



Welcome back to a new term which I am sure will be as busy as ever.

We ended last half term with a number of visitors coming into school to see our children learning and we received some really positive feedback about the attitudes to learning and quality of the work the children are consistently producing which is always nice to hear.

A group of our new governors spent a few hours with Mrs Pender reviewing teaching and learning in school. They visited classrooms and discussed our approaches to teaching and learning in classes. We will be holding some workshops this term to share information with any interested parents about our approach to teaching in some key subjects. Dates will follow.

I am really happy to say that we have been able to have some work completed in school over the holidays including new carpets in two classrooms and the redecoration of fascia boards on the lower school site. I am most pleased that we have also been able to redevelop a room in the KS1 building and create a sensory room that is an amazing space for the children to use. We have also been able to secure some funding to improve our outdoor area and equipment for both nursery and Reception which we are hoping will enable us to complete to improvements in the summer holidays.

Our Y1 and Y2 children enjoyed a really valuable trip this week that will support them with their learning across the curriculum. They represented the school really well and their behavior was excellent- Well done!

I have included a short extract from another piece of excellent writing that I have seen from a child in school. This time it is an example form a Y4 child.

Afterwards, father was getting tired and decided to go over to the secret valley of drifted snow. Completely exhausted, he gazed up and saw an idyllic house with layers of snow resting on the roof. Totally overwhelmed, the Winter's Father breathed out snow-hushed air. Glistening, elegant icicles were hanging off the house and he decided to explore. Suddenly he looked down at the criss crossed snow covered in hoof prints as he looked up, there in front of him, the pale boy with ice blue eyes stood still. (MD- WOLF CLASS)

Attendance:

I am really pleased with our current attendance in school this year and thank you for your support with this. Can we all please continue to work together this half term to ensure we can continue to improve our overall attendance. Currently 50 children have not had a single day off school this year and 125 attended every day from January to Easter. All these children will receive a certificate to recognize this achievement.

ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK BEGINNING 22/4/19

Position	Class	Percentage	Position	Class	Percentage
1 st			6 th		
=1st			7 th		
3 rd			8 th		
4 th			9 th		
5 th			10 th		
			11 th		

Well done to our highest attending classes his week-

Road Safety: I am really pleased with the positive impact our road safety officers have had on Milton Avenue and the feedback has been excellent. It is great to be able to ensure that parents and children have a clear sightline when crossing the road outside of school now and I hope that this is the first step in ensuring we can keep our children safe on the roads outside school.

Signs For Success- We have recently developed a partnership with a company called Signs For Success. This partnership enables us to work together to attempt to sell fence space for banners for businesses to advertise their company. The company will produce the banner and it will then be displayed at school. The monthly advertising costs for businesses are then shared between school and Signs for Success. If you do know any local business owners or even national business owners who would be willing to take part in this, please read the attached leaflet and encourage them to sign up. Any money we receive through this project will be invested straight back into resources for the children at school. Please spread the word!

Water bottles- We have made the decision that every Friday we will be sending water bottles home with the children so that you are able to give the bottle a thorough wash at home each week. The children will be able to empty and refill their bottle daily in school but in the interest of cleanliness we believe that taking bottles home once a week will be the best option.

Well being award- The letter below is specifically for children in Y3, Y4,Y5 and Y6. It details some information about work we will be doing in ensuring that the mental well being of our children is addressed.



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Dear Parent / carer,

The Wellbeing Award for Schools (WAS)

As you may know already, **Whiston Willis Primary Academy** is working towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools.

In order to make sure that we improve the support we offer, we want to understand how well we are currently supporting the emotional wellbeing of our pupils. For this reason, we are inviting pupils at our school to complete an anonymous survey.

The following information is important since it will explain about both the survey process and how the information gathered will be used.

Why we are writing to parents/carers

We are asking for your permission to invite your child to complete the survey. If you are happy for your child to do this then you do not have to do anything. However, if you do not want your child to complete the questionnaire then please let us know by **Monday 29th April 2019**.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are happy for your child to be invited. Please be reassured that by deciding against you or your child taking part in the survey will not disadvantage you or your child in any way.

If you are unsure about whether you would like your child to take part and you have some questions about the survey, you are welcome to contact 0151 477 8270.

Why has my child been asked to take part and what will they do?

The survey has been specially designed for pupils. It is a survey which should take about 15 minutes to complete. The answers your child gives to the questionnaire will not be seen by their friends or teachers - unless your child chooses an adult to help them complete the questions.

What will happen with the information that your child gives us?

The information from the survey will help our school to improve its work in providing better provision for emotional wellbeing and mental health. All information collected is anonymous and will be kept confidential.

What we need parents/carers to do

We hope that you have found this information useful and that you will be happy for your child to be invited to take part in this survey. As noted, if you do not want your child to participate in this survey, you need to contact the school by **Monday 29th April 2019**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hennessey
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