



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Spring Term - Issue 7



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

What a super week we've had back in school! The children have settled in beautifully, and the buzz of learning in our classrooms has been truly inspiring. Our Adventurers had a fantastic trip to The Plymouth Box, where they were commended by members of the public for their exemplary behaviour—something that makes us all very proud. Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate World Book Day next Thursday! We encourage all children (and staff) to come dressed as their favourite book character. Additionally, we will be running a bake sale to raise funds for new books for our classroom libraries. Please bring your delicious bakes to school and don't forget to send your child with some cash to buy a cake at playtime.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mould

PE DAYS - SPRING 2 TERM

We are pleased to be able to share PE days for this term. Here's the schedule:

- Explorers: Monday
- Voyagers: Monday
- Adventurers: Wednesday and Friday
- Trailblazers: Monday and Thursday



EVENTS COMING UP...

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Monday 9th March - EY's & KSI Bude Library Visits

Wednesday 25th March - Songfest 2026

Thursday 2nd April - Last day of term 2pm finish

ATTENDANCE

Explorers	96%
Voyages	95%
Adventurers	95%
Trailblazers	96%

HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	1126
Sahara	1093
Amazon	1046
Krakatoa	1134

BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to...

Lily

Eliza

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

We would like to remind all parents that holidays taken during term time are not considered exceptional circumstances and will result in unauthorised absence. If your child is absent without authorisation, it may lead to penalties under the Education Act 1996. Unauthorised absences could result in a penalty fine issued as £80 per liable parent, per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 per liable parent, per child if paid after this but within 28 days.

Please read the statutory statement regarding unauthorised absence during term time.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



SPRING TERM CLUBS

We are excited to offer a variety of clubs this Spring Term, providing opportunities for enrichment and social interaction outside of the classroom:

- Daily Breakfast Club
- Monday: Games Club
- Tuesday: Wellbeing Club
- Wednesday: Year 6 SATs Club
- Thursday: Computing Club
- Friday: Film Club



All clubs, except for the SATs Club, are £2 per child per session. Please book and pay through Arbor.

NURSERY PLACES

We are pleased to announce that we have spaces available in our Nursery for children aged 2 to 4 years, with funded places for up to 30 hours.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 01288 341241 or email school@whitstone.cornwall.sch.uk.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March

Come dressed as your favourite book character...



CAKE SALE

World Book Day Cake Sale

Thursday 5th March



Please bring cakes, buns and biscuit into school for the bake sale by Wednesday 5th March. Thank you in advance for your contributions. All proceeds will go towards buying books for our school.

CLASS SPOTLIGHT

Adventurers had a fantastic time at The Plymouth Box this week learning about Ancient Egyptians linked to their topic. They had lots of fun exploring artifacts and learning how to be museum curators!



WILD TRIBE



PLANTING FUN!

Voyagers enjoyed planting Mothers Day seeds today.

NOODLES!

Cooking & tasting noodles around the campfire for Chinese New Year.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



St Anne's Hall
6th March at 7pm
A BEETLE DRIVE
Prizes, refreshments and a draw.
All Welcome.

Proceeds to hall funds.
Queries to
helenecott@mail.com



JOIN US FOR THE
BGC Big Birthday Bash
CELEBRATING OUR CLUBS FIRST BIRTHDAY!
MARCH
28TH
18:30 - 22:30
BRADWORTHY MEMORIAL HALL -
EX22 7SZ
Children's entertainment,
DJ, hot food, bar
& live band (Aurora Nights).

Advance tickets available at www.bradworthygymnastics.co.uk
(Adults £7, Children £6, Family £25)
Tickets also available on the door (Adults £8.50, Children £7).

Share any events happening in the Community
and we will advertise them here!