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16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another two extremely busy weeks and the children have been working exceptionally hard to improve their knowledge and understanding across the curriculum. The efforts that some of our younger children (and their parents) are putting into improving there is having such a positive impact and is leading to some great improvements which is great to see.

I want to praise the pupils in Lion Class particularly too as their effort and focus is noticeable every time I visit their classroom. Our nursery and reception children continue to make great strides every week and their confidence is growing in all aspects of school life. Well done to all involved!

The bike ability programme finished for Y6 last week and the pupils were praised for their behaviour attitude and listening skills. This is vital for programmes like this and the instructors believe that the pupils now have a good grounding for being safer on the roads when riding their bikes.

Pupils in Y3 and Y4 had a keyboard/ Music workshop last week offered by Merseyside Music Squad. The children thoroughly enjoyed this workshop and we will be looking at how we can work together with Music squad in the future to offer a wider range of music opportunities for our pupils.

Pupils in Y5 attended a workshop at the playhouse theatre this week. They were excellent in all they did and represented the school in such a positive manner. They were so good that we as a school received an email from another local school praising the pupils for their performance, behaviour and the manner in which they represented the school. This is the type of feedback that makes me feel exceptionally proud and see how well our school values are lived by the children.

Thank you for your patience while we have been managing the change in our information systems in school during September. We are now hoping that our communication thought the Arbor communication system will run smoothly moving forward. If you have any queries or questions, please do contact or school office via email school@whistonwillis.co.uk



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Harvest: Thank you for all your donations for our Harvest Appeal. Reverend Telfer attended school and shared a celebration with the children and he will then be distributing the food we collected to local families.

Family Learning: We have had two sessions of family learning craft for families in Y1 which have proven to be a great success. It is great to see the excitement form the children and adults alike in these sessions! We are in the process of looking to arrange further sessions to give as many parents an opportunity to attend and complete a session with their children.

School Uniform:

Reminder- please ensure that your children wear correct school uniform. Many children have lost school ties already and on PE days are not wearing the correct PE kit. If accessing correct uniform is a problem, please do contact us at school and we may be able to help.

We are striving for the highest expectations and do strongly ask for your support in ensuring your children wear school PE kit with the school logo on. If this is not possible, can you ensure a plain white t shirt is worn. We have said that tracksuit bottom/ leggings can be worn and these should be black ideally.

Please refer to the school uniform page on the website and ensure the correct uniform is worn.

Attendance:
The one area that we have to improve as a school community is school attendance.
For the last three years our attendance has been highlighted as being below national figures and absences are high.

Our School attendance has dropped again in the last two weeks! Please do support us by ensuring your children attend school consistently

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It is vital for all pupils to have strong attendance to give themselves the very best opportunities to build and maintain relationships with their peers and to ensure they have consistency in their learning so that they achieve well. Learning in school takes place from 8.50am until the end of the school day so punctuality and completing the school day every day is also vital to reduce lost learning.

Please do consider carefully any term time holidays impacting on learning. Our slightly extended half term break in October may give you an opportunity to enjoy a cheaper break and reduce the number of days lost at school for children. We have received a significant amount of holidays requests already this year and we will not be authorising holidays in term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances which is in line with national and local guidance.

We do also want to bring to your attention, that all unauthorised absence can also be subject to Education Penalty Notices (not just holidays). We have no choice but to follow national advice and guidance from the LA attendance team and we have a duty to report when thresholds for unauthorised absences have been met to the LA.

Attendance League Table (Year to date)

Position	Class	Percentage	
1st	Cheetah	96.8%	Y6 WINNERS
2nd	Hummingbird	95.5	Y5 WINNERS
3rd	Penguin	95.4	Y2 WINNERS
4th	Tiger	95.3	Y3 WINNERS
5th=	Shark	94.9	
5th=	Pangolin	94.7%	Y4 WINNERS
7th	Jaguar	94.2%	
8th	Leopard	94.1%	Y1 WINNERS
9th	Koala	93.9%	
10th	Owl	93.6%	EYFS WINNERS
11th	Wolf	93.3%	
12th	Lion	93.2	
13th	Hedgehog	93.0%	
14th	Zebra	91.7%	
15th	Squirrel	91.5%	

Every child should have attendance of at least 96% minimum.
That is the target we should work together to achieve.

In the working world, attendance of 90% would be a concern and would put employment at risk.

We need to strive to achieve 5 full days a week consistently- broken weeks have to be avoided to avoid lost learning for your child and reduced life chances!

Too many classes are below target already- can we work in those classes to improve attendance in the next two weeks- we all have a role to play!



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Special mentions for positively standing out this week……

CLASS	PUPIL	
Squirrel	Blake and Thara	**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.**
Owl	Jude and Heidi	
Hedgehog	Hallie S and Deborah B	
Tiger	Evie D and Nelly R	
Jaguar	Benjamin D and Alexander J	
Pangolin	Alfie C and Isobel T	
Hummingbird	Ivy and Alfie S	
Zebra	Nellie M and Bobby C	
Penguin	Louie and Nancy	
Lion	Noah C and Aurora- Grace	
Shark	Elijah and Jules M	
Koala	Darcey and Finley	
Leopard	Bobby H and Aliza M	
Wolf	Mara and George	
Cheetah	Scott H and Sage W	

Parking: Please do note that parking permits in the local are in force. You park at your own risk but once again we ask you to show respect to our neighbours and park considerably. I also ask you to drive carefully to ensure all our pupils are safe on the roads around our school.

BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE!

Kind regards

Ian Cooper