

Thursday 24th October 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 8



As we bring the first half term of the year to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the great start the children have made to this academic year. Everyone has settled well into their new classes, they have been busy and engaged in their learning and actively involved in all aspects of school life. We are continually proud and impressed with all of our children and we thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure every child has a positive experience of school and are able to get the very most out of their education.

Our school council held a very successful inter-school event last Friday where they invited Soban to come and talk to schools about being safe online. This was an impressive presentation and one which we think parents would benefit from so we will be looking to organise a parent's presentation for this going forward.

This week we have sent information out about Parents' Evenings. Please follow the instructions sent out to book the appointments you need. The office staff do not have access to Google classroom so it is very important you follow the link to book a time that works for you. As always, we offer either an online or face to face option for the convenience of families.

This week we have held our Harvest Festival and thank you all for your generous donations. We had cause to visit the Rochdale Foodbus last week and were struck by the very high demand for their services and how this has impacted the amount of food they have to offer. It was quite upsetting so any support we can offer them in particular is greatly appreciated and will be put to immediate good use.

We break up on Friday for Half Term. We wish everyone a restful week and we look forward to welcoming everyone back when school reopens on Monday 4th November.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.96%

This week's winning class: 4M 98.9% Super!

PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition

The PTA annual pumpkin carving competition will take place on Friday 25th October. Please leave pumpkins on the school field before school for judging. Please see the flyer below for further information.

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.



Poppy Appeal

The school council is selling poppies and poppy-related merchandise for the Royal British Legion during this week and the first week back 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.

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: Poppy

5M: Zaynab

R1: Arthur

6W: Rubens

R2: Max

6M: Ben

1W: Eileen

1M: Beauden

Mrs Cadogan: Arnie

2W: Alf

2M: Finley

3W: Ava

3M: Eliza

4W: Sophie

4M: Harry

5W: Khadijah



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: Hunter, Bella, Layke, Adeem, Owen, Arthur, Zainab, Sofia and Theo.

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

Halloween Dress Up Day/Discos



Thank you to everyone who came dressed up to our Halloween day and discos last Friday. A fantastic time was had by all! Photos of the discos can be found in the latest news and events section of the school website.

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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met this week to discuss fundraising ideas and improvements they wish to make to the school. They voted to hold a 'Break The Rules Day' in the Spring term to raise money for Springhill Hospice. Eco council members are busy recycling batteries and milk bottle tops.

Parents' Evenings

Please remember to book a virtual or face-to-face appointment for our Autumn Parents' Evenings using our online booking system. Information has gone out this week about how to book an appointment. Please contact Mrs Cadogan at school if you have any difficulties booking.

Dojo Winners



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

Nursery: Abigail

R1: Hira

5W: Ellie

R2: Aleesha

5M: Adam

1W: Ava

6W: Aisha

1M: Emily & Evie

6M: Sulaiman &

2W: Rosie

Yousaf

2M: Jessica

3W: Layla

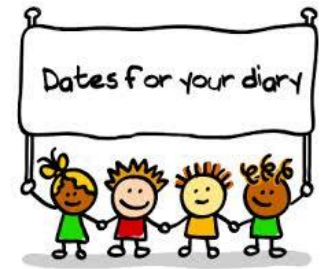
3M: Pearl & Owen

4W: Ayaan

4M: Annum

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
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.

PUMPKIN CARVING Competition

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Get ready to show off your pumpkin carving skills! There will be a prize for the winner in each year group, plus a special Parent's Category – so grown-ups, get carving too!

Make sure to pop the creator's name and class on your pumpkin.

Drop off will be in the morning on the field, by the small playground next to the car park. Don't forget to collect your pumpkin at pickup!

£1 per entry



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.



SCAN TO PAY