

Thursday 11th September 2025

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 2



Attendance

Please read the information at the end of the newsletter regarding attendance. Winning attendance classes will be announced from next week.

It's been a busy week in school. Everyone has started their new units of work with lots of enthusiasm. Children new to Nursery and Reception are settling in and we are already seeing so many of them coming in and getting very engaged in their early morning activities. Thank you to parents who have reached out to say how much they appreciate the communication and the Tapestry updates.

We have really enjoyed having KS1 and KS2 parents come into school for a few minutes after school this week to meet the teacher and have a look around your child's new classroom. We have parents' evenings booked in November but this is a nice way to put a face to the name.

Information and allocations for extra-curricular activities has now been completed. Children will receive slips before the end of the week and clubs will begin on Monday 15th. Where we can, we will allocate children a place in a preferred club. If your child hasn't got a place this term, we will make them a priority for next term and offer them another club in the meantime.

Please can I ask parents using the carpark to be extra careful when manoeuvring in and out of parking spaces. Even with sensors, it is very easy to miss a child or small person. I am also mindful that mornings and afternoons are soon going to be getting darker sooner which also adds a further risk to be aware of.

Important reminder for Parents of Dragons Den:

There will be no after school session on Tuesday 4th November. All staff have to complete statutory training on this day as it is the only availability the Local Authority had. Please make alternative arrangements on this day for your child. We apologise for any inconvenience but wanted to give as much advance notice as possible.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse

Summer Reading Challenge

If your child completed the library Summer Reading Challenge, please send them into school with their certificate for their class teacher to see. Anyone completing the challenge will receive a reward from Mrs Cadogan early next week.

Jeans for Genes Day Friday 19th September

Children may come dressed in their jeans (or non-uniform) for a silver donation on Friday 19th September. They may also wear their own top and sensible footwear. The school has supported this worthy charity for many years so please support this fundraising event.



Reminders for the New School Term

Please remember that children are only allowed to wear simple stud earrings and a watch to school. On a games or PE day it would be helpful if your child **does not** wear their earrings to school. If they do have their earrings in, they need to be able to take them out themselves. If they are either unable to as they have just been pierced or cannot take them out by themselves, please send them in with some medical tape to place over the earrings.

Water Bottles - Polite Request

It has come to our attention that a number of children are bringing juice to school in their water bottles. Unless there is a medical reason that has been discussed with your child's class teacher, please ensure that your child only has water in their water bottle. Any children bringing juice in their water bottle will be offered a cup of water as an alternative. We thank you for your support with this matter.

House Captains

Congratulations to Eiliyah, Hattie, Freya, Isla, Fearne, Poppy, Eliza, Arya, Isla and Evie who are our new house captains. They all wrote excellent applications for the role. They will be responsible for announcing dojo points winners at assemblies and keeping the running totals of dojo points for our house teams.

Outstanding Medical Information

Please ensure that any asthma, allergy or health care plans are returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible so that we can ensure our medical information is up to date.

Lost Uniform

School has been informed of several children losing new items of uniform. Please check that your child has brought the correct uniform home as many of the lost items are labelled. If you find your child has brought another child's uniform home, please return it to your child's class teacher.

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School Council / Eco Council

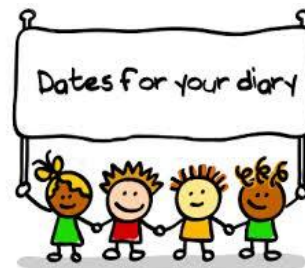
Voting for school and eco councillors will take place on Friday 19th September. A councillor will have the responsibility of taking ideas and suggestions from year one and the foundation stage to ensure that their voice is heard. Children will have the opportunity to make a speech in class or share a PowerPoint presentation during the week leading up to the voting day. Please encourage your child to put themselves forward for nomination if they are interested in being a school councillor or eco rep.

Awards

Dojo winners will be announced on the newsletter from next week. Every child in school has been assigned a virtual Dojo monster. Dojo points will be awarded for excellent effort, good manners, reading at home, great homework and super behaviour. The child with the most Dojo points each week will be awarded a certificate in class. The child in each class who receives the most dojos for the term will receive a reward. Star of the Week winners and Lunchtime Star winners will also be announced from next week.

Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2025

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 11 th September 2025	Neeli Mosque Assembly
W/C 15 th September 2025	Before and after school clubs commence
Wednesday 17 th September 2025 5.30pm	EYFS Parents' Reading Meeting
Friday 19 th September 2025	Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform), small donation, please.
Friday 19 th September 2025	School Council and Eco Council Voting Day
Friday 26 th September 2025	European Languages Day
Friday 26 th September 2025 9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in Highwood Hall
Monday 29 th September 2025	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop Experience
Wednesday 8 th October - Friday 10 th October	Year 6 Mount Cook Residential
Friday 10 th October 2025	World Mental Health Day
Monday 13 th October 2025	Group of Year 5/6 Children - Writing Day
Friday 17 th October 2025	PTA Halloween Disco
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Harvest Assemblies - please send in donations for Rochdale Food Bank
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Individual & Sibling Photographs from 8.30am
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes for Half-Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	School Re-Opens
Friday 7 th November 2025	Remembrance Assemblies
W/C 10 th November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	Parents' Evening 1
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	Parents' Evening 2
Friday 14 th November 2025	Children in Need - non-uniform, small donation, please.
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Prospective New Parents' Evening 5.30pm
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am
Wednesday 26 th November 2025	Open morning for prospective Reception parents 9.30am

Christmas Activity Dates To Follow



European Day of Languages

On Friday 26th September we will be taking part in the European Day of Languages. Each year group will be focussing on a different country where they will research the language spoken, landmarks, famous/significant/inspirational people, food, music and flag etc. We will all come together via Zoom at the end of the school day to share our research with each other. The children can come into school/nursery in non-uniform on this day and, if possible, it would be great if they could wear the colours of the country flag they are researching.

Nursery/Reception - France (blue, white, red)

Years 1/2 - Germany (black, red, gold)

Years 3/4 - Spain (red and yellow)

Years 5/6 - Italy (green, white, red)

The official theme this year is 'Languages open hearts and minds' to reflect that language learning involves both the emotions and the brain.

Thank you for your support with this event.

Mrs Orley (MFL Lead).

Attendance At Whittaker Moss

Last year, our overall attendance figure was 95.6% which is above local and national attendance. This year, our overall attendance target is 97%. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school, on time, every day. Please phone the office attendance line if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, at the earliest opportunity. The best attending class of the week will be announced on the weekly newsletter. For further information and advice around attendance please see the school attendance policy:

<https://www.whittakermoss.rochdale.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=119>

Attendance Ladder

