



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Summer Term - Issue 1



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

What a fantastic first week of the Summer term we've had at school! The children have bounced back into their routines with enthusiasm, and it has been a joy to see smiles all around. With the lovely sunshine, we've enjoyed spending time on the field every lunchtime, which the children absolutely love!

This week, our pupils have been introduced to their new topics, and learning has truly got off to a flying start.

Our dedicated teachers will be sending home topic information, along with ideas for topic related learning

activities you can do together at home. We are also looking forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening next week. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!



INSET DAYS

Monday 20th July - Thursday 24th July 2026

Academic Year 2026/27

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

Friday 23rd July 2027



EVENTS COMING UP...



Friday 24th April - PTFA Tuck Shop

Wednesday 29th April 2026 - Parents Evening

Thursday 30th April - Parents Evening

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - Y6 SATs Tests

Friday May 15th - PTFA Tuck Shop

Thursday 21st May - Explorers & Voyagers Rosemoor Trip



ATTENDANCE

Explorers 100%

Voyages 95%

Adventurers 99%

Trailblazers 96%



HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic 3121

Sahara 2927

Amazon 3419

Krakatoa 3748



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...



Jenson C

Jenson R

Noah A

Bodhi

Grace S

Lucy



ACHIEVEMENTS



Last Saturday, Lewis, Penny and Bradley, who play for Bude RFC U8's, enjoyed a fantastic day out at Exeter Chiefs as part of the Bradfords Community Cup. They arrived at Sandy Park, where they trained and played matches against other young teams. The highlight of the day was when Bude U8's took to the main pitch at half-time during the Exeter Chiefs vs Northampton Saints match, performing in front of a lively crowd of 12,120! What an incredible experience for them!

Sunday brought more excitement as they faced Launceston U8's, where Penny shone brightly and was awarded Player of the Match!

What a busy and thrilling weekend for our young athletes!



REMINDERS

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to apply suncream before school and bring a sun hat.



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PE Days:

Explorers: Monday

Voyagers: Monday

Adventurers: Wednesday

Trailblazers: Thursday and Friday



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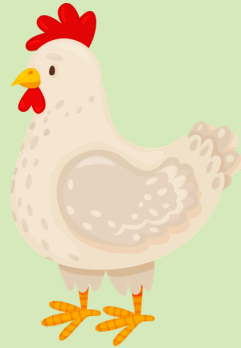


Any child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours to the school premises. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.



VISITS AND VISITORS

A huge thank you to Siobhan for bringing in their family hen, 'Chirpy', and her adorable little chicks! The children absolutely loved meeting them and had a wonderful time holding them in their classrooms. It was a delightful experience that sparked joy and curiosity in our young learners!



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 Summer 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.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Could you be entitled to income-related free school meal?

All children have in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals, but if you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be entitled to income-related free school meals.

This means that not only would your child be guaranteed free school meals for the rest of their time in primary school, but the school would also receive extra funding to support your child.



SAFE PARKING

For the safety of our children and the surrounding community, we kindly ask that parents do not park on the zigzag lines outside the school or block neighbours' driveways. We have received complaints from neighbours in recent months, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment during drop-off and pick-up times.

Respecting our neighbours and ensuring safe access to the school is crucial for the well-being of our children. We encourage families to walk or cycle to school where possible. Thank you for your understanding and support in fostering a positive community spirit!





PTFA NEWS AND UPDATES

**CALLING ALL NEW PARENTS AND
GUARDIANS TO WHITSTONE SCHOOL**

GUARDIAN/PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PTFA

**WE ARE SEEKING ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS TO HELP
ORGANIZE EVENTS AND RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR CHILDREN
AT WHITSTONE SCHOOL. JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

**JOIN OUR GROUP OF VOLUNTEER PARENTS, OFFER YOUR TIME WHEN YOU CAN
EXPRESS INTEREST TO**

JOANNASANDS74@GMAIL.COM





WE ARE HIRING

CHAIRPERSON WHITSTONE PTFA

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS! 🎉 WANT TO WHIP UP UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES AT PTFA EVENTS FOR BOTH KIDDOS AND GROWN-UPS? PLUS, HELP RAKE IN SOME FUNDS FOR OUR LITTLE LEARNERS? 📖 JOIN THE DREAM TEAM OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND OUR STELLAR YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP SQUAD TO COOK UP THRILLING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR FROM SEP 26 TO SEP 27! 📅 YOU'LL NEED TO BE FREE FOR MEETINGS AND TO WHIP UP A CALENDAR FULL OF FUN. THIS IS A VOLUNTARY GIG, KICKING OFF FROM SEP 26 TO SEP 27. CATCH JO SANDS (THEO'S MUM) OR KATIE REED (FINN AND OLIVE'S MUM) AT THE SCHOOL GATES FOR MORE DEETS, OR SHOOT THEM AN EMAIL! ✉️

EXPRESS INTEREST BY EMAIL TO

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SAVE THE DATE

PTFA EVENTS



APR 24 TUCK SHOP FRIDAY

Tuck shop available after school this Friday, bring your pennies to fire up your kids with sweet treats and snacks for the weekend!

JUN 04 FAMILY BINGO BONANZA

Join us for a Thursday night of bingo family fun in the school hall, great company, prizes, food and drinks! £10 per/book

MAY 15 TUCK SHOP FRIDAY

Tuck shop available after school this Friday, bring your pennies to fire up your kids with sweet treats and snacks for the weekend!

JUN 26 KIDS COLOUR RUN

A burst of colour and a fun way to end school sports day, as parents/guardians colour their kids into running rainbows. Tickets available on the day £5 per child, £8 for 2 or more children!

TIMINGS + TICKETS TO BE CONFIRMED

FUNDRAISING



We are thrilled to share that Miss Britten from Explorers Class will be walking 10k for the London Moonwalk in May to raise money for Breast Cancer. Her dedication to this important cause is truly inspiring! If you would like to support Miss Britton, please click on the link below to sponsor her.

Thank you for your generosity!

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