

Thursday 7th November 2024

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 9



Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had a restful and happy half term holiday. We are refreshed and ready for a very busy 7 weeks which will take us into the Christmas holidays. We have a lot planned and a lot coming up so please keep checking the dates for the diary section in these newsletters.

Over the holiday, Miss Parkinson became Mrs Wilmot and we wish her the all the very best for a happy future with her lovely husband Louis. I can now also share with you that our recruitment process before half term was very successful. We have appointed Mr Dominic Humphreys as a permanent Key Stage 2 teacher with effect from January. He is an experienced teacher with an exceptional track record and we are very lucky to have him joining the team. Mr Humphreys will initially teach in Year 6 which will provide continuity when the new Mrs Wilmot goes on maternity leave in February.

Thank you once again for your very generous donations for the Rochdale food bank and food bus. The food bus staff were very grateful as they have been desperate for donations. We would like to support them all year round so if you are able to add an extra item to your shopping baskets please drop it into our blue food bin in the entrance and we will take over any donations on a weekly basis. If you have any donations of clothing, books or toys that could support needy families at this time of year, please donate them directly to the bus and not to school. The bus drop off is in the main football club carpark. If you drive right around then you will see the bus and the office on the left-hand side. It really is very quick and easy to do.

A last reminder to please book your parents' evening appointments online using the details in your child's reading records. Please book the appointment in your child's name to make it easier for staff. Thank you.

Mrs Backhouse.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.56%

This week's winning class: R2 98.3% Great!

PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered - there were some amazing creations! Well done to our winners who were awarded their prizes before half-term: Lottie, Florence, Teddy, Eva, Oliver, George, Rosie, Hibah, Phoebe, Noah, Piper, Jessica, Amelia, Scarlett, Emelia & Florence & Teddy's Mum.

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 2024

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in donations for Harvest in the last week before the break. Donations were shared between Rochdale Food Bank and Rochdale Football Club Community Bus and they were gratefully received. School has a food box at the front of the main office where food donations can be placed throughout the year. These are regularly taken to the Rochdale Football Club Community Bus. We thank you for your continued generous support.

Poppy Appeal

The school council is selling poppies and poppy-related merchandise for the Royal British Legion during this week. 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 next week 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: Eesa	5M: Riley
R1: Florence	6W: Saarah
R2: Thomas	6M: Sulaiman
1W: Robyn	
1M: Maya	Mrs Cadogan: Arya & Hira
2W: George	
2M: Imogen	
3W: Raees	
3M: Oliver	
4W: Haris	
4M: Jack	
5W: Jessica	



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 from before the break: Lottie, Jamal, Caleb, Eric, Nancy, Noah, Evie, Liberty and Emily.

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



Children In Need

Children may come in non-uniform (spots if they wish!) for a small monetary donation on Friday 15th November 2024 for Children in Need.

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School Council / Eco Council

School council members met before half term to discuss fundraising ideas and what they would like to raise money for to improve the school. Councillors voted to raise money for new Lego for classrooms. They will be busy working on their fundraising plans over the next two weeks.

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 the week before the break:

Nursery: Heidi

R1: Toby

R2: Alfie

1W: Aleena

1M: Emily & Evie

2W: Yusaf

2M: Ameliya

3W: Nathan

3M: Thea

4W: Amelia

4M: Kiswa

5W: Isla

5M: Muhammad

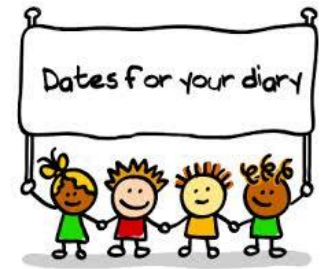
6W: Aaima

6M: Maleeha



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.



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

Sleigh it ain't so?! 🚚 **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND** - The PTA are hosting 2 DATES of our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop this year with lots of help from our wonderful volunteers.

Join us on Tuesday 26th or Thursday 28th November
7-9pm
Millcroft Tea Gardens

Tickets are priced at £35 which includes all materials, tuition, a festive tippie and a sweet treat.

All profits will go towards supporting the children of Whittaker Moss. Yule be sorry to miss out! 🎄

Please feel free to bring any of your own foliage and decorations to match your decor. We had some fabulous wreaths last year made by some very creative ladies!

If you can, please bring your own secateurs & working gloves

Book using the link below:

<https://whittaker-moss-pta.sumupstore.com/products?category=68f42084-6c01-4481-bb67-183ecd9753c6>

Please email your name once you have purchased to: whittakermossPTA@gmail.com



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(Extra refreshments available for purchase on the night.)

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TUESDAY 26TH & THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 7-9PM

MILLCROFT TEA GARDENS, ROODS LANE, OL11 5UE

BOOK ONLINE

WHITTAKER MOSS PTA - RAISING FUNDS TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN

NON-ALCOHOLIC OPTION AVAILABLE