



WHISTON WILLIS PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Mr I Cooper
Principal B.Ed (Hons)

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Dear Parents,

Well, we have reached the end of another school year and it has been another hugely successful one for our pupils and our school.

Our Ofsted judgement, being named as School of The Year at the House of Lords and only this week being named as Knowsley School of The Year at the Shakespeare North Theatre are headlines that should make our whole school community very proud. None of this recognition would have been possible if all our school community didn't work together to support, guide and challenge the children to be the best versions of themselves. This year they have taken on the challenge and every single child has improved themselves in many ways; whether that is academically, in terms of their behaviour or even as a contributor to school life and they all deserve not only my praise but also the praise of their families!

I want to take this opportunity to highlight the fantastic staff team we have at Whiston Willis too. We have been on an amazing journey and have had a consistent staff team for a number of years- all striving to be the best they can be every day. However, with success comes the risk of staff moving on to new roles and also when you achieve what we have, staff then are ready for retirement or new challenges.

Mrs Fitzgerald sadly is leaving us this week after dedicating her whole teaching career to Whiston Willis and the families it serves. She is a model professional who always acts with integrity and determination to ensure all children have the best possible start to school life. It is exceptionally rare for a teacher to remain in one school for so long and for that, the families and children of our school community have been so very lucky. I know some of you as parents, were taught by Mrs Fitzgerald and your children have been since. I hear nothing but positive memories, praise for her work and respect from all of our school community about Mrs Fitzgerald and she is a massive loss. I wish her so very well in her fully deserved retirement and I am sure you will agree that she will be missed greatly.

Mrs Simpson is also leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs Simpson joined us a few years ago and has played an important role in helping our children in Y2 succeed in recent years. She too is highly professional and always works so hard to provide the best she can for the children in her class. I wish her luck on her new endeavours.

We feel as a school that we are at the start of a new and exciting journey with the changes in staff ahead. I am determined that we will not rest on our successes and achievements of the last few years and I am certain that we will continue to grow from strength to strength over the coming years.

We have a number of new members of teaching staff and support staff who we have appointed to roles for September and they have met the children in recent weeks. We firmly believe that we have made some amazing appointments and the new staff will make a highly positive contribution over the coming years.

We also have some vacancies arising on our Local Governing Body due to Barbara Atherton and Katie Mannion ending their time with us in their roles. I would like to express my thanks to both of them for their commitment to our school and the community. Anyone who may be interested in becoming a school governor, please do let me know and I can have a conversation about the role.



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The PTA have had a fantastic first year and have managed to raise over £2000 for the school this year. That is an amazing achievement given that there are only a few members and with even greater members, even more money could be raised for our children to benefit from. Please do look out for information in the Autumn term about how you could become involved.

SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS/INFORMATION:

School Day: REMINDER!

The school day next year will start at 8:40am and end at 3:10pm for all classes except nursery. Gates onto the school site will open at 8:35am and children will be able to enter the classrooms at 8:40am for an immediate start to the day. The school gates will close at 8:45am and any arrivals after this time will need to enter through the main entrance. On the first day of school in September, there will be staff outside to direct any children and their parents to the new classrooms.

Class	Road Access	Entrance/Exit to school
Nursery Mrs Hemnell and Mrs Attwood	Enter through Milton Avenue gate	Nursery classroom door.
Reception- Owl and Hedgehog Class Miss Chiocchi and Mrs Halsall	Enter through either Milton Ave and follow the path to the black metal gates or enter through Weyman Ave and walk down the steps on the right to the black gates.	Black gates
Year 1- Tiger Class Miss Boyd	Enter through either Milton Ave and follow the path to the back of the school building or enter through Weyman Ave and walk down the steps on the right to the hall entrance at the back of the infant building.	Hall door entrance
Jaguar Class Miss Plant	Enter through either Milton Ave and follow the path to the back of the school building to the last classroom door (grey) or enter through Weyman Ave and walk down the steps on the right to the last classroom door (grey)	Grey classroom door
Hummingbird Class Mrs Williams	Enter through Milton Ave, through the wooden gates on the right	Classroom Door
Pangolin Class Mrs Askew/ Miss McAnaney	Enter through either Milton Ave and follow the path to the first classroom entrance or enter through Weyman Ave and walk down the steps on the right to the first classroom	Brown classroom door
Zebra Class Miss Harrison	Enter through the gate on Weyman Avenue and onto the playground at the front of the school.	Classroom door
Penguin Class Miss Armstrong	Enter through the gate on Weyman Avenue and onto the playground at the front of the school.	Main doors



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Shark Class Miss Jennings	Enter through the gate on Weyman Avenue and onto the playground at the front of the school.	Main doors
Lion Class Miss Parr	Enter through the gate on Weyman Avenue and onto the playground at the front of the school.	Main doors
Koala Class Mr Phillips	Enter through the gate on Weyman Avenue and onto the playground at the rear of the school.	External doors at the rear of the upper building
Wolf Class Mr Wong	Enter through the gate on Weyman Avenue and onto the playground at the rear of the school.	External doors at the rear of the upper building
Cheetah Class Miss Caldwell	Enter through the gate on Weyman Avenue and onto the playground at the rear of the school.	External doors at the rear of the upper building

Uniform:

We do have a supply of left, lost and discarded uniform that is free to any good home. Please call into the school office between Wednesday 24th July and Wednesday 31st July if you would like to take any items. (Between 8am and 1pm)

Communication:

We have been working to consider our communication with home this year and from September we will be using an APP that we strongly urge you to download to your mobile devices. This will be our primary source of communication home and will enable us to forward messages instantly. Please do look out for information and take the time to download the APP early in September

Debt:

Can I ask all families who have any outstanding debt for school dinners, trips and breakfast and after school club to clear these debts in the next few weeks. If debts are unpaid, will have no option to forward these on to debt recovery as this money is used for staffing, resources and for the education of all our pupils.

I sincerely hope you all have a wonderful summer and that the weather does shine on us for at least part of the break. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards,

Ian Cooper

Principal