



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Spring Term - Issue 8



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

What a fantastic day we had for World Book Day! The school was alive with creativity as students arrived in a wonderful array of book character costumes, showcasing their favourite stories. It was heart-warming to see so much imaginative play and enthusiasm for reading. Our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) organised a cake sale during playtime, which was a huge success! The delicious treats sold out quickly, and we are thrilled to announce that we raised an impressive £123. This money will go towards purchasing new books for our school library, ensuring that every child has access to exciting reading



materials. A big thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and cash; your generosity is greatly appreciated. To top off the day, every child went home with a book token, encouraging them to explore new adventures in reading. Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

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...

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

Wednesday 11th March - Girls Football (Y5/6)

Wednesday 18th March - Farm & Country Day (Y3/4)

Friday 20th March - Netball Competition (Y5/6)

Wednesday 25th March - Songfest 2026

Thursday 2nd April - Last day of term 2pm

ATTENDANCE

Explorers	90%
Voyages	97%
Adventurers	92%
Trailblazers	96%

HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	1388
Sahara	1323
Amazon	1272
Krakatoa	1456

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...

Miles

Tyler



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.



LONDON RESIDENTIAL

We are holding an information meeting after school in Trailblazers Class on:

Tuesday 10th March 3:15pm

Parents and children welcome.



PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 29th April from 3:30pm
&
Thursday 30th April from 3:30pm



We will notify parents when bookings will be opened.

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CERTIFICATES



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