



Another week has gone by at Whitmore, we are already in October and only two more weeks until half term.

On Monday we had 2 Education Advisors visiting the school, they were really impressed with how rapidly the school has progressed on its journey to improvement, the collaboration of the whole school community and hard work of the staff and children. This is an excellent start to the new academic year and very good preparation for a potential OFSTED visit this year.

On Tuesday some of year 5 and 6 children will be going to Wickford to complete their Anti-Bullying Ambassador training with Mrs Hunt and Miss Morgan. We are really excited about this and are looking forward to hearing all about it when they return.

On Thursday the year 5 children are competing in a multi-sports event, I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy the day and make the school proud.

The children in KS2 are really enjoying their free fruit every day and alongside the daily mile and PE sessions we are positively contributing to children having a healthy lifestyle. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, PE is part of the National Curriculum and all children need to be participating in this weekly.

During the next 2 weeks the children are going to be designing some Christmas artwork for cards, labels and wrapping paper that will be available for you to purchase later on in the term. This is through a company called APFS and is a good way of raising money for the school as we get a percentage of any purchases made.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend

Mrs N Kemp
Headteacher

Dates:

October

- 9th—Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
- 9th—Year 5 team workshop
- 10th—Parent consultations 3.30-5.30pm
- 11th—Year 5 multisports event
- 11th—Pine Class Parent Consultation 3.30-5.30pm
- 15th—Year 3 trip to Weald Country park
- 18th—DOJO celebration
- 18th—Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly 9.30am
(Parents welcome)
- 19th—Poetry Slam KS1 & KS2 (selected children)
- 19th—Last day of half term

Inset Days—3rd & 4th January, 24th May 2019



Secondary school applications

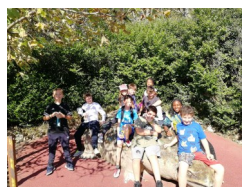
Please remember you need to apply for your year 6 child's secondary school place by 31st October 2018. Please log onto www.essex.gov.uk and follow the links.

Class updates

Year Three had a fabulous time on Thursday participating in a theatre workshop with Standout Theatre Company. They learnt a new song, performed some dance and drama and then combined them all to perform to their class in small groups. The children were all thoroughly engaged.



Some of the **year 6** children went on their residential to the Isle of Wight last week. The trip ran smoothly and we had a brilliant time. Some of our highlights were: playing gold in the sunshine; going out into the sea on rafts (and pushing each other off!); watching sweets being made and seeing some lions and tigers up close. The children were a real credit to the school and should be proud of how they coped from being away from home, showing maturity and independence throughout.



We have made memories that will last forever.



Wall of Achievement

Week of 1st October 2018

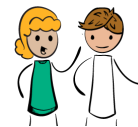


- Bluebell Class—Lewis-Jnr R
- Rose Class—Aiden Y
- Tulip Class—Amelia B
- Lavender Class—Summer W
- Orchid Class—Jorja G
- Sunflower Class—Amelia G
- Birch Class—Ellie-Mae R
- Hawthorne Class—Wyatt F
- Pine Class—Leo L
- Ash Class—Rubie F
- Beech Class—Elizabeth C
- Maple Class—Violet C
- Olive Class—Child Absent
- Sycamore Class—Rowen W
- Willow class—Demi-Lee C/ Maddison M(28.09.18)
- Elder Class—Blake P/ Summer E (28.09.18)
- Elm Class— Saleen A
- Oak Class—Child Absent



Talk it topics

Talk it topics are an opportunity for children to discuss and issue or idea throughout the week, at play or lunchtime, during the daily mile etc. It encourages children’s communication skills as well as debating skills and is fun. We will be covering a different topic in school each week. Next week’s topic is— Who is your screen hero and why.....



Reminders—

Due to Parents Consultations next week there will be **NO** afterschool clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday.

For health & safety please make sure that your children are kept with you at all times and are not playing on the school equipment or running around the cars in car park.



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 Council 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. We would ask that you also try to arrange doctors/dentist and other appointments outside of the school day as we have an increasing number of children being collected early or throughout the day. This has a knock on effect with your child’s learning and also can disrupt the class.

The classes with the best attendance this week were—KS1 Orchid class with 99.2% and KS2 Pine class with 97.1%. The overall school attendance is 94.3%; which is moving in the right direction, thank you for your help in achieving this. Our target is 96%

