



## Friday 24th September 2021

We have been so fortunate this week to have been able to make the most of the outdoor spaces around our school and have enjoyed the sun while it has been with us. All classes took part in the sponsored run on Wednesday and enjoyed learning about the importance of health and fitness. We are currently counting up the sponsorship money and will let you know how much was raised.

We are in the process of electing our new School Council, a group of children from across the school who will act as the children's voice in meetings. We are hoping that the School Council will have a say as to what we spend our fundraising money on.

Now we have been back to school for a couple of weeks, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you about parking considerately outside of the school at collection time. We do not have any issues at the start of the school day and thank you all for respecting the drop off times and one way system. It appears that at the end of the day, however, parking is an issue. Please remember that we have a 15 minute window where you can pick up your children between 3.15pm and 3.30pm to try to ease congestion. We encourage families to walk to and from school where possible and ask that everyone is considerate and leaves the school premises (and the carpark) as soon as possible at the end of the school day.

Mrs Hooper, Head of School

### Class 1

In class 1 this week we have been welcoming everyone with the book 'All are Welcome'. We have been thinking about our favourite toys to play with in class and sharing them with our friends. It has been great to see the first bits of home learning being uploaded or brought in - please keep this up.

Next week we are going to be looking at different types of houses that people may live in.

### Class 2

This week, Class 2 have been really active, taking part in Cosmic Yoga, Joe Wicks workouts, Go Noodle exercises and our sponsored run. Congratulations to Julian who ran the furthest in our class - an amazing 2.3 miles! We've also been working on using exciting vocabulary in English, place value in Maths and learned about Viking longboats as an early form of transport. We also started learning about materials and their properties in Science.

Fantastic work, everyone! Remember to keep reading every day at home too!

## Class 3

In English, Class 3 have been learning how to use inverted commas and expanded noun phrases. In maths, we have learnt how to partition 4-digit numbers and order and compare numbers up to 1000. In science, we found out that we have three different types of joints in our body and we were able to show each other how they worked.

In French, we learned how to ask someone if they are okay and we were able to respond appropriately.

## Class 4

Class 4 have had another happy week. We have taken part in the sponsored run and proved just how determined to succeed we can be we can be! We are starting to make progress with our brass lessons and have enjoyed working as an orchestra to create some very enthusiastic notes. In Science we have tested the viscosity of liquids and in English we have written book reviews.

Another very busy week for Class 4!

### 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 2**

**Friday: Class 1**

### School Uniform

Thank you to those of you who took note of the information last week about appropriate school shoes. We would like to also remind you that we expect children to wear either white, black or grey socks to school, or black or grey tights. Colourful socks are not part of our school uniform. It is also important that any children with long hair have it tied up at all times for health and safety reasons.

### 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 next week for anyone who may want/need some.

### Volunteers

We are now in a position to welcome back volunteers. Whether you are trying to gain experience to support you in job applications or you would just enjoy supporting us with the children, we would like to hear from you. All volunteers must undertake a full induction and DBS check.

If you are interested, please just email [hello@whitemoor.org.uk](mailto:hello@whitemoor.org.uk)

### 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

Clubs start on Monday at 3:15pm until 4:15pm. Please check your Arbor account under Clubs to view your child/rens booked clubs.

We hope that everyone has managed to sign up using Arbor.

Any questions, please let us know.

## 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

## Languages day

On Friday the 1st October, we will be holding a special themed day across the school to celebrate languages from around the world.

- In Class 1 they will be covering: **German**  
In Class 2 they will be covering: **French**  
In Class 3 they will be covering: **Japanese**  
In Class 4 they will be covering: **Italian**

## Brannel & Poltair Open Events

Brannel open evening is on Thursday 5th October (5pm-7.30pm). This will be a face-to-face event with accompanied tours and opportunities to meet students and staff. Families do not need to book to attend but tour group sizes will be limited. All tours will be accompanied by a member of staff or student ambassador.

Poltair's open evening is on Thursday 30th September, 4.30pm until 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity for parents to book an open tour to see the school from Monday 4th October to Friday 15th October, but these places will be limited and preference is people attend the Open Evening.

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

### **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.

### **COVID-19 Absence: Self-isolating rule**

From 16th August 2021 Individuals are **not** required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Please take a PCR test if advised to do so and remember, **PHE do NOT recommend the use of LFD tests on children under the age of 11 years.**

## Head Teacher Awards



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



**Class 1:** Hunter and Jaxon

**Class 2:** Phoebe and Julian

**Class 3:** Molly and Kimberley

**Class 4:** Lexi and Owen