



Newsletter



Autumn Term

December 2017



DIARY DATES

9th January
School Re-opens
11th January
Y5 Viking Visit
15th January
Y3 Vocal Ease
Workshops
17th January
2pm—Penguin Parents
Meeting
31st January
Y1/5 Fire Rescue Visit
5th February
Y6 Bridge Building with
Parents
7th February
Reception & Y6 Height
& Weight Checks
8th February
2.30pm—Y5 Viking
Presentation to
Parents
PM—DISCO
9th February
Last Day of Term



Bullying Contact

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

End of Another Term

It has been a very busy autumn term for all our staff and children so I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a restful break and a wonderful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on the 9th January. We have many more exciting opportunities planned for the new year. Performance tables have been published on the Department for Education's website and a link to this is provided on our website. Well done to all our children who have worked extremely hard.



Snow and Ice



Thank you to those who battled on through the dreadful weather conditions we experienced recently. Any child who was absent as a result of the travelling conditions will be authorised. Shutting the school is not an easy decision. I hope that by informing parents on Sunday afternoon it was more helpful than waiting until the morning. I have sent a strong message to the Cabinet Member for Highways at Leicestershire County Council, expressing the concerns of all of the Coalville schools about the conditions of the roads and pavements. I have requested that the roads and footpaths near to schools should be a high priority for treatment in future. I await a reply.

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Miss Clark and Mrs Kibblewhite who have been appointed as our new cleaners. In the new year Mr Betteridge will be starting with us as an apprentice teaching assistant. We look forward to welcoming him to our team. This week we say goodbye to Miss Murphy. She is leaving us after just over 5 years. She will be missed by everyone but we wish her all the luck in the future.



Christingle

On Wednesday 20th, Key Stage 2 children walked to Church to be welcomed by Reverend Liz to the annual Christingle Service. This year the Chaplaincy Team prepared a short presentation about St Thomas' Day (21st December) and the meaning of the Christingle. A short video called The Greatest Journey was watched and each year group chose a carol to sing. The lighting of the Christingles was magical.





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**
Our school nurse is now running drop-in clinics and will be in school on the following dates from 8.30am until 9.30am:
Mon 15th January
Mon 19th February
Mon 16th March



Penguin Pre-School

Penguin Pre-school is now taking provisional bookings for the Summer term. If you are

interested please contact the pre-school manager Sally-Ann Price using the school number: 01530 832116.



Sporting Events

Dodgeball

NWLSSP Level 2 Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday 29th November two teams from Whitwick went to Ibstock

Community College to compete in the NWLSSP Level 2

dodgeball competition. Both teams were very competitive winning many games. The Year 6 team qualified for the semi-finals and the Year 5 team finished runners-up in their group. In the semi-final the Year 6 team narrowly lost to a very good Ibstock team

who they had previously beaten in the group stage. Excellent attitude shown from everyone who competed.

KS1 Blunderbus

On Friday 8th December the Key Stage One children were treated to a Christmas delight as they watched their Christmas play about a boy called Albert who had to deliver three presents before midnight. Great fun was had by all.

Pantomime

On Tuesday 19th December, Key Stage 2 went to watch the Pantomime Robin Hood at Loughborough Town Hall. The children really enjoyed the performance which was very funny and entertaining. Their behaviour was brilliant as usual.

KS1 Performance

On Thursday 14th December our Key Stage One children performed the Nativity story 'A Miracle in Town' to two packed audiences in the school hall. The children sang, played musical instruments and acted superbly. Well done to all the children for their hard work.





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

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your kind donations. It was lovely to see so many children wearing their Christmas jumpers. We raised £70.70 for the Save the Children charity.



Carols for Cancer

Thursday 21st was our annual Charity day where all of the children performed carols and readings for friends and families. It is always a lovely day and this year was no exception. Thank you to all those who came along to support this cause. We raised £609 which will be sent to Cancer Research.



**We wish all a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!
School will re-open on
Tuesday 9th January at
8.40am.**



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