

THE WHITEFIELD POST



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Another fantastic week in school with a visit from Mrs Moran the Headteacher at Hutton who met all the children in school.

We started our My Happy Mind work on Monday and followed it up in our class assemblies - every Monday morning from 9-9.30am we will be following our MHM curriculum.

Thank you for a great start to the year - we hope your children are enjoying their new classes and learning the routines of their new teachers!

THEME FOR THE WEEK

This week in our Monday assembly we talked about how we keep safe in and out of school. The children had excellent ideas and the Reception children were able to talk about how to stay safe in PE as they had been doing that before assembly.

We talked about attendance and what school does if you don't turn up for school as well as fire safety, water safety, stranger danger and being safe on the internet and social media (this is something all children are studying for the first half of term).

On Monday next week we will be talking about the social media and games we play on line and checking the age restrictions - we will let you know what the children say!

FRIDAY CERTIFICATES

Every Friday, we meet together as a school and celebrate those who have gone above and beyond what is expected. On Friday 15th September 2023, certificates were given to:

RECEPTION - Theo L, Amariah G

YEAR 1 - Thea H, Oliver C

YEAR 2 - Max B, Florence L, Sienna G

YEAR 3 - Skylar D, Harry M, Harini

YEAR 4 - Lauren M, Alistair D

YEAR 5 - Isla H, Harley B, Eliza W, Esther N, Elsie

YEAR 6 - George H, Angel H

The winning house last week (the house team that received the most house points throughout the week) was RIBBLE.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Every week, we look at the attendance of each class and we will post in the newsletter which classes had the best attendance.

Last w/b 11th September, 6SM achieved 100% attendance! Well done!

They were closely followed by 5SS (99.3%), 2JK (99.2%) and RKG (99.1%).



ATTENDANCE 2022/23 - last year

Ms Garry, our attendance officer has been reviewing attendance for last year. The children listed below came to school every single day last year (I didn't even manage that with covid and flu!) so well done to:

Darah A, Esme B, Lashaya C, Kezia FC, Oliver C, Skylar D, Mollie D, Grace F, Lexy GC, Freya G, George H, Martha H, Alfie L, Kathryn M, James McL, Sophie M, Sara M, Esther N, Alba P, Hamish P, Iona P, Thomas S, Noah S, Amelie T, Eva T, Ella W.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

All holiday dates from now until 2026 are available on the school website under the tab 'term dates'.

Please ensure you consult with these dates before booking any holidays. We continue to have a two week holiday in May which allows us to benefit from cheaper holidays in the second week.

If you are unable to book your holidays during this time, you must request a leave of absence for your child before you book the holiday.

Please note, unauthorised time off school over five or more days may result in you being fined by Lancashire County Council.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 3.30-6PM FACE TO FACE AT SCHOOL

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 3.30-6PM VIA ZOOM

(Please note, class 3NH will have their face to face meetings on WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER due to their own children having parents evening on our dates!)

Information about booking appointments will be sent out closer to the time.

NEW EVENT: Online Safety Information Session for Parents WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER , 4.00pm - 4.45pm. This session is being run by Knowsley CLC and will look at what children are currently exploring on line and how, as parents we can support our children. This is via zoom/teams and the link will be sent via the school app.

FRIENDS OF WHITEFIELD PTFA

It was great to see everyone at the Friends of Whitefield AGM on Tuesday at The Brown Hare. We are looking forward to our first FoW events this term:

Tuck shop and uniform - Friday 29th September, after school

Reception New Starters Party - Saturday 7th October

Tuck shop and uniform - Friday 20th October, after school

After school cinema - Thursday 2nd November

More details to follow on all of these events!

Please support our Friends of Whitefield PTFA events - in the last year, the FoW have supported school in a number of ways and provided activities and resources that we would not have been able to do and have without your support throughout the year. These include: the purchase of reading books for all class libraries and reading books to extend our current reading offer to the children (£5500), Year 6 leaver hoodies (£1000), picnic benches to enhance our outdoor provision (£720), £50 per class at Christmastime for the children to receive a gift from Santa, our new starters party for Reception families (£720) and contributions to school visits to ensure all children and year groups were able to go on a visit ((£340).

READING BOOKS - RETURN QUICKLY!

A number of reading books were not returned to school at the end of term in July - please can you check around your house and return any books you find.

From September 2023, parents will receive an invoice for any reading books issued during this year and not returned to school or returned damaged. The invoice will cover the costs of replacing the book.