



WHISTON WILLIS
PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy period in recent weeks and the Christmas preparations have fully begun this week. The sounds of carols being sung, Nativity practice, Elsa visiting Reception and the traditional sounds of panto have filled school this week and it has been fantastic to see and hear the growing excitement in the children as the week has progressed.

Also, I would like to offer a huge thanks on behalf of us all to our PTA volunteers who did a great job working with staff to raise money for school at the 'Christmas Movie Night' this week. The group are always looking for additional members to help with events that they plan, and it is vital that we do have some extra volunteers to ensure that all that the group want to complete for the children can happen. If you have any time to spare and would be willing to help, then please do let the school office know and we will look to put you in touch with the right people.

There are several Christmas events in the next two weeks for us all to enjoy. Make sure you refer to the information that has been shared earlier this week so you or your children don't miss out!

Part of our annual celebrations is Christmas Jumper Day- aligned with the 'Save the Children' fundraiser. If you want to send your children into school wearing a Christmas Jumper of any other Christmas accessory, then please do next Thursday 11th December. If you can offer a donation to go with it, we will collect and send to the charity.



A further group of our Y6 pupils have completed their 'Bike Ability' training this week and we are so proud of their efforts and the attitude that they displayed with the trainers. This is another opportunity we offer to our children to develop increased safety around themselves whilst at our school.

I do want to once again want to direct you towards our updated Home School Agreement that is accessible to you via the school website. A link was sent to you via email in recent weeks. As a school, relationships with our families are so important and we wanted to share how we believe this will work best and the responsibilities of all of us as stakeholders. Working together will always have the most positive impact for our pupils. Please do refer to this to understand all of our individual roles.

I hope that as many of you as possible attend our parent teacher meetings in the next two weeks, this is an opportunity to find out how your children are doing and how we can work together to help them achieve and progress even further. Parents of pupils in Y4 and Y5 will meet with staff in the upper school hall. All other classes will meet the teacher in the classrooms. There will be staff on hand to direct and support as required.

I am aware of a number of adults on the school grounds in recent weeks who have been openly swearing, being aggressive towards school staff and even allowing dogs to foul on school grounds. All these things are not acceptable and I do want to remind adults of their responsibilities in acting as the best possible example. If adults do continually demonstrate behaviour that is not acceptable, then as a school we have the right to issue warnings and ban adults from the school grounds if required.



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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.

We would love all our children to be in the 96% club with attendance above this figure.

Attendance League Table (Year to date)

Position	Class	Percentage		<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>Last year our school attendance was below both national and Local Authority figures and must improve. Please support us by arranging appointments outside of school time and getting the children into school regularly this year.</p>
1 st	Tiger	97.1%	Y1 WINNERS	
2nd	Jaguar	96.3%		
3rd	Owl	96.2%	EY WINNERS	
4 th	Hummingbird	96.1%	Y2 WINNERS	
5th	Penguin	96.1%	Y3 WINNERS	
6 th	Wolf	96.1%	Y6 WINNERS	
7th	Shark	96%	Y4 WINNERS	
8 th	Pangolin	95.5%		
9th	Koala	95.2%	Y5 WINNERS	
10 th	Cheetah	94.7%		
11 th	Leopard	94.4%		
12 th	Zebra	94.1%		
13th	Hedgehog	93.4%		
14th	Lion	93.2%		
15th	Squirrel	88.7%		

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

CLASS	PUPIL	<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>
Squirrel	Joey L and Lily B	
Owl	Noah O and Betty W	
Hedgehog	Rahma M and Oliver M	
Tiger	Lewy K and Elsie Mae	
Jaguar	Mya B and Joseph J	
Pangolin	Zenishha and Louie	
Hummingbird	Nancy C and Amber J	
Zebra	Mya G and Lilah W	
Penguin	Jack and Eddie	
Lion	Johan D and Emilia-Jane	
Shark	Amelia H and Teddy D	
Koala	Amira and Lottie	
Leopard	Georgie B and Olivia F	
Wolf	Jonnie N and Lucy H	
Cheetah	Milo and Ella	

Kind Regards,

Ian Cooper

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