



Whitchurch Weekly

School News

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Issue 8

Dear Whitchurch Families,

I hope you all had a great Autumn half term break with your families. It has been a busy week back at Whitchurch with children keen to be back and exploring their new topics. It was also lovely to see the children looking so smart for their school photographs.

Please refer to the amended list of class assemblies on the next page of this newsletter. Each class will have one class assembly throughout the year to proudly share their learning with you. You will also find a list of events coming up in the rest of this term, including our thoroughly enjoyable Winter Fair organised by Friends of Whitchurch and various carol concerts to get us all into the festive spirit. Be sure to get the dates into your diary - we do hope you will be able to join us!

Next week we start our enrichment clubs, which are run by our staff and will offer children opportunities to explore new interests and develop new skills. As mentioned in this newsletter, please look out for the School Spider message offering your child a place.

Have a relaxing weekend.



Mr Joseph Pine
Headteacher

Enrichment
Clubs start
next week

Please
remember to
book your child's
lunches for the
rest of this
term

1BP and
4CM class
assemblies
next week





Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th November	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 15th November	5SK and 5SC visit to St John's Church, Stanmore HMS Wind Band Festival
Friday 17th November	Anti Bullying Day
Monday 20th November	5PA and 5ET visit to St John's Church, Stanmore
Monday 27th November	4BS and 4CM visit to St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 28th November	4XL and 4SF visit to St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 5th December	3SM and 3LA visit to the Science Museum
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1 visit to Stanmore Baptist Church Winter Music Concert (5pm)
Thursday 7th December	3NL and 3MS visit to the Science Museum
Thursday 14th December	FoW Winter Fair (5pm-7pm)
Monday 18th December	Reception Christmas Carols
Tuesday 19th December	Carol Concert 1ST, 1CL, 2KB, 2SA, 3NL and 3LA (9.15am) 4CM, 4BS, 5PA, 5SC, 6AS and 6HH (2.30pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Carol Concert 1BP, 1SM, 2HD, 2AR, 3SM and 3MS (9.15am) 4SF, 4XL, 5ET, 5SK, 6MO and 6EH (2.30pm)

Staff
Training Day
Monday 13th
November
(no children)



7th November - 1BP
21st November - 2KB
23rd January - 1SM
30th January - 2HD
6th February - 3MS
5th March - 2AR
12th March - 3SM
19th March - 1CL
23rd April - Lions
30th April - Tigers
7th May - Leopards
14th May - Jaguars
21st May - Nursery

**Infant Class
Assemblies**
Tuesdays
9.05am

9th November - 4CM
16th November - 6EH
23rd November - 5SC
25th January - 4XL
8th February - 6MO
7th March - 5ET
21st March - 4SF
11th July - Year 6

**Junior Class
Assemblies**
Thursdays
at 9.05am

Class
Assemblies
amended for
2023/24

STARS of the Week



Well done to our stars of the week, who have been selected for excellent work and demonstrating our school values

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Honesty
Generosity
Aspiration

This week's Infant Stars

- 1ST** Zane
- 1BP** Razvan
- 1SM** David
- 1CL** Omer

- 2HD** Tej
- 2KB** Muhra
- 2SA** Josleyn
- 2AR** Shayaan

- 3NL** Madiha
- 3MS** Eva
- 3LA** Raina
- 3SM** Krish and Sara

- 4BS** Ava
- 4CM** Riyaan
- 4XL** Rayan
- 4SF** Omar

- 5PA** Halima
- 5SK** Darius
- 5SC** Ahmed / Whole Class
- 5ET** Siddiq

- 6HH** Steven
- 6AS** Estera
- 6EH** Rida
- 6MO** Mohamad

This week's Junior Stars

Class Attendance this week

We promote 100% school attendance for every child

Nursery	AM 90.91%		PM 83.75%	
Reception	RRA 84.14%	RNW 97.59%	RPS 94.67%	RRV 95%
Year 1	1CL 96.33%	1BP 97.67%	1ST 96.43%	1SM 98.67%
Year 2	2AR 90%	2HD 95%	2KB 89.33%	2SA 93.79%
Year 3	3LA 93.79%	3MS 99.33%	3NL 98.67%	3SM 96.67%
Year 4	4CM 99.20%	4SF 100%	4XL 98.21%	4BS 94.44%
Year 5	5ET 91%	5PA 99.31%	5SC 96.33%	5SK 97.93%
Year 6	6AS 99.26%	6EH 97.67%	6HH 93.33%	6MO 96.55%

This week's Attendance Stars are **4SF!**

Whole School **95.52%**

Notices

Marsh Lane Gate

We are concerned that the Marsh Lane Gate continues to be used as a drop off and pick up point by some drivers. This area is supposed to be an access point for emergency services only.

This parking behaviour is unacceptable and it puts the safety of our children at risk. We will have no choice but to keep this gate closed at the start and end of the day if the situation does not improve.

Tea & Talk

with Mr Pine (Headteacher)

Alternate Thursdays at 9am

Parents and carers are invited to attend Tea & Talk with Mr Pine. Come along for a cup of tea and a chat or join in online, share your questions and hear about his vision for Whitchurch.

office@whitchurchprimary.harrow.sch.uk

email the school office to reserve your place

In Person
16th Nov

Virtual
9th Nov
30th Nov



Flu Vaccination

Harrow Immunisation Team will be in school all day on **Monday (6th November)** to administer the flu nasal spray vaccine.

In order for your child to receive the flu vaccine, please refer to the link and code in the letter sent by School Spider and give your consent by Sunday.



Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment Clubs for the Autumn term start next week. If your child has been offered a place at one of these clubs, run by our school staff, you will soon receive a message via School Spider.

Please ensure that you respond to the message to confirm that your child will be attending the club. Please be mindful that your child needs to be picked up promptly following the session each week.



New Parent Governor

Welcome to Rikesh Patel, who has been successfully appointed as our new Parent Governor following the recent parent governor election.

Year Group
Highlights

Owl Babies

This week Nursery have explored the story Owl Babies. We put the pictures from the story in the correct order and explained what is happening. For our creative development we have made fantastic owl babies from a range of collage resources.

Nursery



Year 1

Four Seasons

This week in Science, Year 1 have been learning about the four seasons and the weather. We discussed what each season looks like and what we wear for the different seasons. Take a look at our wonderful season wheels!



Winter

In Reception this week we enjoyed the story 'It was a Cold, Dark Night'. We created homes for Ned the Hedgehog to live in during the cold, dark winter ahead. We discussed how animals hibernate during the Winter and how they have adapted to keep warm.

Reception



Africa Day

To introduce our new Africa topic, Year 2 dressed in red, yellow and green (Africa's national colours). We participated in a range of activities including lion masks, preparing an exotic colourful fruit salad and singing traditional Kenyan songs!

Year 2



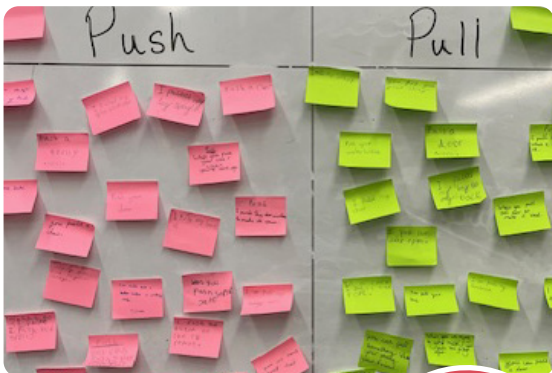


Year 3

Year Group Highlights

Forces

This week in Science, Year 3 have started to explore our new topic, Forces and Magnets. We worked together to think of a range of examples of when we use a push or a pull force to make something move. We came up with lot of great ideas!



Year 5

The Royal Mews

Year 5 visited The Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. We learned about the history of the monarchy, British values and the role the monarchy has today. We visited the coach houses to see an array old and new coaches and two of the carriage horses. We had a wonderful time.



Autumn Colours

This week in Art, Year 4 have been celebrating the natural beauty of Autumn. We created colour wheels to review our knowledge of colour and made prints of leaves collected using autumnal colours.



Year 4

Sewing

This week in Design Technology, Year 6 started our new sewing topic. We began with the basic running stitch and had 'sew' much fun honing our skills ready for a sewing project later in the term!

Year 6





Reading for Pleasure

We have sent out suggested reading lists for children this week. With so many interesting and diverse books, these lists should appeal to all children, irrespective of their current reading level.

It's also worth remembering the significance of reading for pleasure and the immense effect books can have on our children's education.

Here are some helpful tips on how to make reading time associated with enjoyment:

1. Allow your child to express their preferences and if possible to select the reading material. Influence and model their choice, but never force yours.
2. Make reading a consistent activity each day even for a few minutes. Let your children see you reading a book, combine listening and reading aloud and bring characters to life by adopting all the silly voices - children will love to share this experience with you! Remember that bedtime reading is a perfect way to end the day.
3. Get comfortable and snuggle up in your favourite place with the book. The quieter and more isolated it feels from the rest of the house the deeper you fall into the story.
4. Talk about the story and ask questions. Make sure your children understand any unfamiliar words and are able to follow the basic storyline.
5. Re-read all the favourites. Repetition and rhyme plays a huge role in acquiring reading skills.
6. Visit your local library. These places are brimming with the latest reads and regularly offer fun activities for the whole family - perfect for cold, rainy weather.
7. Most of all, enjoy these shared moments of closeness and togetherness. Above all, you're creating memories for lifetime!

Happy reading!

Mrs M Stachurska
School Librarian



Reading List for Years 1 & 2

FICTION

Title	Author	
The Whale's Song	Dyan Sheldon	
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	
The Lighthouse Keepers' Lunch	Ronda and David Armitage	
The Lion Inside	Rachel Bright	
Chocolate Cake	Michael Rosen	
We're Going on the Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen	
Look Up	Depp Adoola	
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson	
The Bear Who Stared	Duncan Beedle	
There's a Tiger in the Garden	Lizzy Stewart	

Support for
Families



Schools
Counselling
Partnership

Schools Counselling Partnership: Diversity Parent Workshop

Our Therapeutic Lead Tom from Schools Counselling Partnership will be running a diversity themed workshop for all parents on **Wednesday 8th November from 9.30am to 10.30am** in school. There will be tea and coffee plus diversity themed exercises to engage in.

Please bring food, drink, pictures, clothing and anything else you would like to share from your heritage/cultural background as it will be an opportunity to share and learn about our wonderfully diverse community in a relaxed and supportive environment!

If you have any questions please text 07799 028461 or email tom@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk



A really helpful parenting tool...

Parenting can feel so hard. There will be moments when your buttons are pushed and you feel stressed, overloaded, and exhausted, maybe now more so than ever. However, there is a tool that can help you get through those difficult moments and that can keep you from saying things that you will feel sorry about later.

What can parents and carers do?

Use your PAUSE button. Whenever you start to feel angry or irritated with your child's behaviour, stop what you are doing and take three deep breaths - or as many as you need! Take a moment to use an image or a thought that will help you to feel calmer. Remind yourself that this is not an emergency and think of something you really love about your child. Once you feel calmer, you will be able to choose a response based on connection, rather than react in anger or worry. It takes some practice, but it does get easier!

Reach out

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Tom for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, he is available on **Wednesdays at 9am-10am**. You can contact Tom on **07799028461** or email tom@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk

Support for Families



Harrow SENDIAS

Harrow Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support (Harrow SENDIAS) run frequent workshops to support families with parental Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) requests.

SEN and Disability Information, Advice and Support

Harrow sendias

Objectives:

- To offer information, advice and support surrounding parental requests for EHCPs.
- To empower families to increase their knowledge of SEND law and to provide the tools to tackle the necessary paperwork needed for a EHCP request.
- To encourage question time and give parents/carers the platform to explore the support available.

The next online workshop is on **Tuesday 7th November at 1pm-2pm via Zoom.**

For more information please visit www.harrow-sendias.org.uk

To apply for a place on the workshop, please email harrow.sendias@family-action.org.uk

Triple P Discussion Group: Brilliant Parents

A reminder that there are more Brilliant Parents online workshops on offer - please see the flyers on the **Support for Families** page of our website to register for a place.

- Managing fighting and aggression (6th November)
- Dealing with disobedience (13th November)
- Hassle free shopping (20th November)



Visit the **Support for Families** page of the school website (in the Parents & Community section) for useful activities and resources

Life Skills



Life Skills Group - Money

In our Life Skills group this week we started our new topic about money. We discussed where money comes from, where we spend money and took part in activities to help us identify different coins and their value. We also thought of lots of different songs relating to money! **Miss Tunstall**

Autumn Menu



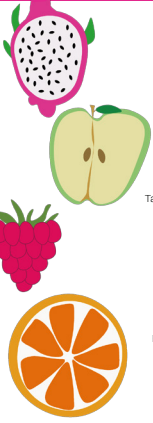
Salad bar, bread and milk are available daily

WHITCHURCH MENU

WEEK 1

WEEK 1 - 4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12

- MONDAY**
MEAT
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Herby Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Fruity Mousse
- TUESDAY**
MEAT
 Minced Beef & Onion Pie, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese & Onion Lattice, Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli (V)
VEGAN
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Cabbage (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Apple Crumble Cake
- THURSDAY**
MEAT
 Turkey Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti & Sweetcorn (V)
VEGAN
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Melting Moment Cookie
- FRIDAY**
MEAT
 Fish Fillet with Chips & Mushy Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetable Burger, Chips & Mushy Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Custard



WEEK 2

WEEK 2 - 11/9, 21/9, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12

- MONDAY**
MEAT
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Macaroni Cheese, Garlic Bread & Garden Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Carrot Cookie
- TUESDAY**
MEAT
 Tandoori Chicken Shwarma, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetable Nuggets, Diced Potatoes & Sweetcorn (V)
VEGAN
 Neapolitan Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**
MEAT
 Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli
VEGETARIAN
 Cauliflower Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes, Sliced Carrots & Broccoli (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Jam & Coconut Sponge
- THURSDAY**
MEAT
 Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Tempting Triangle Biscuit
- FRIDAY**
MEAT
 Fish Fingers, Chips & Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Chips & Baked Beans (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard

WEEK 3

WEEK 3 - 18/9, 9/10, 6/11, 27/11, 18/12

- MONDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Curry (Halal), Pilau Rice, Naan Bread & Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese Sub, Herby Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Flapjack
- TUESDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Tikka Burrito Stack, Potato Wedges & Side Salad
VEGETARIAN
 Falafel Wrap, Potato Wedges & Side Salad (V)
VEGAN
 Spicy Tomato Pasta with Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Fruit Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY**
MEAT
 Chicken Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetarian Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings, Sliced Carrots & Green Beans (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Jelly & Fruit
- THURSDAY**
MEAT
 Cajun Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas
VEGETARIAN
 Vegetable Pizza, Diced Potatoes & Peas (V)
VEGAN
 Veggie Wrap with Tomato Topping & Side Salad (Ve)
DESSERT
 Orange Drizzle Cake
- FRIDAY**
MEAT
 Fish Cake, Chips & Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN
 Cheese & Sweetcorn Quiche, Chips & Baked Beans (V)
VEGAN
 Baked Beans (Ve) Cheese or Tuna Mayo
 Jacket Potato with Side Salad
DESSERT
 Raspberry Oat Slice & Custard



Allergen Information: Menu descriptions may not list every individual ingredient. We are aware of the presence of allergens requiring labelling, so please ask a member of the catering team should you require any more details. Vegetarian options are indicated by the symbol (V).





Useful Contacts

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Our email addresses are in the process of being updated

If you have concerns about your child's safety or behaviour, please contact a member of our leadership team

If you have any general or learning related enquiries, please speak to the class teacher

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School Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Autumn 1st Wednesday 6 September to Friday 20 October
Half Term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
Autumn 2nd Monday 30 October to Thursday 21 December

Staff Training Days Monday 4 September, Tuesday 5 September,
Monday 13 November (no children in school)

Spring Term 2024

Spring 1st Monday 8 January to Thursday 8 February
Half Term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Spring 2nd Monday 19 February to Thursday 28 March

Staff Training Days Friday 9 February (no children in school)

Holidays during term time are **not** permitted

Summer Term 2024

Summer 1st Monday 15 April to Friday 24 May
Half Term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Summer 2nd Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 24 July

Staff Training Days Monday 3 June (no children in school)

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Term dates are posted on the school website

