



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Spring Term - Issue 10



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

Our 'Craze of the Week' was a tremendous hit last week, enjoyed by children of all ages. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm and new skills developing! In addition, our JLT have worked hard to create a new cosy reading den in the undercover area of the playground, along with a colouring station. These spaces have quickly become popular spots for our students to relax and express their creativity. Looking ahead, we are excited to announce a short Easter service at Whitstone Methodist Chapel next Thursday, 2nd April, in the morning at 9:30am. We plan to take the whole school, and while parents and carers are warmly invited to join us, please note that seating will be limited due to the number of seats needed for children and staff.



Best wishes, Mrs Mould.

PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 29th April from 3:30pm
&

Thursday 30th April from 3:30pm



Bookings OPEN on Monday 30th March on
classroom doors at pick up time.

EVENTS COMING UP...

Thursday 2nd April 9:30am - Easter Service &
Ipm House Team Easter Egg Hunt

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

Monday 20th April - First day back for Summer term

Weds 29th & Thurs 30th April - Parents Evenings

Monday 11th - Thur 14th May - KS2 SATs

ATTENDANCE

Explorers	94%
Voyages	93%
Adventurers	96.5%
Trailblazers	98%

HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	1722
Sahara	1697
Amazon	1504
Krakatoa	1778

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...
Lily B

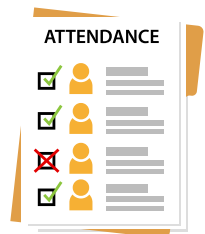
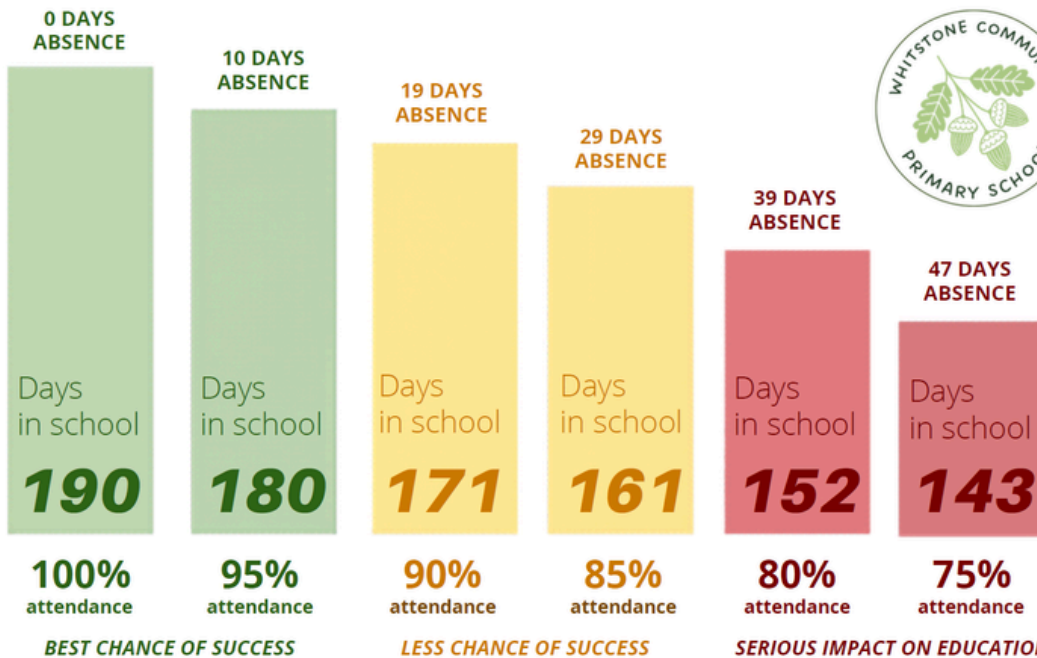


ATTENDANCE & TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

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.



REMINDERS



The school start time is:

8:45am



Both school gates are opened just before 8:40am.

Class teachers will be checking in with parents of children who they have noticed arrive late to school regularly to see what support we can offer.



LATENESS

Regularly arriving late can negatively affect pupils by:

- creating embarrassment or anxiety on arrival at school
- reducing confidence and willingness to participate
- causing them to miss instructions or lesson starters
- disrupting the learning of others and school routines
- missing crucial intervention time for pupils who need catch up work



Small amounts of lateness accumulate into significant missed learning:

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days of lost learning per year
- 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks of lost learning per year
- 30 minutes late every day adds up to 18 days of lost learning per year



CERTIFICATE AWARDS



Y5 & Y6 NETBALL COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Y5 & Y6 Netballers for coming 6th in the East Cornwall Netball Competition. Great team work!



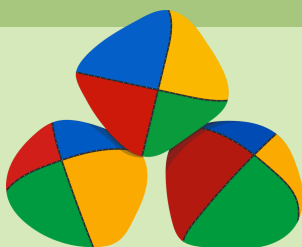
FARM AND COUNTRY DAY

We are thrilled to share that our Year 3 and 4 pupils had a fantastic day out at the Farm and Country Roadshow last week! Hosted at the Royal Cornwall Showground, this event is specifically aimed at local Year 3 and 4 students, providing them with an incredible opportunity to explore and learn. The children enjoyed hands-on experiences, discovering where our food comes from and the journey it takes to reach our tables. It was heartwarming to see their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day. The organisers and stallholders were particularly impressed by how engaged and respectful our Adventurers were, which fills us with pride. A huge well done to all our pupils for representing our school so wonderfully!



CRAZE OF THE WEEK!

The CRAZE of the week, this week is.....



Juggling



YOYOS CRAZE OF THE WEEK FUN!



LOCAL NEWS



Northmoor,
Whitstone,
Holsworthy,
EX22 6TD

22nd March 2026

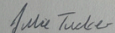
Dear Mrs Mould,

I am writing on behalf of the Whitstone Cancer Research Committee, to say a big thank you to Grace Stuckey, Phoebe Peters, Rufus and Lucy Walker for their help at our Cancer Research Big Breakfast fundraising event on Saturday 21st March 2026. We could not have run the event without the help of our young helpers.

You will be pleased to hear we raised £1782.87 profit for Cancer Research funds!

Grace Stuckey, Phoebe Peters, Rufus and Lucy Walker are a credit to Whitstone School, they were all helpful, polite and got involved supporting their local community.

With warm regards,


Julie Tucker
Secretary Whitstone Cancer Research

We are incredibly proud of Grace, Phoebe, Rufus, and Lucy for the fantastic support they gave at the Whitstone Cancer Research Big Breakfast on Saturday 21st March. Their hard work, kindness, and enthusiasm were recognised in a lovely letter from the event organisers, who described them as helpful, polite, and a true credit to Whitstone School.

Thanks to the efforts of everyone involved, the event raised an amazing £1,782.87 for Cancer Research. Grace, Phoebe, Rufus, and Lucy played a meaningful part in that success, showing what a positive impact young people can have in their community.

Well done to all four—your school is proud of you, and your community is too.

LOCAL EVENTS

Whitstone Methodist Church.

Come, Journey through Easter with us!

An Exhibition of flowers and materials
telling the important Easter Story.



Good Friday April 3rd
concert with The Stowford
Meadows Singers

at 7.00. P.M. followed by supper.

Easter Saturday April 4th 2.00-6.00pm
Exhibition open to the public with Cream
tea and creative activities. Donations only.

Easter Egg Hunt for Children

(See Village Facebook Page for details)



Easter Sunday Service at 11.0 a.m.

