



# Newsletter 28

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**WHITCHURCH WIN AGAIN! FORMULA 1 CHALLENGE** - A huge well done to Year 5 who won the Formula 1 Primary Regional Challenge for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year! The children worked well as a team to construct small model cars alongside a presentation explaining their work. These were then raced against cars from schools all over the region. Whitchurch Primary School won best pit display and portfolio, best engineered car and best verbal presentation! Overall, we came first and second, therefore two teams from our school will be taking part in the final in Warwickshire. Well done Year 5, and well done Mrs Rich for all your hard work during this project!

Many thanks to the parents who came in to our Curriculum Share to admire the children's work.



Children that did not go to the F1 Challenge took part in fencing and archery lessons at school.



**SCHOOL CLOSURES** – The school will be closed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank Holiday and on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May for an inservice training day.

**COMPETITION** - Our Feathers McGraw sculpture painting competition will end next Friday. Forms are available in the foyer. Please send them in to the office with your child's name on the back. All of the penguins will be on display in Bristol in the summer holidays.

**GDPR – GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS** – New Government regulations will come in force in on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 defining the way we use your personal information. A letter will be sent home tomorrow with all of the details for you to complete, please return it by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. Thank you.

**BINGO** – The PTA’s bingo night will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 6.30 – 8pm in the school hall. Tickets are £3 for adults and £1 for children which includes a book and snacks. BYO drinks, soft drinks on sale. Tickets are on sale after school by the side gate, from a member of the PTA.

**HOLIDAYS** - Please can we remind parents of the continuing importance of having children in school, on time, every day. The holiday season is almost upon us so we remind parents of the importance of taking holiday in school holiday time, not term time. **TAKING HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME DOES HINDER YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION**, based on the logical fact that if a child isn’t in school they are missing key building blocks of the curriculum. There is also government research that proves this. Any requests must be in writing to the school office, not mentioned to the class teacher. We need all children in school to achieve the best education possible and help all at Whitchurch Primary School ‘Achieve Our Best Together.’ Please see next years term dates attached.

**JEWELLERY** – Reminder – children in the infants should not to wear jewellery to school, this includes earrings as they can easily be pulled out during play. Children in the juniors may wear earrings to school if they can safely remove them themselves for sports.

**CHANGEABLE WEATHER** – Please ensure that your child/ren have a coat in school as it still gets cold and wet at times and children will go out to play in all but extreme weather conditions.

**APPEAL FOR UNWANTED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS** – Do you have any unwanted guitars, keyboards or percussion instruments to donate to a good cause? The Brandon Trust are looking for musical instruments for their service users. They are transforming a sitting room into a music room/craft room and would be very grateful for any unloved instruments that could be donated. Please see Becky Day (Ava’s mum Year 4) or take donations in to the school office. Many thanks in advance.

### **THIS WEEKS’ ATTENDANCE RESULTS!**

Reception: 94.8%

Year 1: 91.7%

Year 2: 96.7%

Year 3: 95.4%

Year 4: 95.2%

**Year 5: 99%**

Year 6: 96.9%

THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE YEAR 5!

Year 5 will receive 10 minutes extra play time!

THE HOUSE WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS **WILLOW** WITH 97.3%

### **PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!**

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work, which will go into a ‘showcase’ book for visitors to view in the school office. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

This week’s children are:

RECEPTION: Aamilah and Frankie have been praised – Harry and Archie have received the showcase award

YEAR 1: Tallulah has been praised – Ronnie has received the showcase award

YEAR 2: Gracie has been praised – Orion has received the showcase award

YEAR 3: Holly P has been praised – Holly F has received the showcase award

YEAR 4: Louis has been praised – Caitlyn has received the showcase award

YEAR 5: The 17 children that took part in the F1 Challenge have been praised – Maisie has received the showcase award

YEAR 6: Harry has been praised - Oliver has received the showcase award