



Cheetah Class Newsletter

We are now four weeks into the Spring term, and the children continue to impress us with their positive attitudes and commitment to learning. This is such an important year for them as they prepare for SATs and their transition to high school, and they are rising to the challenge brilliantly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support - it really does make a difference.

Please remember to follow our school Facebook page to keep up to date with important announcements, reminders and snapshots of the fantastic learning taking place in class.

English

In English, the children have written excellent newspaper reports for the *Oranekrant*, focusing on the Dutch Resistance during World War II. They have used strong language and historical understanding to produce some truly impressive pieces of writing.

All children have brought a copy of this work home for you to read- please do take the time to look through it with them- they are all amazing!

Maths

We have now completed our chapter on measurement and are moving on to reasoning and word problems, applying the skills the children have learned so far. We are also revising key areas of maths in preparation for SATs.

Thank you to the parents who are supporting children at home, especially when they get questions wrong. I have seen this reflected in homework and am blown away by the level of support - it is really helping the children progress.

Guided Reading

We are coming to the end of our class text The Little Match Girl Strikes Back by Emma Carroll. The children have been completely engaged, often sitting on the edge of their seats each lesson.

We have explored themes of strikes, women at work and working conditions in Victorian times, making links to the Suffragettes and discussing how these issues connect to children's rights today through our Rights Respecting work.

Science

In Science, the children have produced fantastic non-chronological reports about the circulatory system. These are high-quality pieces of work and show how hard the children have been working.

History & Geography

Geography: we are learning about settlements, exploring what makes a city, town or village, and understanding how settlements develop.

History: We have returned to one of our favourite topics - the Windrush Generation - making links to our English work earlier in the year.

PE

The children have absolutely loved getting the gymnastics equipment out this half-term and continue to enjoy weekly dodgeball sessions with Miss Weaver.

- **PE Days:** Wednesday and Friday
- Please come to school in full PE kit on both days.

Art

In Art, the children are developing their observation and sketching skills by drawing fruit, using magnifying glasses to notice fine details, texture and shading.

Attendance

A huge well done to Cheetah Class, who achieved **100% attendance last week!** This was celebrated with extra playtime - fantastic effort from everyone.

Can we do it again next week? Let's aim high and keep it going!

We kindly ask that children arrive at the classroom door by **8:40am**, as this is when our Early Bird Maths session begins. This additional learning time plays a key role in strengthening mathematical understanding and addressing any gaps. Thank you for your continued support. Let's aim high and work together to make Cheetah Class the strongest attending class in the school.

Uniform, PE and Healthy Schools

- PE Days: **Tuesday and Friday** - come to school in full PE kit.
- PE Kit: Plain white top or Whiston Willis PE top, navy or black joggers/leggings, and a plain navy hoodie or Whiston Willis hoodie. **Children must not wear branded tracksuit items or clothing with logos for PE.**
- Uniform: Full correct school uniform must be worn daily, including black school shoes.
- Healthy Schools: Please provide healthy snacks for break time and nutritious packed lunches if your child is not having a school dinner. Too much sugar at break is making it harder for some children to concentrate in lessons, so let's work together to make healthy choices.
- Birthdays: Please note that we can no longer accept birthday cakes in school due to allergies.

Homework

Thank you for the continued support with reading, spellings, times tables and SATs revision. This consistent effort at home is making a noticeable difference.

Sats Preparation

Morning and after-school SATs booster clubs are now in full swing.

We are pleased to let you know that Mr Wong's Monday SATs club, which was previously advertised for Wolf Class only, is now open to Cheetah Class. If you would like your child to attend the Monday or/and Thursday after-school sessions, please speak to me at the classroom door. Well done to the children that are attending!

Stars of the Week

- **Lila R** - For producing amazing work in English and showing excellent effort and creativity.
- **Elsie M** - For 100% commitment in everything you do. Always smiling, always joyful, and a pleasure to have in class.
- **Jude Mc** - For giving maximum effort at all times. You are polite, hardworking and always try your very best.
- **Hallie FM** - For helping others, especially during PE, and for showing great resilience, helpfulness and positive contribution to the classroom.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday 27th January**: Year 6 Football Competition
- **Wednesday 28th January**: PC Hazel talk on police uniform
- **Friday's: Please remember: 50p is needed for Tuck Shop Fridays.**
- **Tuesday 3rd February**: PC Hazel Hate Crime Talk
- **Thursday 3rd February**: School Nurse drop-in (contact the office)
- **2nd–6th February**: SATs Mock Week
- **11th February**: PTA Valentine's Day Disco

We are now heading into the final three weeks of Spring 1, and it's hard to believe how quickly this year is moving. With around twelve school weeks until SATs and approximately twenty school weeks until the children finish Year 6, the countdown is very much on. I have seen so much progress in every single child - academically, emotionally and in confidence. The effort, resilience and maturity the children are showing is something to be incredibly proud of, and they continue to rise to the challenge each day.

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember you can follow our class updates on **Facebook (Whiston Willis primary Academy)** for regular photos and news from our learning journey. Please do not hesitate to grab me at the door or ring the school should you want to discuss anything.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Jennings