

Whitehill Primary School

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Whitehill Primary School Newsletter



Perfect Attendance!

Nursery - 92.7%
 Reception - 92.9%
 Year 1 - 94.6%
 Year 2 - 88.8%
 Year 3 - 93.3%
 Year 4 - 93.0%
 Year 5 - 95.2%
 Year 6 - 90.0%



Nursery - Amber
 Reception - Jairdan
 Year 1 - Hattie
 Year 2 - Alfie
 Year 3 - Macey-Jaye

A big welcome to the final half-term of the year!

Baby News

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Milnes gave birth to a healthy boy on 1st June weighing a very healthy 10lb 10! Miss Milnes and baby Matteo are both doing well and enjoying plenty of cuddle time together.

School Funding Cuts

I have written to you a number of times in regards to the funding crisis schools are facing. Since 2015, real term cuts mean Whitehill has lost out on £112,000 or £239 per pupil. You can see how local schools have been impacted using schoolcuts.org.uk. Some schools across the country are having to take drastic measures to balance their budgets. At Whitehill, we have looked at a number of measures we can take to become more cost effective, such as reducing the number of paper letters we send and instead sending free emails. Cost saving initiatives such as these try to ensure that pupils are affected as little as possible by funding cuts.

You may have noticed that our grass is looking rather long! This is due to us now taking the step to bring ground maintenance in

Year 4 - Connor

Year 5 - Mia

Year 6 - Freya



Nursery - Dexter

Reception - Kayden

Year 1 - Jaxon

Year 2 - Katie

Year 3 - Clayton

Year 4 - Cameron

Year 5 - Marco

Year 6 - Max

house as the cost for cutting the field is over £700 per cut. Our mower is on order and our field should be back to normal over the next week or so.

Our latest cost saving initiative has presented us with an opportunity, we are asking for some green fingered volunteers to help keep our grounds tidy, blooming and free from weeds. Any parents or guardians who would like to help, please contact the school office.

Thank you to the parents who have informed me about the damage to the school field fence. It is very disappointing that members of the community are damaging school property during evenings, weekends and holidays. This obviously is an additional cost to the school when money is in short supply. I do therefore ask that if any parents see damage being committed that it is reported using 101.

Attendance

Over the past two weeks, no class has achieved a collective attendance rate of 97%, therefore there are no winners of the non-uniform award. The main reason for this is due to holidays

Please can we remind all parents about the importance of children attending school at all times unless they are ill, or prior arrangements have been made in conjunction with the school. A 97% attendance rate is the equivalent of missing 6 days of school per year, over the course of a child's school life (years 1 – 11) this equates to 13 weeks of absence.

In addition, increased absence also has a detrimental effect on other pupils, as teachers regularly have to go through work again, therefore disrupting the flow of learning for other pupils.

Please can we remind parents that, if they are taking children on holiday, this is booked during the school holidays and not during term time, any holidays taken during term will not be authorised and will then lead to fixed penalty fines being issued.

If your child is off school because of illness or a medical appointment, please can you inform the school office via telephone or text.

Summer Fair – Bring a bottle

It's that time of year, when we start to collect donations for annual summer fair. This Friday will be a non-uniform for all classes and we are asking for all children to donate a bottle for the fair i.e. body sprays, drinks and bubble bath.

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