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# Whittle Weekly

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## Happy New Year!

I hope you had a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. With Christmas being so early in the holiday, it felt like a decent break with lots of time to spend with family and friends. It's been so lovely to see the children come back refreshed and eager to learn this week - I think all of us here at Whittle have looked forward to welcoming our 'Blue Team' back through the door!



## Yoimoji

Today, the children took a look at our new values system Yoimoji! The Yoimoji are 58 unique characters who each represent a series of core values linked to the British Values. They attend the fictional world of Yoimoji Academy, where they learn, play and solve problems that allow them to demonstrate their values. The word Yoimoji is a portmanteau that combines the Japanese word 'Yoi', which means 'good', and 'emoji', which is slang for 'character'. So Yoimoji stands for 'good character'. We hope that by working with and watching the Yoimoji tell their story, children get to see core values in action. The values become much more than just words - they are brought to life by the Yoimoji. Children see the values attached to real actions with clear consequences that they can relate to and understand. In January, we will be focusing on kindness as our core value. More information to follow.

Comerstones

Yoimoji



Have a lovely weekend,

*Pam Carpenter*

## Reminders.....

- Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school (with appropriate outdoor joggers/ hoodie- in school colours where possible)
- If you have an email address, let us know as we are working towards a paperless system at school.
- Please support in recording any time you listen to your child read-it could be a menu/ newspaper/ recipe when cooking. All reading is important, so show us what you are doing at home :)
- If you are not on Agora for on-line payments, pop to the office so we can help. :)

## Healthy 2018!

Often at the start of a new year, after enjoying the Christmas food and festivities, people turn to healthier eating and drinking options. This is obviously so important as school-aged children grow and develop. The Change4life website has great information and ideas to support healthy living. Why not try the snack challenge below.

**Web link:** <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

You should also have received a letter from One body, One life- what a great way to start a healthy 2018!



## Attendance so far this Academic year.....

Class	% Attendance
Nursery	90.2%
Reception	93.9%
1P	95.3%
1/2M	96.1%
3C	94.3%
<b>3/4C</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
4/5HC	96.0%
5A	97.1%
6A	95.8%
6LM	95.7%
Whole School	95.5%

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

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**Learning at home**

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Find top tips and fun ideas to help you support your child's learning at home.

**Fun maths at home**  
Fun ideas to help develop maths skills from recognising numbers to calculating percentages.

**Reading at home**  
How to encourage your child to learn to read and love reading.

**Fun ideas for learning**  
Children learn best when they are doing something for a real purpose. Take a look at these fun ideas for ages 3 - 11.

6 Times Table  
1 x 6 = 6  
2 x 6 = 12  
3 x 6 = 18

Help with times tables Helping struggling readers Reading levels

## Oxford Owl resources for Reading and Maths.

I would like to bring to your attention the Oxford Owl website. It is packed full of great resources to help support your children's reading and maths work at home. You can access all the resources by going to [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and clicking on the 'learning at home' tab at the top.

*Please, please, please*

ensure, whether your child is in Year 1 or Year 6, that you regularly hear your children read. This should be at least 3 times a week but ideally every school night. Don't forget that your child's reading diaries are a good source of communication between home and school to record what you are doing at home with your children.

## New technology for Christmas? Are you aware?

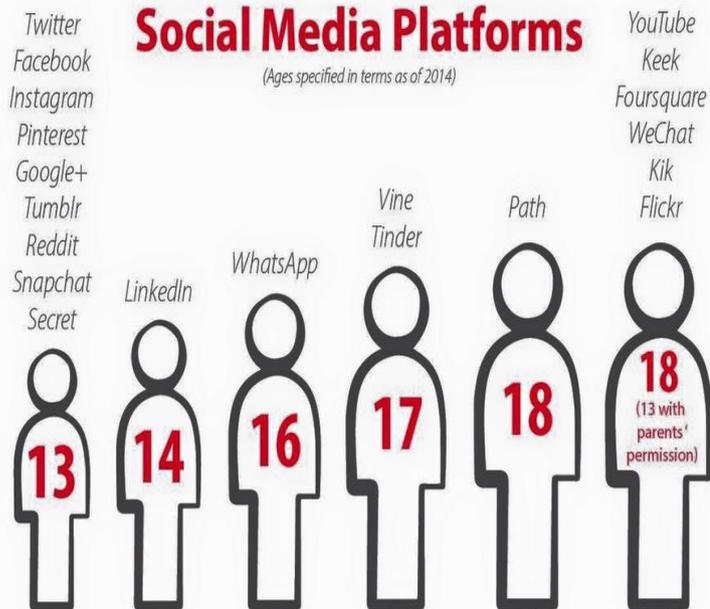
We often buy our children new forms of technology at Christmas to keep them up to speed with the world around them, but have you checked the Apps they have downloaded and are you aware of the age restrictions?

These age restrictions are set to protect our children, and it's important that we try to keep abreast of all of the new apps that come out onto the market. It's well worth monitoring how phones, i-pads, tablets and PCs are being used to help keep our children safe and happy in our ever-changing technological world.

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



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