



Whytemead News

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see everyone back after Christmas break and to see children enjoying their learning in 2020!

Staff news

We are pleased to welcome Miss Blake back from maternity leave and I know she is pleased to be back with Oak Class.

We also welcome Mrs Hornsbury, who is the new teacher in Pear class. She has settled in very well and the children of Pear class have been very welcoming to her.

Mr Pascoe has undergone surgery and will be absent during his recovery. Miss Dowley will be Olive class's teacher until his return.

'Whytemead Good Books'

Every week children are chosen by their teacher when they have demonstrated good behaviour or one of our key values.

If your child is chosen; their name goes in the 'Whytemead Good Books' and this is celebrated in our assembly on Friday, when they will get a sticker from me.

The children below have received a sticker.

For sharing their Learning:		For being determined:
Apple	Neave	Poppy
Pear	Louis	Archie
Chestnut	Eliza	Lauren
Maple	Jessica J	Amelie- Mai
Willow	Ellie W	Sonny
Elm	Orin	Barnaby
Oak	Ronnie	Max B Max F
Redwood	Ava	Eva
Beech	Harvey	Anna-Rose
Lime	Charlie H	Marnie
Olive	Aston Z	Isla Caitlyn Amelie



Thank you

Books

We have received a number of book donations (over 120 books!) from parents to top up our library. Thank you very much for these donations, I know the children will enjoy reading the books donated. If you have any books that you would like to donate, please send them in with your child.

I would also like to thank the PTA who have also funded additional books for the school using some of the money they/ you have raised.

Christmas performances

It was great to see everyone who came to watch last year's Christmas performances. I am sure you will agree that the performances were fantastic. The donations made by you for the NSPCC at the end of each performance totalled an incredible £392! Thank you.

Trussell Trust

At the end of last term we asked for donations to support the Trussell Trust Worthing Food Bank. It was fantastic to see how generous you were and thank you very much for supporting this cause.

Attendance

As a school we achieved 95.8 % attendance during the autumn term. This is great and we are aiming for 97% or above for this year. Can you help us achieve this?

Thank you to all our families who help us and we had 80 children who had 100 % attendance last term.

However, all children are required by the Government to attain 97% or higher and as a school we monitor this very closely.

We take attendance very seriously at Whytemead, as we know that 'Every School Day Counts.

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them to school or keep them at home. To support you with this decision please see the link below. This will also be available on our website in the 'Parents' section.

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/parentscarers/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

(N.B for over the counter medications, please speak to the school office)

PE kit- A reminder.

Please can you ensure your child comes to school with the correct kit ready to take part in PE sessions.

This should include:

A house coloured PE shirt, black shorts, black or grey tracksuit bottoms/ joggers, socks. A school hoodie can also be worn but only for PE lessons, all to be kept in a PE bag.

Children should bring trainers and a spare pair of socks for PE. **School shoes are not acceptable for P.E; they do not have the correct grip and may cause injury to your child or to others.** All kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE. Earrings should be either removed or taped over (with tape supplied by home) on PE lesson days.

Mufti Day for animals in Australia Friday 24th January

Our Eco-warriors have decided that they would like to raise money to help with the rescue efforts in Australia. On Friday 24th it will be a non-uniform day for all children with a donation to help the wildlife in Australia affected by the recent bushfires.

Snow

If we have severe snow; the decision may be made to close the school. I must stress that school closure is an absolute last resort; however, it may be necessary to ensure the safety of pupils and parents travelling to and from school and ensuring we have sufficient staff at school for your child to learn safely. If we do need to close the school due to snow, you will receive a text alert from the school. We will also post news on the school website and please listen to 'More Radio FM' or 'BBC Radio Sussex'. A list of school closures is also posted on the WSCC website.



Allergies- A reminder

We have some children who have a severe nut allergy.

To reduce the risk to these children we would like to remind parents to avoid products containing nuts in lunchboxes if your child is bringing a packed lunch.

Best wishes



Mr G. Ward

Head teacher

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd January – NSPCC in school all day.

Friday 24th January – Mufti Day for animals in Australia.

Friday 31st January – Fit4kids workshops (details to follow).

W/B 10th February – Safer Internet week.

Friday 14th February – Inset Day

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 24th February – Back to school.