



Dear Parents/Carers,

The last two weeks since our last whole school newsletter has flown by! The pupils have continued to work hard and many have also begun attending after school clubs which is great to see. We commit heavily to our after-school club provision and I, like you, appreciate the extra time staff give up to offer clubs during every academic year.

The Robinwood residential was a fantastic success for our Y6 children. They overcame fears, worked together and built relationships with peers and staff that will support them in having a positive final year with us at Whiston Willis.



We have had a number of children represent the school in competitions and events in the last fortnight. Our footballers have performed well with the Y3 team unlucky to lose in the semi-final but some fantastic performances were seen throughout the competition. Our Y6 team also played well and represented the school admirably!

We have also had two groups of pupils attend events at LFC and had visitors discussing the dangers of knife crime from The Adam Ellison Foundation which have been highly valuable opportunities for our children.

Parking continues to be a major issue around the school and it is something that causes problems for all. Our neighbours regularly raise concerns about inconsiderate parking and ultimately the dangers that some adults choose to create for children in our school community is totally unacceptable.

The children raised money a few years ago to purchase our Road Safety Characters for Milton Avenue given how busy the road is with pedestrians, cars and buses at the start and end of the day. We have seen some parents make the choice to park between these characters which is highly dangerous as it blocks the view of children crossing the road.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND DO NOT PARK DANGEROUSLY NEAR OUR SCHOOL.

Parent APP:

Our new parent APP has been downloaded by 74% of our families which is great. This is our primary source of communication and it is really important that you do download this so immediate messages can be sent to you all.



WHISTON WILLIS PRIMARY ACADEMY

Attendance:

Attendance at school continues to be something that we really do need your support with. We understand that we all can get ill, but we are seeing a number of children with too many broken weeks in the first month of term (which means having random single days off in the week).

The number of children who are currently classed as persistently absent with attendance below 90% is much too high- we need to reduce this dramatically and the only way this can be done is 100% attendance for weeks on end. 1 day absent reduces your child's attendance by over 1% which then takes 3 weeks of full attendance to recover.

All holidays in term time are classes as unauthorised absences and Educational Penalty Notices are issued automatically as part of our policy which is in line with the LA guidance.

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

CLASS	PUPIL	
Squirrel	Isobel M and Benjamin H	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. Mr Cooper's special award for being a fantastic example to everyone around school by following our school values- Lily Port Mr Cooper's special award for being a fantastic example to everyone around school by following our school values- Hugo Fildes
Owl	Ivy S and Coby C	
Hedgehog	Darla N and Jasmine S	
Tiger	John Jacob O and Violet N	
Jaguar	Oliver L and Lyra B	
Pangolin	Jacob J and Lottie M	
Hummingbird	Jospeh W and Isaac M	
Zebra	Ivy W and Connie T.C	
Penguin	Thomas S and Amelia H	
Lion	Marcie S and Aaron G	
Shark	Noah J and Honey S	
Koala	Joel S and Evan W	
Wolf	Skyler W and Cara J	
Cheetah	Nancie H and Daisy L	

EXPECTATIONS OF ADULTS:

We work in school to ensure our values are evident in all we do with the children.

BEING RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE are the expectations of we place on the children and we believe that all adults who are part of our school community should model this behaviour too when they are on our school grounds or communicating with school staff.

We really do not want this to be the case as our community is important to us but we have a duty of care to all pupils and aggressive behaviour, abusive language and any other behaviour that we believe is not appropriate will not be allowed.

Have a great weekend.

Ian Cooper

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