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DATES

October

Tues 10th—Y4, Y5 and Y6 Swimming

Wed 18th—Parent Evening for ALL pupils

Thurs 19th—Parent Evening for ALL pupils

Fri 20th—Halloween Disco (FoWs)

Fri 27th—Inset Day - School closed to Pupils

Tue 31st—Deadline for Secondary School Applications

Half-term holidays Mon 30th—Friday 3rd Nov

November

Mon 6th—School opens for Autumn 2

Tues 7th—Bag2School (Dropped off along the school fence 9am)

Fri 24th—FOWS Break The Dress Day (suggested 50p per breach)

December

Thurs 14th—2pm & 6pm, Whole School Christmas Production

Mon 18th—3.15-5pm FOWS Christmas Movie Night

Thurs 21st—Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd—Inset Day - School closed to Pupils

Christmas Holiday Monday 25th—Friday 5th January

Mon 8th—School opens for the Spring Term

Children's Flu Vaccine

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against [flu](#).

Flu is caused by the influenza virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as [bronchitis](#) and [pneumonia](#).

Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

Date of Vaccination Team visit

MONDAY 16th OCTOBER

Whitley Village School has a unique code that you will be prompted to input into the system. This was emailed out to parents.

Please submit consent here <https://www.cwpstartingwellimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> You can opt in OR out of this via the link.

Forms must be submitted by

12 NOON THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER

To ensure that your child receives the vaccination. It is important that you complete a consent form online before the deadline, otherwise your child will not be called for their vaccination.



Year 4 Multiplication Club

At our school, we're diligently preparing for the upcoming Multiplication Times Table Check in June. Our proactive approach includes a Multiplication Club, where pupils in Y4 gather briefly to harness the power of TT Rockstars. This invaluable tool sharpens their times tables knowledge, a cornerstone in reducing cognitive load during mathematical tasks. We're thrilled to report that last year we were well above the UK average, a testament to our commitment and approach to this assessment. We kindly urge parents of students in Y2 - Y6 to ensure regular practice at home, reinforcing this crucial aspect of their education. Together, we can build strong mathematical foundations for our children's future.

[More Information](#)



E-Safety Survey

The school parliament recently conducted an e-safety survey to gauge our pupils' knowledge and awareness of online safety. Parliament members played a crucial role in motivating students to participate in this online survey, allowing us to assess their retention of e-safety information. In today's digital age, having a strong grasp of online safety is an essential life skill. It is equally vital for parents to engage in conversations with their children about online safety, the police frequently remind parents to stay informed about their children's online activities. Together, we must prioritise the safety of our children in the digital world.



Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Debut in Football Competition



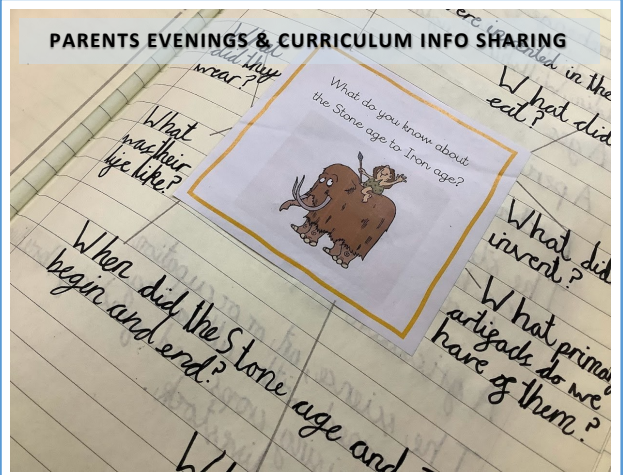
In a thrilling display of teamwork and sportsmanship, Year 5 and Year 6 girls had the exciting opportunity to participate in a recent football competition at Weaverham High School. For many of these young athletes, this marked their inaugural foray into competitive sports, and their determination and enthusiasm were truly commendable.

The event, which took place last Friday, was made possible by the dedication of the school staff, who generously volunteered their time to accompany the girls to the competition. Their unwavering support and commitment to the pupils' extracurricular interests does not go unnoticed. I am very grateful that we have such a great staff members.

Over the years, Whitley has witnessed some of its pupils transition from school competitions to local sports teams, an inspiring testament to the benefits of participating in such events. Our PE sports strategy is determined to continue fostering a love for sports, encouraging as many students as possible to explore opportunities to join local teams and reap the rewards of competitive events.

We are really pleased with the girls' achievements and look forward to their continued growth as young athletes.

PARENTS EVENINGS & CURRICULUM INFO SHARING



We are very pleased that so many of you have already signed up to our upcoming parents' evenings for all our pupils. Please call the office if you need any help booking your appointment on the School Spider app.

Over the 2 evenings, we will also be sharing the resources our school uses for both our RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Curriculum and our No Outsiders Curriculum. Staff will also be available to discuss these resources and how they fit into our broad and balanced curriculum at Whitley. The resources will be available to view near our values tree in the main foyer.



VISIT A NATIONAL TRUST PLACE FOR FREE THIS AUTUMN

Claim a free autumn pass.

This single-use pass allows free entry for two adults and up to three children, one adult and up to four children, or two adults on their own.

[Claim your free pass](#)

Visit offer ends on October 20th 2023

Bonus Ball Lottery

A brief message from FOWS to let you know that the lottery is under new management with immediate effect. Thank you for your contribution. As you know, the proceeds from the lottery, once prizes have been paid out, go onwards to school for valuable resources and projects.

Unfortunately, the banking system we were using for the lottery (which is different to that of FOWS as a whole) was too unwieldy to manage and this has meant delays in some payments.

All payments are now up to date. Hayley Woodward FOWS treasurer will now be the main lottery contact if you have any questions, at either little-hayjay@gmail.com or 07740043151.

Hayley will review the winning numbers for the Wednesday and Saturday lotteries each week and will make payment each Sunday Night. In order to make the new process work swiftly and smoothly, we are changing the lottery bank account to be the same as the main FOWS bank account, which is tried and tested over many years.

The previous lottery bank account will be closed, to that end we ask that you change your standing orders as soon as possible to the following please.

Friends of Whitley school

Sort Code – 08-92-99

Acc No – 65501379

Ref – FOWS Lottery

If you have not already joined the lottery Hayley & Nicole will be at assembly tomorrow afternoon with numbers available and signing up forms. We would very much appreciate your support.

Thank you very much for continuing to support the FOWS lottery.