



NEWSLETTER

6th January 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring term. It was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces walk through our doors on Wednesday morning. Children were straight back into their full timetable with some quick recall tasks to ensure no learning was lost over the Christmas break.

This half term is only short with 5 weeks remaining. With this, attendance to school for the full 5 weeks is extremely important to avoid any lost learning and to ensure no child has gaps in their education. It was great to see so many children entered into the attendance prize draw at the end of last year with twenty-one children receiving prizes.

This term we have once again extended our enrichment offer to children and parents after school. These will take place each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Booking can only be done via the school app. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and use it regularly. If you need help, please ask in the office. The next step in our My Child at School roadmap will be introducing the behaviour module. Watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend

Mr D Kenny – Executive Headteacher



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Stars of the week

Congratulations to this week's Stars. We are very proud of you!



All pupils

Nursery: Aaron Johnson
Penelope Gardiner
Reception: Mason McKenny
YEAR 1: Adam Greene
YEAR 2: Harley Morgan
YEAR 3: Cole Pates
YEAR 4: Penelope Fitzgerald
YEAR 5: Mila McGee-Inman
YEAR 6: Kai Swainston
PPA: Matthew Hilton
Afterschool: Claudia Dixon

Terrific Timekeepers

Can we remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our terrific timekeepers for this week are our Reception, Y1,Y2,Y3,Y5 and Y6 pupils. We would love this every week.



REMINDER

Can we remind parents/ carers about:

1. Pupils should be in correct uniform.
2. No earrings or nail varnish to be worn.
3. Homework should be in by the due date set by their teacher.
4. Reading books to be in everyday, and planners must be signed.

Enrichment Clubs

Enrichment Clubs are now live on the MCAS app for you to book your child on. Please remember to book before the 8th January. Thank you

Wraparound Care

Can we please remind parents that you MUST book onto Afterschool Club, Breakfast Club and Nursery Wraparound using the MCAS app, even if you have regularly attended specific days in the past.



YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	95.0%
RECEPTION	96.7%
Y1	96.7%
Y2	90.0%
Y3	98.2%
Y4	100%
Y5	96.7%
Y6	85.0%
TOTAL	94.8%
YEAR TO DATE	95.5%

National Cuddle Up Day

Today is National Cuddle Up Day. Who doesn't love a good cuddle! You can hug your family, your friends, your teddy bear or even your pets. Cuddling is effective for warming your body (and your heart) thanks to the oxytocin it releases. This "feel-good" hormone offers tremendous health benefits. So lets get cuddling!



What Do I Do Outside School?

Well done to Bodhi from Reception Class. Bodhi plays football for Whiston Juniors as a defender, and won his trophy for being 'player of the week'. Bodhi is one to look out for! Whiston this week, Goodison Park next week!



FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

As we start a new school term, we're asking for your support in ensuring your child achieves 100% attendance – for the remainder of this academic year and future years.

Regular school attendance will give your child the very best start in life, providing opportunities to learn, develop and succeed.

Missing school could result in your child falling behind which could impact on their confidence, health and wellbeing.

There is a wide range of support available to help you and your child achieve 100% school attendance, but please:-

- encourage and ensure your child attends school regularly and punctually
- notify and discuss with your school of any concerns relating to school attendance at an early stage
- notify the school immediately if your child is unable to attend school if they are unwell
- maintain a regular routine – bed-time and morning routine to help your child to get to school on time
- avoid term time holidays – these are unauthorised absences (unless in exceptional circumstances)

Thank you for your continued support and please speak to a member of staff if you do have any concerns about your child's school attendance.

Let's all work together to make every day count and support your child to achieve 100% school attendance.



My New Year's Resolution is to

Achieve 100% school attendance, giving me the best start in life and more opportunities to learn, achieve and succeed.

#everydaycount

PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER TERM	WHAT THAT MEANS IN WEEKS OFF PER YEAR
95%	4 days	2 weeks
90%	1 week	4 weeks
80%	2 weeks and 4 days	8 weeks
70%	4 weeks and 1 day	12 weeks
60%	5 weeks and 3 days	16 weeks
50%	7 weeks	20 weeks
40%	8 weeks and 2 days	24 weeks
30%	9 weeks and 1 day	28 weeks



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

MATHS – Equations
ENGLISH – Epiphany

After School

Please email the school office to book your afterschool requirements. Our numbers are capped, so please remember to book, as we may not have availability on the day. If you have booked an afterschool session and no longer require it, please email the school office ASAP. Thank you

LATE PICK UP FROM SCHOOL

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 2.50pm OR are late being collected from an afterschool activity, they will go into afterschool which is chargeable as follows:

½ hour from school close time= £3 per day
1 hour from school close time= £5 per day
anything after 1 hour up until 5.30pm = £10 per day
(Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late)

Dates for your diary

10th February : School closes
20th February : School opens