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DATES

Tue 28th— Y4, Y5 and Y6 Swimming—Please remember clothing

Thurs 30th - Last Celebration Assembly until January (Hall needed for rehearsals)

December

Thurs 14th—2pm & 6pm, Whole School Christmas Production (see page 2)

Fri 15th—PM: whole School Theatre Visit (See page 3)

Mon 18th—3.15-5pm FOWS Christmas Movie Night (See Page 2)

Thurs 21st—Christmas Dinner, break up for Christmas!

Friday 22nd—Inset Day - School closed to Pupils

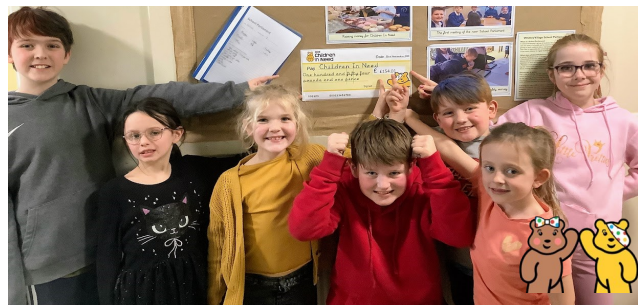
Christmas Holiday Monday 25th—Friday 5th January

January

Mon 8th—School opens for the Spring Term

Fri 15th—Reception 2024 application deadline

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your extraordinary efforts in raising an additional sum of money for Children In Need. Our new total is £154.01!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Reading
Record

Dear Whitley Village School Parents,

Do you aspire for your child to reach national expectations in their studies and even beyond? The answer, undoubtedly, is a resounding yes. At Whitley Village School, we share your commitment to providing the best for your child. Recently, I had the privilege of reading with some of our pupils in various year groups, and it raised concerns that not all are maximising their opportunities for home reading.

While some may be reading at home, our only measure is the signature in the home reading diary. We invite you to join us in a collective and unwavering effort to ensure that your child develops proficient reading skills, regardless of any disadvantages they may face. Thank you to those who have already made reading a regular habit at home, fostering a love for books in your child. Your commitment to cultivating a reading-friendly environment is invaluable. For those who sense a need to enhance reading moments with your child, we encourage you to re-commit to establishing a consistent routine of shared reading, ensuring the joy of literature becomes a cherished part of your child's daily life.

Successful readers read widely and frequently; engagement in reading fosters the development of crucial skills and has a profound impact on academic achievement. Reading expands language understanding, vocabulary, and knowledge of the world. By instilling a love for reading, children can overcome early disadvantages, as evidenced by the well-established benefits.

Research indicates that regular at-home reading correlates with success at Key Stage 2 and better performance in secondary school. Without your support in this area, we can't guarantee your child's academic success or that they will reach their full potential. Fostering a love for reading will significantly contribute to their overall development and academic growth.

Let's work together to empower our children to embrace the incredible gift of reading. If you need any help or support with this issue, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Mr David & Mrs Broom



The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The **Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 15th December
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

Bonus Ball Lottery

Results the last few weeks

18/11/2023	56	Lucy Entwistle	£50
22/11/2023	28	Leanne Wilson	£25
11/11/2023	32	ROLLOVER	
15/11/2023	4	ROLLOVER	

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE VIRTUAL TICKETS

Thursday 4th December at 2pm and 6pm

Due to fire regulations in the hall, there will be 4 virtual tickets per household allocated. 2 can be used for the afternoon performance and the other 2 used for the evening performance. If you do not require some of your tickets, please let the school office know by **Monday 4th** so that we can have more people seated and less people standing.

Inter School Mathematics Training

We were delighted to host a mathematics professional development session for local teachers, led by First4Maths as part of their Mathematic Academy.



Christingle Service Tuesday 5th December

St Luke's Church are holding their Christingle service on **Tuesday 5th December at 6.30pm**

Families are invited to attend with their children. If you plan to come along, please can your child wear their school uniform. The children attending will perform two songs. Please bring a warm coat!

A Christingle service is a part of the yearly advent traditions over the Christmas period for some of those in the Church. The candles in the Christingles are lit to spread light.

Those who attend the service traditionally collect coins in a small candle container or envelope. There is no compulsion to do this and it is purely voluntary



FOWS Christmas Movie Night

Friends of Whitley School (FoWS) will be holding a movie night for the children on: This will be for school pupils only,

Monday 18th December

At the School

3:15pm - 5pm

£4

Please pay via parent pay

Parking Reminder

As you will be aware the parking of cars in and around our school at key times of the day has caused many problems over recent years and posed a safety risk to our whole school and village community.

In an attempt to resolve these issues, our School Council and Junior Safety Officers have been worked very closely with Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire Police to come up with a solution to this problem.

As a result of these meetings, our children produced a Parents' Safer Parking Charter which outlines the issues which they think are a risk to their safety.

We would ask you to try and abide by our Parking Charter below.

- To drive safely around the school area, keeping below the speed limit and drive in accordance with the Highway Code.
- Leave in plenty of time for the school run and if possible park away from school. You can park by the Village Hall (approx. 3 minute walk) and walk the rest of the way with your children. This will help reduce the traffic and air pollution around our school.
- Not to stop or park on the yellow "School – Keep – Clear" and "zig-zag" markings during the times indicated on the yellow "No Stopping" signs outside the school (Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm).
- Not to use the staff car park as a pick-up or drop off point for children unless I have permission.
- Not to block or park on pavements.
- To remind taxi drivers to follow these guidelines.

To park so that my child is able to get out safely straight on to the pavement, not into the road.

Not to park near narrower parts of the road. It prevents children from being seen, stops the flow of traffic and blocks access for emergency vehicles, farm vehicles and bin lorries.

Forward any concerns regarding dangerous parking by calling 101, who can then take appropriate action.



1st December 2023

Winter Wonderland

Menu

Main: Festive sausage roll

Veggie: Veggie sausage roll

Sides: Mashed potatoes, peas, carrots and gravy

Dessert: Chocolate drizzle fruit or snowy shortbread

Allergy free.
Main - Savoury mince
Dessert - Allergy free iced shortcake



Whole School Theatre Visit

We are delighted to once again be able to take the whole school to the theatre this Christmas. This year we will be going to Theatre Porto in Ellesmere Port to watch their production of Little Red on **December 15th** at 12.20pm. You have received a letter providing more details of this event. The visit will cost £15 per child and FoWs will subsidise the remaining costs. Thank you to those that have already paid!

Theatre Porto in association with HOME Manchester.
Eastern Angles and MLCP presents...

Little Red

Text by Kevin Dyer

