



Dates for your



DIARY DATES

5th February
Y6 Bridge Building with
Parents
7th February
Reception & Y6 Height
& Weight Checks
8th February
PM—DISCO
9th February
Last Day of Term
12th—16th February
Half Term
19th February
School Re-opens
22nd February
2.30pm—Y5 Viking
Presentation to
Parents
27th February
Y4 Life-Skills Day

Bullying Contact

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



Parking

Please can we remind all parents /
carers and visitors to the school to be
considerate when parking. Please be
aware that parking on the zig zags
outside of the school could result in a
penalty notice if seen by a parking
enforcement officer. During busy periods, there is a speed limit
of 20 mph. It is important that this is followed to ensure the
safety of all of our children.



Parent Pay

Thank you to those parents who are using our new parent pay
system to make online payments. We now have 63% of accounts
activated. As from September, we will
become a cashless school. This will
mean that all payments will be made via
parent pay. If you need help with parent
pay or have forgotten your log in details,
then please contact the office who will be
happy to help.



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Club Activ8

Please remember to use your Club
Activ8 points during the half term
holiday. If you have not signed up to
the Club Activ8 and are interested in
the scheme then please contact the
school office. More information can be found on the following
website:

<https://www.northwestleicslsa.org.uk/club-activ8>



School Bank

A new team of Bank personnel has
been appointed and the previous
team thanked for their hard work.
We look forward to the School
Bank reopening once their
training has taken place and the
paperwork for the new accounts
has been completed. We are
pleased about this initiative as it
helps children to learn about the
importance of saving.





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 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.

Y5 Viking Visit

The sound of a Norse horn was heard throughout the school on Thursday 11th January, as Year 5 had a visit from Gregolf the Viking, who introduced the children to aspects of Viking life and society.

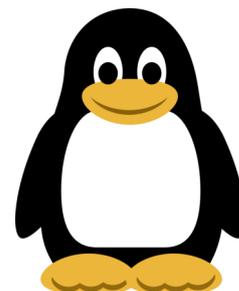
The children took part in three sessions. In 'Raiders' they got to handle Viking weapons and shields, re-enacting warfare movements and tactics: During 'Toys and Games' the children learned how to play the Viking playtimes of Nine Men's Morris (similar to skittles) and Kubb, a three-in-a-row game of skill and strategy. Lastly, in 'Traders' they also got to spend Danegeld (Viking coins) and they got to touch and explore different replica objects, such as lanterns, clothing, bone combs and hunting horns.

Much fun was had by all, as the children gained a valuable insight into Norse life, circa 1013AD.



Penguin Parents

At the recent Penguin Parents meeting there was a discussion about how to involve parents in the "route to resilience" project and sharing story sacks. The next meeting is on 7th March at 2.15pm. There will be an opportunity to discuss the Anti—Bullying Policy. If any parents would like to join the group, then please contact Miss Webster through the school office.



Collaborative School Council

The Collaborative School Council met up at Hugglescote Primary School to discuss ideas for collaborative year group celebrations at the end of the year. Ideas included discos, talent shows, sports festivals and picnics. More details to follow. The children also thought about a project to reduce plastic.

Year 3 Village Walk

Year 3 went on walk around the local area in search of interesting rocks and rock formations. We found evidence of lots of historic volcanic activity, as shown by vast quantities of igneous rock such as granite.





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

Fire & Rescue

On Wednesday 31st January, Year 5 were reminded of the importance of being aware of fire risks in the home. They were able to identify some fire risks and learnt how long it takes for a room to be fully engulfed in fire. Also they discussed how to keep their rooms tidy to prevent fires.

The children answered key questions about how to check the smoke alarms and where they should be in their homes as well as understanding possible exits in case there was ever a fire.



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.

Punctuality

Can I remind you that registers are called at 8:45am. We open the doors for FS and KS1 children at 8:30 and for KS2 at 8:40. Your child should be in school by then. Excuses for being late are often the same—traffic. Make sure you leave plenty of time to get to school. Coming in late has a negative impact on children—they miss the beginning of lessons and the chance to settle with their friends.



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