



# WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter Spring Term - Issue 11



### MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

As we wrap up a fantastic Spring term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful learning, friendship, and fun our children have experienced. It has been heart-warming to see their growth and enthusiasm in every lesson and activity. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support for your children and our school.

Your involvement makes a significant difference, and we truly appreciate everything you do.



As we approach the Easter break, I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful time together. Enjoy the rest, and we can't wait to welcome you all back, refreshed and ready for more exciting adventures in the new term!

### PE DAYS - REMAIN THE SAME

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 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Last day of term 2pm finish

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - First day back for Summer term

Weds 29<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> April - Parents Evenings

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thur 14<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs

### ATTENDANCE

Explorers	98%
Voyages	95%
Adventurers	99%
Trailblazers	96.5%

### HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	1828
Sahara	1787
Amazon	1579
Krakatoa	1888

### BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...

Charlie

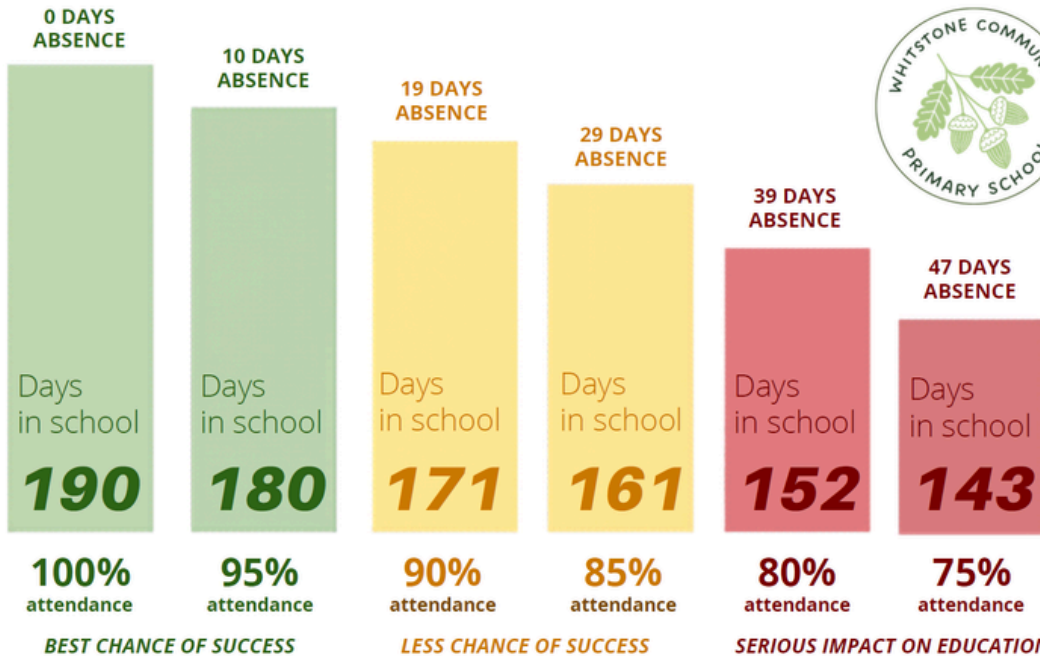


# ATTENDANCE & TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

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.



## SUMMER CLUBS

- Daily Breakfast Club
- Monday: Colouring Club
- Tuesday: Wellbeing Club
- Wednesday: Year 6 SATs Club
- Thursday: Lego Club
- Friday: Film Club

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



# CERTIFICATE AWARDS



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# STORY BOX COMPETITION



Congratulations to the children who entered the Story Box Competition. Such wonderful and creative creations! Thank you for entering and enjoy your prizes!



## SINGING AT ST ANNES RESIDENTIAL HOME

Our Y1 and Y2 children visited St Annes to sing to the residents. They enjoyed a juice and biscuits with the staff. What a lovely visit.



## LUNCH IN THE SUN ON THE LAST DAY



## TRIP TO THE WOODS FOR LUNCH

Voyagers Class enjoyed a trip to the local woodlands this week. Den building, climbing trees, bug hunting and a picnic. A fun day had by all!



## HOUSE TEAM EASTER EGG HUNT



Our first house team Easter egg hunt was a great success. Many thanks to our PTFA for gifting an Easter egg to each child in school. Congratulations to Krakatoa for gaining the most house points.