



We are nearing the end of the first half term and what a busy one it has been.

We have had lots of things going on, nearly all classes will have visited the library before we break up and all the children so far have thoroughly enjoyed these visits.

Our football team had another match this week and had a fantastic win of 5-1 against Maple Grove.....Go Whitmore Go! Now onto the next match.



We also had our choir singing at the O2 this week which once again was a huge success and we can't wait for next year.

Next week we have discos afterschool which are normally a huge success, children can come in fancy dress if they wish too. Please see the letter coming home today with full details. On these days there will be no afterschool clubs.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs N Kemp  
Headteacher



**Dates:**

2nd—Beech class visit to local library

6th—Safer Internet Day

6th—Year 5 reading session with parents 2.55pm in classrooms

6th—Maple Class visit to library

7th—Discos—Rec & Yr1 3-4pm,

Yr5 & Yr6 4.30-6pm

**(NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS)**

8th—Yr2,3 & 4 3.15-4.45pm

**(NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS)**

8th—Elder & Oak classes visit to library

9th—Elm class visit to library

9th—Chinese New Year themed lunch

(no alternative)

9th—Last day of half term

19th—Return to school

**Non pupil dates—29th March and 25th May 2018**



**Year 2**

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the library on Thursday. They learnt about the types of books the library had and particularly enjoyed choosing books and reading to each other. Children that had library cards got to borrow a couple of books to take home. The children's behaviour was impeccable, the staff were extremely proud of them. A great trip to the library.

**Year 5**

On Tuesday afternoon, year 5 parents were invited into Willow, Olive and Sycamore class. Parents and children worked together to solve a mystery that involved arithmetic questions, applying inference skills to find clues on pictures, finding differences in fingerprints and analysing the acidity of different drinks. It was a fantastic afternoon and the children really enjoyed working alongside their parents.




**LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT BOOK FAIR.....COMING SOON!**

**Wall of Achievement**

**Week of 29th January**



- Buttercup Class—Alfie C
- Daffodil Class—Child Absent
- Primrose Class—Child Absent
- Bluebell Class—Ethan T
- Rose Class—Anna R
- Tulip Class—Ashley H
- Orchid Class—Matas S
- Lavender Class— Lilly G
- Sunflower Class—Charlie P
- Ash Class—Louie M
- Beech Class—Erin S
- Birch Class—Maddison M
- Pine Class—Zac M
- Sycamore Class—Lilly B
- Olive Class—Hozair A
- Willow Class—Dylan B
- Elm Class—Riley C
- Elder Class—Jake M
- Oak Class—Alfie G



**Reminders**

Due to discos on 7th and 8th February there will be no after school clubs taking place.

There are some spaces on ProSports clubs—should your child be interested please visit the following website [www.prosports-solutions.co.uk](http://www.prosports-solutions.co.uk).

On the last day of term (9th) we will be having a Chinese themed lunch, there will be no alternative options (no jacket potatoes or baguettes). The children will be served Sweet & Sour chicken and rice, prawn crackers, fortune cookie and ice cream.

We have been notified by one our pupils that bikes are having their lock broken in the school bike shed—luckily the bike wasn't taken or damaged. Please be careful when removing bikes/scooters and remind children to respect other peoples property.

On Tuesday the Choir were fortunate enough to perform at the O2 arena for a second year running. The children have been working so hard to learn 14 songs to perform with 7,000 other children from schools across the country. It was a very long day - Rehearsals began at 2 o'clock and the evening performance finished at 9pm but as always the children were a credit to Whitmore School and behaved impeccably. We had an incredible time, singing our hearts out, laughing and telling stories on the coach, wearing our Young Voices T shirts with pride and eating lots of treats! A big thank you to all the parents and teachers who came to support and a huge thank you to Miss Channing, Mrs Kemp and all the office staff for helping to organize a huge event that offers such a wonderful opportunity for the children. A night we will never forget!

I am already looking forward to doing it all again next year! :)



Miss Parsons

**Attendance and Punctuality**

It is vitally important that children arrive to school on time and ready to learn. We would like to bring to your attention that children arriving after 9.20am will be marked down as an unauthorised absence which can result in a referral to Essex County and a possible fine. We would really appreciate your help in making sure children attend school on time and we will be contacting parents for persistent lateness.



The winners of the Attendance this week were—KS1 Tulip class with 96% and KS2 Elm class with 97.9%. The overall school attendance is 91.6%; our target is 96% so would really appreciate your help in achieving this.

We are now running a team point system across the school this weeks results are as follows—

- 1st place—Blue
- 2nd place—Green
- 3rd place—Red
- 4th place—White

