WHITMORE
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Newsletter 11th December 2017

We are firmly in the countdown to Christmas and only have 8 more school days left until we break up for the Christmas holidays.

The KS1 performances have been brilliant this week; thank you to all the family members who came to watch them and for your donations to the Make a Wish Appeal – we raised approximately £205.
I am looking forward to the Reception Christmas productions next week on Wednesday and Thursday.
The children thoroughly enjoyed the Aladdin Pantomime today; there was lots of cheering and booing from everyone who watched.

The flu vaccinations have also been done today to help us all combat the dreaded flu!
Next week is a very busy week for us all at Whitmore with choir performances, Christmas dinner and jumper day and finishing off with the Winter Workshop and Market. Many thanks for all the donations we have had so far; keep them coming!

Please ensure that your children have a coat in school everyday as the weather is now very chilly. We will be making sure that all children have a coat on during playtimes and lunchtimes even though they might complain as they are running around getting hot!
We now have a disability bus coming onto the site in the mornings and afternoons. Please be mindful when they are reversing.

Finally, please ensure that the children are not playing with any equipment outside the Reception classrooms in the morning or after school so that we can keep our equipment in good working order.

Mrs N Kemp
Headteacher

Dates:

December

11th—KS2 Choir at Fryerns Baptist Church @ 2pm
13th-14th—Reception Christmas play (9.30am tickets needed)
14th—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day (£1 donation)
14th—Year 2 to visit Afflets Court
15th—KS1 Choir at Eastgate Centre AM
15th—Winter workshop and market (3.30pm start)
18th—Yr3&Yr4 Carol concert (9.15am)
18th—Yr6 trip to Hollywood Bowl
19th—Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 photo in Echo Newspaper
19th—Yr5&Yr6 Carol Concert (9.15am)
20th—Last day of term

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

We have been advised that Partyman World have now set up a children's charity—'Partyman's Magic Makers', please check out their website and Facebook/Twitter pages for more information.

Lunchtime reading club

The new library has been set up in Key stage 1 and the Key Stage 2 lunchtime reading club has been using it for the first time this week and they have shown great enthusiasm for their new home, especially reading to the younger children!

KS1 Christmas Play

Now that KS1 Christmas performances have come to an end KS1 staff want to say a big well done to all of the children. They have worked incredibly hard this half term to learn all of the songs, actions, dances and lines. A special mention to Grace in Bluebell class and Larissa in Rose class who performed amazing solos which made everyone very proud!

Wall of Achievement

Week of 4th December

Buttercup Class—Connor L-C
Daffodil Class—Bebe M
Primrose Class—Child Absent
Bluebell Class—Whole class plus Grace K
Rose Class—Larissa A
Tulip Class—Valona S
Orchid Class—Erin H/ Jez H
Lavender Class– Alex K
Sunflower Class—Jayden K
Ash Class—Connor M
Beech Class—Ahmed T
Maple Class—Kacper D
Birch Class—Isabella G
Pine Class—Child Absent
Sycamore Class—Boaz S
Elm Class—Myleene D
Elder Class—Bailey P

Reminders

Whitmore Facebook Page—please be aware that this is not governed by the school. If you have any questions please address them with a member of staff.

Christmas Dinner—on 14th December, children who have not requested a Christmas dinner will need to bring in a packed lunch. There is no alternative dinner on this day other than vegetarian Christmas dinner., which also needs to have been ordered.

Dinner on 13th December will be Home made sausage rolls as we are having roast dinner on 14th (Christmas dinner).

Christmas Jumper day will be on 14th December and we ask for £1 donation for Save the Children. Children are to wear their Christmas Jumper with uniform.

All clubs will finish next week. But there will be no clubs on Friday 15th December due to the Christmas Market taking place.

Adverse Weather Procedure— with the cold weather now here please remember to look at our adverse weather procedure as detailed on the school website. It is listed on the home page under school letters.

Year 5

On Tuesday the 28th November, Year 5 took part in a Road Safety Walk and Speed Check. The children enjoyed the activity and were fully involved throughout the day. The Road Safety Team and the Police Sergeant were very impressed with the children's behaviour. Well done Year 5.

Mrs Preedy and Mrs Naylor (who liaised with Road Safety and the Police)

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 9.15am 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 Primrose class with 97.1% and KS2 Sycamore class with 98.7%. The overall school attendance is 92.4% but 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