



# Whitley Park Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back in school after the Christmas break. We are delighted that they have settled back into their learning routines so quickly and are enjoying the new creative curriculum themes for the term ahead.

Mr Sayer, our Assistant Site Manager would like to say a 'Big Thank you' for the lovely Christmas presents and cards he received, they were very much appreciated.

### **School Lateness**

I regret to say that punctuality continues to be a serious problem for a number of children in school. In the week before Christmas, we recorded 55 children arriving to school after 9am on one day. This is not acceptable as it impacts on learning for all. If your child is repeatedly late for school, the Governors have asked me to write to you to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter. I hope by working together, we can improve attendance and punctuality at our school. A reminder that the school doors open at 8.45am every morning and close promptly at 9am. Thank you.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, an opportunity for children and staff to dress up as their favourite book characters as well as enjoying a special day of reading and book activities including the return of the Travelling Book Fair to school from 28<sup>th</sup> February-6<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Funtastic Kids**

I am delighted to advise you that The Holiday Club is open for the February half term holidays and extended hours of 8am-6pm are available for working parents. For further details and to book, please see the website : <http://funtastickids.co.uk/for-schools> and leaflets are available from the school office.

### **Easter Celebrations at St Agnes Church**

Vernon Orr has invited Years 1-6 to join him again at St Agnes for a special Easter Service on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The morning service will start at 10.30am for Years 1,3 and 5 and the afternoon service at 2pm will be for Years 2, 4 and 6. Parents and Carers are welcome.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you very much for continuing to send your child to school in the correct school uniform. The next school uniform audit will take place during the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> January. In particular, can you ensure your child is wearing the correct footwear, black or brown shoes or trainers, no brightly coloured trainers please. If you have any queries, please refer to the school website [www.whitleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk/](http://www.whitleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk/) for guidance.

We are aware that the JoJo Bows are very popular at the moment. If your child is wearing one to school, please can you ensure they are the school colours, either white, black or blue.

### **Competition Day- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

If your child does not have regular school lunches, this is the day to try them out! Our aim is to reduce the number of children having a packed lunch and therefore on this day, Chartwells are having a 'Lucky Plate Day' giving your child the opportunity to win a special prize. If you have not used Parent Pay to order a lunch online yet, then the office staff will be happy to help you get started.

### **Summer Term Trips**

We have booked many of the Summer term trips now so please check the diary dates below for your child's trip details. As you are aware, we would like parents/carers to pay online so that we become a cashless school. Please log onto [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). If you need assistance with this, please come to the school office.

Karen Salter – Headteacher

### **Important dates for your diaries:**

<b>February 2017</b>	
10th	Behaviour Award Assemblies for the children
10th	Last day of term
13th– 17th	Half term School holiday Funtastic Kids Holiday Club Open
20th	School closed for Staff training
21st	School re-opens- doors open at 8.45am
28th	Travelling Book Fair arrive in school
<b>March 2017</b>	
2nd	World Book Day- children may dress up as their favourite book character
6th	Last day for Travelling Book Fair
9th	Parents Evening 3.30pm-7pm
14th	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5pm
15th-24th	Year 5 to Ufton Court- further details to follow
24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day- further details to follow
31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Celebration at St Agnes Church for Year 1, 3 and 5 at 10.30am & Year 2, 4 and 6 at 2.00pm Parents and Carers welcome
<b>April 2017</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Attendance Award Assemblies for the children
7 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
10 <sup>th</sup> - 21st	Easter holidays
24 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens- doors open at 8.45am
<b>May 2017</b>	
25th	Year 4 trip to Ufton Court £12.00 Please pay online by 27 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>June 2017</b>	
14th	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Museum £15.00. Please pay online by 17 <sup>th</sup> May.
21st	Year 1 trip to Sandbanks £13.00. Please pay online by 24 <sup>th</sup> May.
22nd	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo £15.00. Please pay online by 25 <sup>th</sup> May.
<b>July 2017</b>	
5th	Year 3 trip to HMS Warrior £15.00. Please pay online by 7 <sup>th</sup> June.
12th	Year 6 trip to Lion King (only for those children whose parents have already paid the £10 deposit) Please pay the remaining £15.00 by 14 <sup>th</sup> June.



