WHITMORE
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Newsletter 15th September 2017

The children have continued to work hard this week in their new classes and behaviour around the school is continuing to be good.

The Class Dojo system has been a great success and you will soon be getting invites to join your child's class to see their Dojo rewards and any updates from their class.

There is a message option on the app and I would ask that you do not use this to message the teachers as they will not have time to respond. If you need to speak to the teacher then please continue to do this in the normal way –before or after school or via a telephone call. I appreciate your support in this matter.

All children should now have their Active Learn log in details, please speak to the class teacher if your child has not been given theirs. You can access the website on https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0.

The activities need flash player which computers have but some tablets do not. However, there is a browser which enables these types of games to work.

Ø Download the Puffin Browser https://www.puffinbrowser.com/ (available on the App Store or Google play).

Ø Access the website via this browser

Ø Log in and complete the activities

We are offering access to the ICT suite after school on Mondays from 3:00 – 4:15 (Year 1-6) where children can come on their own or with their parents to complete their homework. Please sign up if you want your child to come , there will be a sign up sheet in the reception foyer, there are 30 places available and will be on first come first serve basis. Children who do not get a place will be put on a waiting list. If there are a large number of requests for places we may be able to offer another session during the week.

With any trial there are always teething problems so please give us a few weeks to sort out any issues. If you are experiencing any difficulties please speak to your class teacher in the first instance. I appreciate that not all parents/ carers may have access to computers or tablets which is why we are making the suite available a couple of lunchtimes and a session/s after school.

I will be sending out a survey before half term to find out your views on how the online homework is working for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Mrs N Kemp
Headteacher

Dates:

September

18th—Year3/4 Stone Age Workshop
27th—Individual photos
28th—Individual photos
28th—Year 6 Danbury trip

Non pupil dates—2nd/3rd January, 29th March and 25th May 2018

Reception

Reception have all enjoyed staying for lunch this week and have had fun playing with the infant children on the playground. They are all taking reading books home now, so please can they have their reading folders at school every day.
From Monday could all parents encourage their children to say goodbye at the classroom door as we are trying to encourage the children to hang up their own coats in the morning and find their names on their trays.
We have really enjoyed having your children at school all day and they have been a joy to teach!!

Wall of Achievement

Week of 11th September

Bluebell Cass— Nirvan P
Rose—Kody L
Tulip Class—Savanna B
Orchid Class—Rory E
Lavender Class– Isla C
Sunflower Class—Amber F
Ash Class—Amber G
Beech Class—Alfie C
Maple Class—Leeiam E
Birch Class—Oscar T
Pine Class— Tommy H
Olive Class—Frayzer C
Sycamore Class—Anna J
Willow Class—Millee F
Elm Class— James P
Elder Class—Petra F
Oak Class—Sophie N

Reminders

Dinner Money/Breakfast Club money—A reminder that money needs to be paid on the day or in advance. If over £10 owed for dinners your child will not be allowed a meal until this is cleared.

Packed Lunches—please remember we are a healthy school and promote healthy eating. Children should not have chocolate bars or fizzy drinks and please remember that grapes need to be cut up to prevent
choking incidents.

Beech class - will be taught in Hawthorn class (old Sunflower class) next week (18.09-22.09) due to electrical work being carried out in class.

Breakfast club—we appreciate that the queue for breakfast club can be long in the mornings but would appreciate it if you could make sure that your children queue sensibly and do not push in front of others. We now have 2 staff members marking children in—1 queue for if you need to pay and the other if already paid.

Scooters/Bikes—Please remember to lock your childs bikes/scooters when in the bike sheds, unfortunately the school cannot accept any liability for bikes/scooters left on premises.

Please be considerate…….

When parking outside school or in the local area. We have had various complaints from local residents regarding parking during the pick up and drop off times for school. Residents have been informed that they need to contact the local council with regard to parking restrictions so please bear in mind and do not block peoples driveways or park in an unsafe manor. We still do not have the lollypop man on duty so therefore this adds to the congestion problems for cars and children/parents at the beginning and end of the day.