

Whytemead News

January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

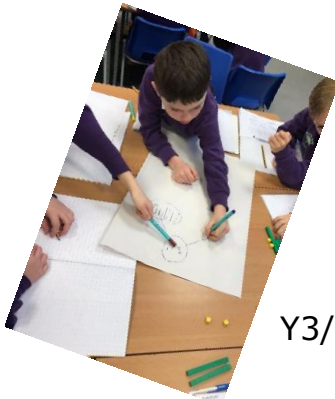
It has been great to see everyone back after Christmas break and to see children enjoying their learning in 2019!



Early years enjoying forest school



Y1/ 2 at the woods.



Y3/4 working together to solve maths problems.

Reptylers visit to Y5/6!



Staff news

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to Whytemead. Mrs Opie will be covering Miss Blake's maternity leave in Oak class and Mrs Woodger is our new member of office staff, taking over from Mrs Carter.

Drop off

Please remember that the green school gates are locked at 8.55am. We would like to reduce the number of parents who need to come back through the school after dropping off their children. In order for this to happen and to ease congestion at this busy time, please would you encourage your child to go into their classroom by themselves. You can either say goodbye at the green gates or at the classroom door. Please give yourself enough time to leave school via the green gates to avoid walking back through the front entrance.

After school clubs

There are a number of after school clubs running this term and it is great to see so many children participating. Please can I remind you about payments for clubs, as I am aware that some clubs have not yet received payment.

In the summer term children will only get a place in a club with payment, which must be sent in with their request for a place. If they do not get a place in their chosen club, you will be fully refunded.

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 on PE lesson days.

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 'Splash 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.

Safer internet day – Tuesday 5th February

During this week we will be speaking to children about internet safety and how to stay safe online.

Please see below for useful link for parents to help you keep your child safe online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

DATES FOR YOU DIARY

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday, 5 February

Year 3/4 'Hands on History' visiting school

Friday, 8 February

Half term – happy holiday!

Monday, 18 – Friday 22 February

INSET DAY

Monday, 25 February

Best wishes



Mr G. Ward

Head teacher