

Thursday 28th November 2024

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 12



As we enter the last few weeks of the term, things are busier than ever in school. Our EYFS and KS1 children are busy practising for their Christmas performances and our KS2 children are getting ready for the annual carol service at St. Paul's church. Thank you to all parents for helping children to learn words and songs and thank you for those busy sorting out costumes. If you have any difficulty with costumes, please let us know and we will help where we can. We are only able to allocate two tickets per child for the performances in school due to the fire regulations around capacity in the hall. If you would like additional tickets then please let the office know and if we have any spare, we will re-distribute them. If you do not need your tickets then please return them to the office so we can pass them on in good time.

This week we have hosted four of our collaborative schools who have met to moderate children's writing from every year group. This helps us to ensure our judgements are correct when assessing children's work and also to discuss further development with wider colleagues.

I feel that there may well be two apologies and two massive thank-yous required from me on behalf of the school this week. The first is the PTA Elf anti-raffle. What can I say? I can only apologise profusely in advance for whoever has to take him home once the draw is made and thank you in advance for your very proactive efforts in trying to ensure it isn't you! I also feel Mrs Cadogan's Christmas trolley is worth a special mention. The children love it and we are extremely thankful for your support in letting them buy from the trolley and raise funds for the school council. The school council raise money every year to finance projects in school chosen by the children so your support is always very much appreciated.

Finally, well done to our Footballers, Dodgeballers and Ten-pin bowlers this week who have once again shown great sporting skill and behaviours and have represented the school perfectly. We are very proud of you all!

Have a lovely weekend,  
*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.4%

This week's winning class: 5M 99.3% Super!



## School Council Christmas Trolley

Back by popular demand, the School Council Christmas Trolley will be wheeled out again next week. Children can purchase Christmas themed toys and stationery items priced between 50p and £2 from it. Please send your child in with up to £4 if you would like them to purchase any items from it. Class days are detailed below:

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: All children who forgot earlier in the week.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Nursery and Reception**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Years 1 & 2**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Years 3 & 4**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Years 5 & 6**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December: All children who forgot earlier in the week.**

All monies raised by this event will go towards the purchase of new Lego for classes.

A huge thank you in advance of your support!



As online Christmas shopping begins to commence in earnest, please remember to go through Give as you Live or Amazon Smile as the school PTA receives money for your purchases at no extra cost to you. Please contact the PTA if you would like more information about the schemes if you haven't already signed up to them.

### Before and After School Clubs

Before and after school clubs will finish on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November until after the Christmas break. We will send out a new club booking form early in the new year for the Spring term clubs. If your child is on a waiting list, they will automatically receive a place in the club of their choice.

#### Stars of The Week

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

Nursery: Musa	5M: Zaynab
R1: Alice	6W: Amaad
R2: Freddie	6M: Emilia
1W: Khadija	
1M: Amber	Mrs Cadogan: Aleena
2W: Liyana	
2M: Ibrahim	
3W: Jack	
3M: Aria	
4W: Zainab	
4M: Daniel	
5W: Sami	



### 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 last week: Alayah, Jessica, Hawwa, Betsy, Phoebe, Harriet, Sami, James and Iqra.

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



### Christmas Craft Afternoons

Our Christmas Craft Afternoons will take place the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December. One adult per child is invited to come along and make a craft with their child in their classroom. Please see below for dates and times for different year groups.

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#### School Council News

Councillors met on Friday to discuss the organisation of the Christmas Trolley fundraising event. Please see above for details. They also spent time discussing their online safety campaign. Please look out for a useful parent information guide that will be sent out in the Spring term.

#### PTA News

Please see the end of the newsletter for information about upcoming events.

#### Christmas Dinner Day 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Please ensure slips and money are returned to the office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. if your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner on this day.



#### Dojo Winners

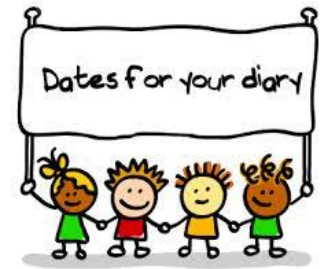
Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week:

Nursery: Liyana

R1: Charlie	5W: Gabriel
R2: Yusuf	5M: Sulaiman
1W: Anaya	6W: Rubens
1M: Nellie	6M: Yousaf
2W: Leo	
2M: Max	
3W: Ciara	
3M: Phoebe	
4W: Finley	
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.*



Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 9.30am	Open morning for prospective Reception parents
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 9.30am	Open morning for prospective Reception parents
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm-3.30pm	Nursery/Reception Christmas Craft Afternoon
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am -10.30am	Reception Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 3/4 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 1/2 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Christmas Craft Afternoon
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10am - 11am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10am - 11am	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St. Paul's Church
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Star of the Term Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Break

# Look who's back!

## Congratulations!

All of your children have been entered into a raffle to win this enormous elf!



## Presenting...the ANTI-RAFFLE

We know this giant elf might not be the guest everyone wants for Christmas, (just ask Pippa's parents) so here's your chance to **REMOVE** your child's name from the raffle for £1. (Don't worry—we won't tell!)

To remove a name, simply drop an envelope into the school office postbox with **£1, your child's name, class, and "REMOVE"** on the front.

Feeling mischievous?! You can also **ADD** names back in. For £1, put any child's name back into the draw by adding an envelope with **£1, the child's name, class, and "ADD"** on the front.

And here's the fun part: you can add or remove names as many times as you like!

Let the games begin—last name standing wins the elf!

The ANTI-RAFFLE will close on 16th December at 3.30pm

Bamford Chapel  
& Norden United Reformed Church



Loving God, Serving Others  
Building Community

# Messy Christmas

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME**

Looking forward to  
*Christmas*



**Sunday 1 December 2 – 4 pm**

All staff are DBS checked  
First Aid and defib on site  
Children bring parents

**craft**



Come to  
**Professor  
Potty's**

Lab

**children**

please bring an adult with you

**Food**



**Hot dogs**

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