



Excellence
at Whittle



Whittle Weekly

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What's been happening this week?!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are now facing the last week of the first term of this year...where has the time gone?

It's been a term of some real successes inside and outside the classroom, and I can honestly say that I have had a thoroughly enjoyable term as Head of School at Whittle. Your children are an absolute joy to be around, and are so lucky to have a great team of staff who push them to be the very best versions of themselves possible.

This week has seen a very snowy start, and I hope you managed to get outdoors to have some fun with your children; we can forget how little our children get to see 'proper' snow! Losing two days of rehearsal time caused a bit of stress for those year groups wanting to rehearse for their performances, but it is fair to say that they 'pulled it out of the bag' when it came to the crunch! Key Stage 1 have put on two marvellous performances of 'Follow the Star' to our Year 1 and 2 families, and we were wowed by the beautiful singing and clear narration. The children looked wonderful in their nativity costumes and did themselves proud.

Year 5 and 6's 'Blitz' Family Assembly brought tears to my eyes with their renditions of WW2 songs, and recollections of what it was like during those war-torn years in Coventry and across Britain. They were a credit to the school, and as with the KS1 performance, the staff have worked so hard to pull this together within the pressures of snow days and a hectic festive period.

Wishing you a lovely Christmas time
and a Happy and Healthy New Year
Ms P Carpenter - Head of School

Reminder:

There will be **NO** after school clubs next week, they are now finished for the Autumn Term.

Watch out for new Club Letters in January.

Christmas Reminders

Monday 18th Dec:

PTFA Christmas Disco

Tuesday 19th Dec:

Reception performance

Wednesday 20th Dec:

Gold Merit

Christmas Parties

Thursday 21st Dec:

**BREAK UP FOR
CHRISTMAS @ 3:15pm**

Pupils return to school
on Tuesday
9th January 2018

LOST PROPERTY

Please check outside Year 1 from Tuesday after school for any lost items of clothing.

Attendance so far this Academic year.....

Class	% Attendance	
Nursery	92.1%	↓
Reception	94.4%	↓
1P	96.0%	↑
1/2M	96.1%	↓
3C	95.0%	↑
3/4C	97.1%	↑
4/5HC	96.6%	↓
5A	97.3%	↑
6A	96.8%	↑
6LM	96.2%	↓
Whole School	96.0%	↓

Well done to all the children who were in school every day last week!



News from around the School



EYFS

This week we have had lots of tapestry observations created by parents of children having fun in the snow which we loved to see. We have been very impressed at the childrens' snowman making skills and they have really enjoyed speaking about these pictures in class. In Nursery and Reception this week we have been getting ready for Christmas! The children have each made a Christmas calander, Christmas card and a tree decoration which will be coming home with them soon. All our spare time has been spent rehearsing our Christmas performance. The children have been trying on their costumes, practising their lines and singing their songs (which I know a lot of parents are hearing at home too!!) We are very excited about our performances on **Tuesday 19th December**. Please do come along to support the EYFS children at 10:00am or 2pm.



The children in Years 1 and 2 rose to the occasion this week and shone in our Christmas Performance 'Follow The Star' this week! We are so proud of how well they did and thank you so much for coming along to watch and support them this week. Well done, Key Stage 1!

Years 3 / 4

Although it's only been a 3 day week, Phase 3/4 have been really busy in the classroom! We're continuing writing and publishing our information texts in English. We will then collaborate our work to make information books for our school library! In maths, the Year 3s have worked hard at consolidating their subtraction and the Year 4s are having fun learning the 6,7 and 9 times tables. Ask us all about it!

Years 5 / 6

We are so incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 children this week. Despite missing out on time to rehearse our assembly for you, the children really pulled together as a team and successfully put on a great show. We're sure you agree that some of the songs were tear jerkers and the children captured the significance of the lyrics for this time period beautifully. If you ask them about the meaning behind the songs, they should be able to tell you about them.

Well done children, you were fantastic!

Please can you remember to register your child for school if they are due to start in September 2018. All applications need to be made by

15th January 2018

MERITS FROM TODAY

REC	Holly-Mae "...has worked exceptionally hard this week..."
1P	Tisharna "...I am so proud of Tisharna!..."
1/2M	Alissia "...for being a kind and thoughtful member of 1/2M..."
3C	Ruby "...for her outstanding POWER project..."
3/4C	Matus "...for being an <u>always</u> child..."
4/5HC	Rhea "...really is a ray of sunshine..."
5A	Baruni "...shown yourself to be a good friend, an excellent learner and a lovely girl!..."
6A	Mithra "...you always approach any task with 100% determination and effort..."
6LM	Joshua J "for finding out some interesting wartime facts as a part of your POWER P"



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