



WHITSTONE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter Autumn Term - Issue 2



MESSAGE FROM MRS MOULD

It has been a fantastic week at Whitstone, with a real buzz of learning across the school. The children have been engaged, enthusiastic and, most importantly, very happy. It is a pleasure to see such positivity and enjoyment in their learning every day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Mould.



AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

October

Tuesday 13th October - Y1 Hearing Screening

Wednesday 14th October - Music Workshop

Thursday 15th October - Harvest Service 2pm

November

Tuesday 3rd November - Smarter Smiles

Friday 6th November - Festival of Light Day

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 13th November - Children in Need

Wednesday 18th November - Odd Sock Day

Monday 23rd November - School Photos



December

Wednesday 9th December - Nativity

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Service 2pm

Friday 18th December - Christmas Party Day

TERM DATES



Autumn Term 1

Monday 7th September - Friday 23rd October

Half term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Autumn Term 2

Monday 2nd November - Friday 17th December



ATTENDANCE

Explorers	93%
Voyages	90%
Adventurers	98.5%
Trailblazers	89%



HOUSE POINTS

Atlantic	95
Sahara	139
Amazon	103
Krakatoa	133



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to...



Willow



CERTIFICATES



REMINDERS

As the weather continues to be chilly, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm and waterproof coat, including optional extras like hats, scarves, and gloves.



REMINDERS

PE Days:

Explorers: Thursday

Voyagers: Tuesday

Adventurers: Wednesday and Thursday

Trailblazers: Monday and Friday



REMINDERS



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.



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.



AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

We are excited to offer a variety of clubs this Autumn Term which will be free of charge and provide children with enrichment and social opportunities starting on Monday 28th September.

- Monday: Games Club
- Tuesday: Yoga Club
- Wednesday: Construction Club
- Thursday: Computing Club
- Friday: Scooter Club



Places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Bookings will open on Arbor on Wednesday 23rd September at 8am.

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.



SAFE PARKING

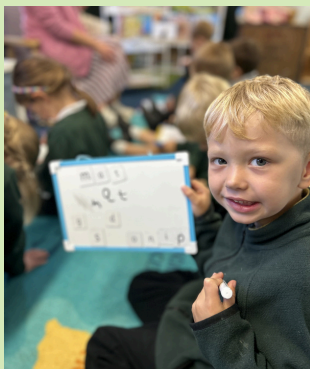
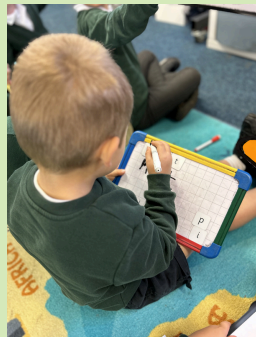
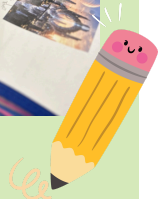
For the safety of our children and the surrounding community, we kindly ask that parents do not park on the zigzag lines outside the school or block neighbours' driveways. We have received complaints from neighbours in recent months, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment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



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

A fabulous week in school this week...lots of hard work and fun with friends.....



SCHOOL RULES AND VALUES



PTFA



FUNDRAISING



Some of the school staff are doing a walk in Bude in aid of children in need. If you would like to donate, please click the link below. Thank you for your support.

<https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/wcps-ramblers>

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

We are excited to offer a variety of **FREE** after-school clubs this Autumn Term, giving children even more opportunities to have fun, learn new skills, develop their interests and spend time with friends.

Clubs will run from **3:15pm to 4:15pm** and will begin on **Monday 28th September**.

	MONDAY:	Games Club
	TUESDAY:	Yoga Club
	WEDNESDAY:	Construction Club
	THURSDAY:	Computing Club
	FRIDAY:	Scooter Club

Places are limited and will be allocated on a **first come, first served basis**.

Bookings open on **Wednesday 23rd September at 8:00am.**