



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been back after what I hope was a lovely Easter break for two weeks and the children have continued to work hard and do their best in all classes. I have been lucky to see many individuals with their learning and I have been really impressed with how much progress pupils are making.

I am particularly pleased and impressed with how both Jaguar and Lion Class have settled back into school with a change of teacher for them. It has been lovely to see how new relationships are forming with different adults. Times of change are difficult for us all and by continuing to work together, the children will very quickly adapt and settle, as most already have.

We are now in the run up to assessment periods for our children in Y6 with their SATs, Y4 for their multiplication tables check and Y1 for their phonics screen. The children are preparing well and if you have any further questions or queries please ask class teachers. The best preparation for the children in consistency, sleep and continued effort from them all.

Pupils are able to wear summer uniform as the weather improves but we must insist that footwear is suitable for school- Supportive shoes must be worn and not jelly shoes or sandals due to health and safety risks.

#### PTA:

The PTA have continued to make a great start in their work and all money they raise is going straight back to your children.

**They have asked if we can run a 'Crazy Clothes/ non uniform day' with a £1 donation on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

The final event of the year that they have planned will be an afternoon tea event with additional games in June. Look out for further details.

The current team would really appreciate any further support and the next meeting is to be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15pm to plan some future events.

**Y6 pupils watching Manchester Thunder last Friday night- Thanks Miss Caldwell and Mr Wong.....**



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**Attendance:** Attendance is currently at its lowest in the 9 years that I have been at Whiston Willis and is the most important area that we really do need your support with.

We understand that we all can get ill, but we have seen far too many children with too many broken weeks in the last term which means having random single days off in any week.

In line with our attendance policy and Knowsley School Attendance Service advice, we will be asking for medical evidence to enable us to authorise absences for children who have attendance below 90%.

Unauthorised absences can lead to referral to Knowsley attendance service, warning letters and ultimately prosecution.

I hope you will work with us this term to reduce the number of broken weeks across school for all our children.

They all have one chance at school so attending every day really does matter!

## Attendance League Table (15<sup>th</sup> April-25<sup>th</sup> April)

Position	Class	Percentage	LEAGUE POINTS	<p><b>Please arrange appointments out of school time or if that isn't possible bring your child in first thing to get their mark and return them after any appointment.</b></p> <p>Please do call the school office if your child is going to be absent or if you need any further advice.</p> <p>If we are not informed of any reason for absence, either Mr Nixon or Mr Cooper will have to complete a home visit as part of our safeguarding procedures.</p>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pangolin	97%	YEAR 2 WINNERS	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hummingbird	96.7%		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wolf	96.3%	UKS2 WINNERS	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehog	95.6%	EYFS WINNERS	
	Cheetah	95.6%		
	Zebra	95.6%	YEAR 3 WINNERS	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Koala	94.1%		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Owl	92.4%		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tiger	92.2%	YEAR 1 WINNERS	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lion	91.75%	YEAR 4 WINNERS	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Penguin	91.4%		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jaguar	91.3%		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Squirrel	90.4%		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Shark	85.9%		

## Special mentions for positively standing out this week.....

CLASS	PUPIL	<p>To follow what is going on in your child's class, please join Twitter and follow the class page. It is a great way to see all the learning and fun that goes on in classes.</p> <p><b>Well done to all our pupils who have been recognised by staff this week for their hard work and in following our school values and The Whiston Willis Way.</b></p> <p><b>I really have noticed some pupils in Y2 following the Whiston Willis Way so a special mention to them!</b></p>
Squirrel	Sebastian M and Nova R	
Owl	Nilen T and Lexi M	
Hedgehog	Oscar M and Elsie L	
Tiger	James W and Tia M	
Jaguar	Lily P and Sonny W	
Pangolin	Johan D and Evelyn Y	
Hummingbird	Grace B and Thomas S	
Zebra	Seth W and Jack H	
Penguin	Una and Aaron	
Lion	Lila R and Sabrina T	
Shark	Elsie M and Lily Rose C	
Koala	Isaac L and Gracie B	
Wolf	Aidan Mc and Mikey F	
Cheetah	Evie G and Angel RJ	

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Parking: Please can we ensure that we are parking with care to avoid any accidents and with consideration for local residents. Please do not block driveways or pavements due to unthoughtful and dangerous parking.

AFTER SCHOOL BOOKINGS: Please do ensure your child is booked in for sessions. We are often very close to adult: child ratios resulting in potential last minute bookings being refused.

If you have booked places, can you please let the school office know of any cancellations at the earliest point possible.

Have a lovely weekend

Ian Cooper

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