



DIARY DATES

1st May

Y1 Yew Tree Trail
Collaborative Trip

7th May

Bank Holiday—School
Closed

8th May

School Re-opens
Y4 Residential Trip to
Conover Hall

9th May

2.15pm—Penguin
Parents Meeting

14th May

KS2 SATS Week
3.00pm—Year 5
Parents Meeting

21st May

Whole School Bake Off
Week

24th May

Foundation Stage
Collaborative Picnic

25th May

1.45pm—May Fayre
Event

School Closes for Half
Term



General Data Protection Regulation

You may be aware that from May, the rules around data protection are changing. The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) will change how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your rights over your own data. The point of this is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.



Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection

Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant. One of these changes requires us to update our privacy notices. These are currently being put together and will be available for parents shortly. As part of our work to comply with the GDPR we will be re-seeking your consent for using photographs or videos of your child on our website, social media etc. Again, this will be sent out very shortly. If you have any questions about how the GDPR affects you, or how our school is preparing then please contact the school office.

Water Bottles

The school policy has been to bring a disposable drinks bottle or carton to school but in the interests of the environment, we are prepared to allow reusable bottles. The problem we have had with these is that they are often left behind and are unnamed. To help, please can you make sure your child's name is on any bottle they bring to school. Water is available for the children to drink in all classrooms and in the dining room. Drinks other than water are for lunchtime only.



SNAG Group

We are working with the School Food Support Service to try to increase the number of children choosing a hot meal. The SNAG group has met and



we are looking at designing a single option menu based on food the children say they prefer. A tasting session will be arranged with children and then parents will be invited to try the options. Once sorted, the single option menu will be in place for the whole year so it will be clear that every Monday is the same, for example. If your child is in Foundation Stage or Years 1 and 2 please remember to apply for Free School Meals if you are receiving benefits such as income support or Universal credit. This is in addition to the free meal your child is already entitled to and will give the school access to further funding to support your child's educational opportunities.



NUT FREE School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing anything in to school that may contain any type of nut. Anything that is brought in will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. This includes Nutella products.

School Nurse

It is possible to contact the School Nurse directly on the



following number:

**01530
468570**

The nurse will be in school on

the following dates between 8.30am and 9.30am: 21/05 and 18/06



Penguin Pre-School

Penguin Pre-school is now taking provisional bookings for the Autumn term. If you are interested please contact the pre-school manager Sally-Ann Price using the school number: 01530 832116.

Sporting Updates

Success for the Year 5/6 Girls' Football Team

On Monday 16th April 7 girls from Years 5&6 played in the North West Leicestershire Level 2 competition at Ashby Ivanhoe



Football Club. The girls played 6 group games, winning 5 and drawing one, this was enough for them to qualify for the semi-final. The girls went on to win both the semi-final and final and qualify for the county final!

On Monday 23rd April the team competed in the county final against 8 other regional winners. The girls played fantastically throughout and battled their way to the final. The final was a tightly contested match and the girls won the competition in extra time through a well struck penalty.

Year 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey

On Thursday 12th April three teams from Whitwick competed in the North West Leicestershire Level 2 hockey tournament. The three teams were all very competitive and all three teams qualified from their groups to the quarter

finals. Team A and Team B faced each other in the quarter final with Team A scoring in the last 5 seconds to win 1-0. The A team then went on to beat Broom Leys in the semi-final and lost narrowly to Hugglescote in the final.



Foundation Stage Farm Trip

On Tuesday 17th April Foundation Stage went on the bus to Ash End Farm. We had a wonderful day! We started in the soft play area where the children had lots of fun on the slides. We were lucky enough to see lots of baby animals. We saw a foal that was a week old and lambs that were just 2 days old! The children



were incredibly gentle when interacting with the animals and the lambs were so excited to see us that they jumped out of their pen! The children represented the school fantastically and a great day was had by all.

**Free
School
Meals** 
Are you entitled?

Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals please claim these by contacting the following number:-
0116 3056588.

It is particularly important for those parents of children in FS, Y1 and Y2 to register even though you are already receiving a free hot meal.

Registering will enable the school to access funding for your child every year while they remain in primary school. They are not obliged to have a hot meal every day. This money will help to fund valuable support for your child. Details of what may be provided are on our website. If any of our families are serving in the armed forces, please let the school know.



Twitter

Please follow us on twitter:
@WhitwickPrimary

Year 3 Farm Visit

On Wednesday 25th April the children and staff from Year 3 enjoyed a very informative and enjoyable trip to Manor Farm in Hathern. As well as meeting lots of different animals such as pigs, lambs, cows and even a peacock, we also took part in fun, educational activities such as pond dipping and a nature treasure hunt. When we returned to school, the children discussed what follow up work they would like to do across the curriculum for the rest of the term. Thank you for the Country Trust for arranging this and subsidising the cost.



Year 2 Family Assembly

Year 2 have performed brilliantly in their Family Assembly to their family and friends. The theme was based on their learning all about Amazing Animals and Magnificent Mini-beasts. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their new knowledge, skills and learning through their artwork, singing, super story telling, poetry and the work we have

done in science on the cycle of a butterfly. All of the Year 2 children have worked very hard to prepare and perform their assembly, and they all rose to the challenge of presenting their work – Well done Year 2!

Lost Property

We have a growing problem with clothing being left in school. This is usually unnamed which means it cannot be returned. Please can you make sure any clothes brought in to school have your child's name in. If you have an item which has been passed on to you and it has the previous child's name in it, can you make sure you change it to your child's. So far we have coats, hoodies and various items used for outdoor learning, not to mention many school jumpers and cardigans.



Bullying Contact

If you think your child maybe having issues with bullying or friendships you may contact Mrs Applewhite via the school office.

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

At Whitwick St John the Baptist CE Primary School we know it is of the utmost importance to have good systems for protecting children and safeguarding their welfare.

All our staff and volunteers are alert to possible concerns about every pupil. We have a safeguarding and child protection policy and anyone may request a copy from the school office.

If you have a concern, please speak to the headteacher and we will treat your concern seriously