



Friday 17th September 2021

A big well done to all of the children for completing their first full week of the autumn term. I have been fortunate enough to spend some time in each of the classrooms this week and have seen some fantastic learning taking place. The children have displayed excellent attitudes towards their learning and behaviour has been exemplary.

Much of the focus at the start of the school year is on reading. Reading, both in school and at home, is really important and something we feel very strongly about at Whitemoor. Some classes have already sent reading books home whereas others are still in the process of assessing the children to ensure that the correct books are being matched to the child's ability. If you have not already had one, then a reading book and reading record will be sent home in due course. Please try to read with your child each day and comment in their record.

In the meantime, children are welcome to take a library book home from school if they wish.

We are all feeling very excited about National fitness day next week. Well done to all the children who have been gathering sponsorship for their run. The children are very excited and have even been challenging the teachers to how many laps they think they will be able to do.

Good luck to everyone.
Mrs Hooper, Head of School

Class 1

Well done to all of Class 1 (Nursery and Reception) for a fantastic week of getting to know loads of new friends and faces. You have all worked well to play with your new friends and make them feel welcome to Whitemoor. It has been lovely to see them all enjoying the school lunches this week and having the Reception children in for their first full days.

Next week we are going to be sharing the story 'All are Welcome' and looking at our favourite things we enjoy doing at school.

Class 2

The children have settled in to the routines in Class 2 beautifully. We had a hot air balloon mystery in the playground at the start of the week, and they had some very imaginative ideas of who our visitor might be! We enjoyed reading Mrs Armitage on Wheels and have done some great writing inspired by her crazy bicycle! We have started looking at the history of transport, learning the order in which vehicles were invented, and in RE we discussed the people that really matter to us. We have been singing some great transport-related songs and the children's fantastic self-portraits are already adorning our display in the corridor. Wow, we have been busy!

Well done, Class 2 - you are all superstars and we are very proud of you!

Class 3

Class 3 have had a great week learning about the Anglo-Saxons in history. In science, we have been comparing animal and human teeth. In P.E. we learnt how to dribble a hockey ball under control. In English, we have been describing a setting using prepositional phrases and using expanded noun phrases to describe our dragons. Finally, we have been learning place value and rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 in maths.

Class 4

Class 4 have settled back into school extremely well and have had a great first few days.

As well as starting our 'Vikings, Victors or Villains?' topic, we have started brass-instrument music lessons! This is proving to be great fun and we have all made huge progress in the first session.

We will be continuing with these lessons each week until Christmas when we will look forward to sharing our musical successes to parents.



P.E days

We are still asking children to come dressed in their P.E kits on the days they have P.E:

Monday: Class 3

Tuesday: Class 4

Thursday: Class 1

Friday: Class 2

School Uniform

Please ensure your child/ren are wearing the correct uniform to school.

Boots are not permitted unless for medical reasons.

Click the link below to see our school uniform:

[PMG Schoolwear -](#)

Second hand uniform

We have had some parents kindly donate some school uniform to the school as their children have now grown out of it. We are intending on displaying this on the field in a couple of weeks time for anyone who may want/need some. If you have any uniform at home that you would like to donate then please drop it into school before next Friday (24th). We do ask that all donations are in good condition to be passed on.

Early Start Club

Early Start Club is on offer before school from 8am. The club is run by Mrs O'Mahoney and must be booked online the week before. We currently charge a very reasonable £1 for the facility. If you would like more information about Early Start Club then please speak to Mrs Dowd in the office.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will begin week commencing 27th September. Bookings can be made from Monday 20th September via your child/rens Arbor account. Please click 'Clubs' on your child Profile to book.

Please note: KS1 & KS2 Art clubs are charged at £1 per session which can be paid via Parentpay.

Please see letter emailed for further details.

Term Dates 2021/2022

25.10.21 to 29.10.21: Autumn Half Term

20.12.21 to 31.12.21: Christmas Holidays

03.01.22: Bank Holiday

04.01.22: INSET Day (School Closed)

05.01.22: Children return to school

18.02.22: Aspire INSET Day (School Closed)

21.02.22 to 25.02.22: Spring Half Term

11.04.22 to 22.04.22: Easter Holidays

02.05.22: May Bank Holiday

30.05.22 to 03.06.22: Summer Half Term

06.06.22: INSET Day (School Closed)

07.06.22: Queen's Platinum Jubilee (School Closed)

26.07.22: Last day of term

Attendance

Absence - Illness

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, then please inform the office before 9am in the morning, and let us know why your child is going to be absent, and when you expect them to return. If your child is off for more than one day, we must still be informed each day of your child's absence until they return to school.

Medication

The School cannot hold or administer any medication that has not been prescribed by a doctor. If your child requires prescribed medication whilst attending school, then please see the office, as you will be required to fill out an 'administration of medicine' form.

If your child requires non prescribed medication whilst at school, then you are able to come to the office at the appropriate time to administer the medicine yourself.

Sickness / Diarrhoea - Please keep your child off school for 48 hours

Please call the school on 01726 822274, alternatively you can email the office on hel-lo@whitemoor.org.uk and speak to our school secretary.

For Coronavirus related absence please click link for further guidance: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

Head Teacher Awards



**Congratulations to the following children for achieving
headteacher award this week:**



Class 1: Olivia and Lilly

Class 2: Mollie and Poppy

Class 3: Ethan and Chanel

Class 4: Ellis, Xander and Fraya