



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another very busy fortnight since our last whole school newsletter and it has been wonderful to see some fantastic learning across all classes in school. I have been particularly impressed with the work ethic and focus of our youngest children in nursery and Reception who have shown amazingly positive attitudes to learning and their learning demonstrates this exceptionally well.

Many thanks to all parents who managed to attend our parent teacher meetings this week either in person or via telephone. If you have not been able to speak to your child's teacher yet, please do contact the school office or the teacher directly and we will look to arrange this as soon as possible. I hope you all have a clear idea how your children are doing at school both academically and personally.

Staffing:

At the end of this term we are losing some staff who are moving on to new roles away from Whiston Willis.

Mrs Pender has been at Whiston Willis for 16 years now, starting as a newly qualified teacher and progressing to her current role of Assistant Principal. She has taught many children in her time and contributed significantly to their achievements. She has also been a key member of staff in recent years in school improvement. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well on her promotion to a Deputy Headteacher role at a school in Liverpool.

Mrs Adair has worked at Whiston Willis for even longer than Mrs Pender and she has contributed massively to our school community over the years. She has worked across many year groups successfully and in the most recent years has played a part in ensuring our new reception children settle quickly and make a good start to school life. She will be missed by us all and especially by the children who she supports daily in the classroom. Again I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Adair lots of luck in her new endeavours.

Miss Cashman has only been with us since September but she will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave on Wednesday 18th April. I would like to thank her for her hard work and effort with the children in Jaguar Class for the last two terms.

PTA:

Thank you for your donations of chocolate and Easter Eggs recently- we have some fantastic chocolate hampers as our raffle prizes. Please do try to buy a ticket (50p) or 5 for £2). All money raised will go straight back to the children.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you how the PTA is now starting to use the money from their fundraising to give back to the children in school. Every child in school will receive a crème egg for Easter and they have also made a donation towards an upcoming trip to reduce the cost for parents.

We will sell raffle tickets after school on Tuesday next week weather permitting outside in the space between the two school buildings.

The current team would really appreciate any further support and the next meeting is to be held on April 18th at 2:15pm to plan some future events.

Some parents have mentioned the overnight work that has taken place in school this week – we really appreciate our neighbours looking out for anything out of the ordinary. For information, we have had our network across school updated so that internet speeds will be three times faster than previously!

Learning for Life



Outdoor Nursery fun in the Spring sunshine.....



Design and Technology in Wolf Class....



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 (20th-February-21st March)

Position	Class	Percentage	LEAGUE POINTS	<p>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.</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>
1st	Wolf	96.31%	UKS2 WINNERS	
2 nd	Lion	96%	YEAR 3 WINNERS	
3 rd	Koala	94.78%		
4 th	Zebra	94.75%	YEAR 4 WINNERS	
5 th	Tiger	93.77%	YEAR 1 WINNERS	
6 th	Shark	93.58%		
7 th	Owl	92.57%	EYFS WINNERS	
8 th	Cheetah	92.13%		
9 th	Squirrel	92.1%		
10 th	Hummingbird	91.49%		
11 th	Jaguar	90.85%		
12 th	Penguin	89.35%		
13 th	Hedgehog	89.34%		
14 th	Pangolin	87.5%		



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

CLASS	PUPIL	
Squirrel	Odin Mc and Rhoen D	<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>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.</p> <p>I really have noticed some pupils in Y1 following the Whiston Willis Way so a special mention to them!</p>
Owl	Averie B and Nancy C	
Hedgehog	Louie W and Nadya M	
Tiger	Isaac M and Dotty W	
Jaguar	Ellis F and Jax A	
Pangolin	Freddie S and Ivy W	
Hummingbird	Nyla H and Isla C	
Zebra	Elijah W and Alexander K	
Penguin	Antonia HC and Scarlett R	
Lion	Hafsat S and Alfie Mc	
Shark	Hugo F and Brooklynn FM	
Koala	Connor T and Mila H	
Wolf	Freddie H and Leighton M	
Cheetah	Sonny S and Holly R	

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.

Kind regards

Ian Cooper