

Thursday 5th December 2024

# Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 13



Christmas has arrived at Whittaker Moss! The school has been decorated and from next week, we start our Christmas craft afternoons for parents and Christmas performances. We have been asked by a number of parents for additional tickets. We only have enough capacity in the hall to allocate two tickets per child. Our numbers for fire regulations are very strict and we cannot exceed them. We understand that some families would like more tickets and we run a waiting list to re-distribute any unused tickets. Please do not attend if you have not got a ticket as we will not be able to let you in. Can I also please ask that, where possible, younger children and babies are not brought to the performances and where they are, that pushchairs and prams are not brought into the hall. We need to keep all walkways and routes in and out of the hall clear. Thank you for your help with this.

Some parents have asked for information about the 2025/2026 academic year holiday pattern. We are in the final stages of finalising this and will email it out to all parents as soon as possible. We will also put it on our website. Please be aware of the new arrangements regarding attendance and consider this before booking any term time holidays. We do not authorise term time holidays and the impact in terms of penalty notices from the Local Authority can be increased from previous years. Where an absence is for four weeks or more, children can be removed from the school roll and parents would have to re-apply for a school place upon their return. Unfortunately, the place allocated might not be at Whittaker Moss if the space has already been offered to another child from our waiting list.

Thank you for those who have been able to contribute items to our food bus collection. We are continuing to collect donations until the end of term so any further contributions to help families in need over the festive period would be very much appreciated. Many Thanks.

Have a lovely weekend,  
*Mrs Backhouse.*

## Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.4%

This week's winning class: R2 & 5W 99.3% Super!



## School Council Christmas Trolley

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported the School Council Christmas Trolley over the past two weeks.

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



A big thank you to Mr Willis from St. Paul's for leading our Christmas assemblies in school this week. Mr Willis then stayed to help Reception with their Christingle making and to talk to them about the meaning of the Christingle. Photographs can be found on Tapestry.

## KS2 Carol Service

This will take place at St. Paul's church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am. KS2 parents and family members are invited to join us and to participate in the carol singing.

### Before and After School Clubs

Before and after school clubs have now finished 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: Abigail	5M: Ukasha
R1: Ben	6W: Jackson
R2: Ishaq	6M: Jaxon
1W: Eva	
1M: Freya	Mrs Cadogan: Isabelle
2W: Ayva	
2M: Hira	
3W: Liza	
3M: Esme	
4W: Amelia	
4M: Daniel	
5W: Freya	



### 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. Winners for the past two weeks will be announced in next week's newsletter.

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 will meet on Monday to discuss the success of the Christmas trolley after a long two weeks of selling items! Well done to all councillors for their efforts!

#### PTA News

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

#### Musical Theatre Group

Our musical theatre group, led by Miss Buckley, gave their first public performance of the year at Beechwood Care Home last week. They sang brilliantly and the home residents thoroughly enjoyed singing and clapping along to some Christmas favourites. Well done to all the group members. The group will next perform at the KS2 Carol Service next week.



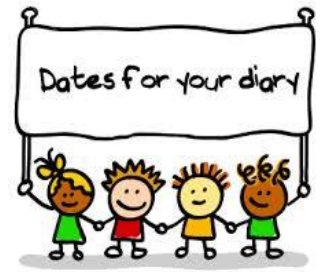
#### Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Liyana	
R1: Ada	5W: William
R2: Aurelle	5M: Isla
1W: Jenson	6W: Christopher
1M: Emily	6M: Oliver & Emilia
2W: Matilda	
2M: Xander	
3W: Yusuf	
3M: Nancy	
4W: Aisha	
4M: Aaryan	

## 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.*



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

# Look who's back!

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## 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**