

# THE WHITEFIELD POST

## WELCOME BACK!

What an amazing start to the new school year we have had this week, helped along by some glorious weather (although we all know we would rather still be on holiday with weather like this!). All the children have settled so well back in to the school routines with only a few incidences of children calling their teachers 'Mum' or 'Dad'.

A slightly different start for our Y6's this year with their residential taking place from Monday to Wednesday this week. They had an amazing experience at a centre called Robin Wood in Todmorden. It was our first time at RW and it won't be our last - it is the residential experience we didn't realise we needed and didn't know existed.

Year 5 parents - we have booked for next year! Monday 9th September - Wednesday 11th September 2024 - details out to you very soon.

*We must give thanks to the staff who took the children to the residential and looked after them for the three days - Miss Mansfield, Miss Nuttall, Mrs Willers, Mrs Maxfield, Miss Garry, Miss Haynes, Mr Stokes, Mrs Caslake, Mrs Hartley and one of our governors Mrs Eland. They all had an amazing time too! And they also had no sleep but I don't think that was because they were playing 'knock-a-door-run' at 5am...*

*This annual Y6 event can not take place without staff like this who give up their own home lives and volunteer for three days, 24 hours a day, to ensure our Y6 children have an amazing time. There were some lovely reunions for them with their own children, cats, dogs and family members on Wednesday night too. There is so much behind the scenes work that goes in to these activities and many hours are spent planning, assessing, liaising with Robin Wood and I am so thankful we have such a committed and amazing team at Whitefield who will do this and go over and above for our children.*

*A change of location and a new chapter begins in our house for Milly who started college this week - she was two years old when I started as Headteacher at Whitefield and in a blink of an eye we are planning driving lessons and she is working at Black pool Zoo! However, she is not engaging in our repeated attempts at conversations around 'paying rent'...*

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

This week we have learnt about Torbjorn Pederson from Denmark who gave up his job to travel the world with a view to visiting every country in the world, and he did it! *Ask your children if they can remember how many countries he visited and how long it took him.* The purpose of our learning was to focus on the British Value of Individual Liberty and to think about how we tackle challenges and adventures that we face in our lives. We are all deciding on a new challenge for the coming year and will talk about in again on Monday next week.

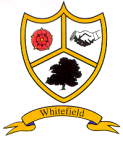
Next week the children will be introduced to our new personal, social and health learning through My Happy Mind.

The teachers all did their training on our Friday INSET day and in Monday's staff meeting and we are excited to share our new learning with the children. More information will be coming out to parents and carers in the coming months.

## BABY NEWS!

Mrs Nugent, Dan and Max welcomed Amelie Rose on Saturday 2nd September - she was home and Mrs Nugent was eating cheese by Sunday lunchtime!

New faces in school - Mr Flynn is our new Y1 class teacher; Mrs Helm is also in Y1 working in Mr Flynn's class; Miss Smith is working in Y4 with Mr Roberts; Mr Stokes will be working in Y2 and Mrs Smith has returned to us in Y5!



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All of us at Whitefield send GOOD LUCK messages to last year's Year 6 children who are starting their high school journey at Priory, Hutton, PGHS, All Hallows and beyond. It has been lovely seeing you all this week in your slightly too large blazers! And lovely as always to see a number of our ex-Whitefield pupils picking up siblings.

## TESCO Community Grants

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our school by placing their blue Tesco counters in our tub - I know it has been emptied already and we were the highest and from a photo sent last night, it is looking promising!



We already have £500 for being shortlisted to the final three and will receive further funding if we win. Our aim is to further develop our wild zone with a sensory area.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The diary list for the whole year will be out next week but in the mean time, make sure you have all our school holiday dates in your diaries:

October half term - school closes at the end of the day Friday 20th October and reopens on Monday 30th October 2023.

We close for the Christmas holidays at the end of the day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 and school reopens on Monday 8th January 2024.

February half term - school closes at the end of the day on Friday 9th February and reopens on Monday 18th February 2024.

We close for the Easter holidays at the end of the day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and school reopens on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

May Day - school is closed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

May half term – school closes at the end of the day on Friday 24th May and reopens on Monday 10th June 2024 (please note we have two weeks for this half term which allows for some cheaper holiday options in that second week).

School closes for the summer on Tuesday 23rd July 2024.

All term dates are on our school website [www.whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk) under the tab 'Term Dates' including dates for 2024/25 and 2025/26 for those of us who like to book our holidays in advance.

*Please check school holiday dates prior to booking - you may be fined by Lancashire County Council if you take your children on holiday during school time.*

### FRIENDS OF WHITEFIELD PTFA

The events calendar for the FoW PTFA will be coming out to you all very soon - our first event will be Tuck Shop and Uniform on Friday 29th September.

We will also be having our AGM very soon and welcome all parents, teachers and friends!

Communicating with school—your class teacher or TA is on the door every morning if you need to pass on short messages.

If you need to speak to the class teacher for longer, please email [admin@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk) and a meeting will be arranged for you.

YEAR GROUP NEWSLETTERS - out next Thursday.

UNIFORM - please make sure all items are named. There are some jumpers already in the infant playground.