.

Scholastic Book Fair

This will take place between the 11th and 14th of November. We are asking that money to purchase a book is sent in an envelope with your child's name on. Please indicate if you do **not** wish your child to purchase stationery items. Each class will be assigned a day to bring their money in. The average price of a book is £7. Class days are as follows:

Monday 11th November: 6W, 6M, 5W, 5M

Tuesday 12th November: R1, R2, Nursery

Wednesday 13th November: 2W, 2M, 3W, 3M

Thursday 14th November: 1W, 1M, 4W, 4M

Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Ismaeel 5M: Poppy

R1: Alice 6W: Mia

R2: Hagan 6M: Imaan

1W: Oliver

1M: Nelly Mrs Cadogan: Grace

2W: Fara

2M: Rory

3W: Hibah

3M: Hawa

4W: Aisha

4M: Aaryan

5W: Daniyal



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: Grace, Florence, Lilah-Mae, Rory, Ava, Olive, Azeem, Yousaf, Emily and Max.

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

Halloween Dress Up Day



On Friday 18th October all pupils are invited to come to school in a costume, which may be Halloween themed. No scary masks or accessories, please. If they prefer, they may come in non-uniform. This is a fun event, so no donation is required.

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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met this week to discuss fundraising ideas and they hosted a network event on Thursday 17th October where they will had the opportunity to meet children from other local school councils and share ideas.



Poppy Appeal

The school council is selling poppies and poppy-related merchandise for the Royal British Legion over the next week and the first week after half-term. Please send your child with a donation into school if you would like them to support this worthy cause. There is a minimum donation of £1 for wrist bands and £1.50 for slap bands.



Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Rex

R1: Ben

5W: Gabriel

R2: Muaad

5M: Zac

1W: Jonah

6W: Jack

1M: Emily

6M: Albie

2W: Henry

2M: Eliza

3W: Will

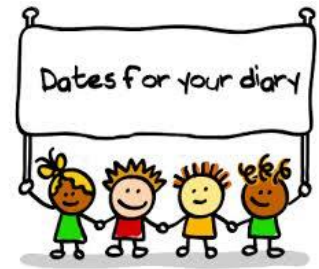
3M: Knoah, Jack, Nancy

4W: Adam

4M: Oscar

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.



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

PTA News

PTA Halloween Trail

The PTA will be selling Spooktacular Halloween Trail packs to keep the children entertained over half term.

Around Norden village in the various business windows, you will find spooky letters and symbols, find all the letters, unscramble them and write the word on your Halloween trail sheet.

Hand in your completed sheets with your child's name and class, between Monday 4th November - Friday 8th November. Prizes will be issued week commencing 11th November for every completed sheet.

If your child does not attend Whittaker Moss, please exchange your completed sheet for a prize, week commencing 4th November at Whittaker Moss office reception.

Inside the pack you will find the guide for the Halloween trail, a word search, colouring sheet and pencil.

The PTA will be selling Halloween trail packs on the following dates:

In the back playground:

Thursday 24th October and

Friday 25th October

Saturday 26th November - Sunday 3rd November at the Bridge Sweet Shop (until they sell out).

There will also be an honesty box by reception, for parents convenience, week commencing 21st October.

There will be a QR code to make payment and the packs are priced at £2.50.

Happy hunting!

Whittaker Moss PTA.

WHITTAKER MOSS PTA

HALLOWEEN TRAIL

OCTOBER 26



NOVEMBER 3

FIND THE LETTERS HIDDEN AROUND NORDEN
AND COMPLETE THE TRAIL FOR A SPOOKY PRIZE

£2.50 PER PACK

GET INVOLVED!

WE ARE INVITING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO JOIN IN!

HAND IN YOUR COMPLETED SHEETS AT WHITTAKER MOSS PRIMARY SCHOOL
RECEPTION W/C MON 4TH NOV AND EXCHANGE FOR A PRIZE.

FOR THE STUDENTS OF WHITTAKER MOSS - HAND IN YOUR COMPLETED
SHEETS WHEN YOU'RE BACK AT SCHOOL & PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED DURING
THE W/C MON 11TH NOV, SO MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS ARE
WRITTEN ON THE BACK.



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