



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have seen some excellent attitudes to learning in the last two weeks and the pupils have settled more into their new classes. We have seen some fantastic progress in reading and phonics in our Y1 and Y2 classes- thanks to lots of excellent work practising at home in addition to the teaching in school.

The pupils in Y6 have been working hard across the curriculum and they have really begun to be the excellent example that we want to other pupils across school.

Our Y4 children have really enjoyed their STEM workshops with the LFC foundation and it has been fantastic to see their engagement and the end product of this- Well done to them.

The Director of Primary Education from Wade Deacon Trust visited school this week and had a tour of the school. She commented on the excellent attitudes to learning and behaviour that the children showed as they were learning especially on a wet Wednesday afternoon! The children continue to make us proud every day with their application of our school values of being Respectful, Responsible and Safe.

We do still have some children who make the wrong choices and we address these with them highlighting the values they are not following. Our behaviour policy and Whiston Willis Way highlights the expectations we place on the children in school to ensure our school is a safe thriving and purposeful learning environment. Please do support our staff if sanctions are used with your children. These are not given without thought and careful consideration. We want to work in collaboration with you to enable the children to be the positive citizens of our local area both now and in the future.

Thank you for all of your donations for Harvest this year. Rev. Telfer delivered an assembly to the children this week and asked to pass on his thanks to our school community for their generosity.

Hedgehog Class Phonics

Lion Clas Stem session.



**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.



# WHISTON WILLIS PRIMARY ACADEMY

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 78% 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.

The company have assured us that the secondary contact feature will be available in the coming weeks that will enable a second contact to access the APP for each child/family.

## 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.

**Any child with 3 days absence so far this year is classed as being PERSISTENTLY ABSENT at this point and attendance is then monitored closely by school and our LA partners.**

**All holidays in term time are classed as unauthorised absences.**

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

CLASS	PUPIL	
Squirrel	Iris F and Clayton M	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.
Owl	Elsie-Mae Y and Kobe D	
Hedgehog	Salma M and William M	
Tiger	Rosie and Theo F	
Jaguar	Bobby A and Nancy C	
Pangolin	Dolly May R and Rory S	
Hummingbird	Dotty W and Teddy R	
Zebra	Johan D and Caleb N	
Penguin	Zach R and Archie G	
Lion	Zach T and Lennon R	
Shark	Scott H and Joseph P	<b>Mr Cooper's special award for being a fantastic example to everyone around school by following our school values- Jude McMullen</b>
Koala	Hugo F and Lily Rose C	
Wolf	Mollie M and Archie C	
Cheetah	Daisy S and Daisy L	

Have a great weekend.

Ian Cooper

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