

THE WHITEFIELD POST



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Now that is more like it - weather that is typical for September! Phew. We have had an amazing week in school despite the rain.

We have had Preston North End community and education trust in Year 5 teaching tag rugby, our music lessons for KS2 children have started up again (drumming, keyboards, guitars) and all our new Reception children are in full time and have big smiles on their faces! Only 13 more years of education to go children...

I also did the first tours of the year with prospective parents this week. We are excited to show off our amazing school - if you know anyone who is looking at schools, please direct them to us.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

This week we introduced the children to our My Happy Mind work that will be starting next week. My Happy Mind is a programme that supports children's wellbeing and mental health. Our first lesson begins on Monday morning - all the children in school will do their lesson at the same time.

In our Monday assembly next week we will be talking about how we keep safe in and out of school, and will be following this up with our computing curriculum looking at staying safe online.

ATTENDANCE

Every week, we look the attendance of each class and we will post in the newsletter which classes had the best attendance.

Last w/b 4th September, 2JK and 3NO both got 100% attendance! Well done!

We have a new flyer advertising our school and inviting parents to come in for a tour - if you have a business and could post our flyer in the window or have some flyers on a counter, we would really appreciate your help in getting our Whitefield name out in to the community. Please email admin@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk if you can help, or pop in to the school office.

FRIDAY CERTIFICATES

Every Friday, we meet together as a school and celebrate those who have gone above and beyond what is expected. On Friday 8th September 2023, certificates were given to:

YEAR 1 - Corbi, Hamish, Georgina

YEAR 2 - Luke, Isla

YEAR 3 - Oskar, Emily, Jasmine, Iona, Hugo

YEAR 4 - Tobias, Frankie, Jacob

YEAR 5 - Elsie, Thomas

YEAR 6 - all children received a certificate from Robin Wood

OUR NEWEST WHITEFIELDER...



Someone was trying to join in with the Y5 tag rugby yesterday. He has been zooming around school and has been spotted on the infant playground, the car park and then the KS2 playground. Sadly, he has had to go to the vets who are looking after him before he is released back in to the wide world.

MESSAGE FROM MRS KIMBERLEY - Is anyone able to help sew the squares together from knitting club so the blanket can be finished?



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YEAR GROUP WHATSAPP GROUPS:

Last year we had some difficult situations arise through inappropriate use of whatsapp where some parents were using year group whatsapp groups to talk negatively about school rather than coming in to school to resolve any issues. Sadly, we had to refer some comments to our legal team for further action.

These groups are amazing for reminders of events coming up however I ask that you come to school with any issues you have so they can be resolved together rather than post on whatsapp.

It is our duty as parents to demonstrate positive use of this minefield that is social media and technology.

At school, our first half term computing curriculum is looking at staying safe online and in social media and using the technology sensibly and appropriately.

We, as adults, need to be doing the same.

FRIENDS OF WHITEFIELD PTFA

Our AGM is on Tuesday 19th September (next week) at 6pm until 7pm at The Brown Hare. Everyone is welcome, old faces and new.

We look forward to seeing you there to talk about the events we have planned for the coming year.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM - OUT OF USE

The floor in the outdoor classroom needs replacing and as we wait for this to be completed, the classroom is not in use. Mr Newsome has put tape across the entrance - please do not allow your children to play in the classroom before or after school as it is not safe.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y6 OPEN DAYS AT HIGH SCHOOLS:

PENWORTHAM GIRLS: Thursday 5th October with 2 bookable sessions. 5.00pm-6.30pm and 6.30pm-8pm. To reserve a place please visit <http://penworthamgirls.eventbrite.co.uk>

PRIORY ACADEMY: Thursday 21st September, 4pm-8pm, booking not required.

HUTTON: Thursday 5th October, 5.30pm until 8.30pm. There will be talks by the Headteacher Mrs Moran at 5:45pm, 6:45pm and 7:45pm.

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Thursday 28th September at 6pm.

Reporting children's progress to parents:

At Whitefield we offer two parents' evenings throughout the year, as well as a mid-year report in February and an end of year report in July. If you have any questions or concerns about your child at school, please contact the office and arrange to talk to the teacher.

Our first parents evening will be:

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 3.30-6PM FACE TO FACE AT SCHOOL

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 3.30-6PM VIA ZOOM

Information about booking appointments will be sent out closer to the time.

RECEPTION PARENTS:

Phonics session led by Mrs Ginty - Thursday 5th October, 3.45pm in the Reception classrooms.

YEAR GROUP NEWSLETTERS - out TODAY!

UNIFORM - lots of jumpers and cardigans with no names are hanging on the infant fence - please have a look (and a sniff) if your child has lost theirs already.