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DATES

September

Mon 30th - Parent Evening bookings will go live on School Spider.

October

Wed 16th—Parents Evening, Reception and Y6 & Book Look for ALL

Thu 17th—Parents Evening, Reception and Y6 & Book Look for ALL

Fri—18th - Individual Photos (Younger Siblings at 8.30)

Fri 25th—FoWs Halloween Craft Event & Escape Room activity for Y6

Fri 25th—Break up for Half term Holiday

Thu 31st—secondary school place applications close (See Page 3

November

Mon 4th - School reopens for Autumn term 2

The 2024—2025 AND 2025—2026 School Calendars are available on our website to assist you in ensuring you book all holidays and breaks during



Academised schools like Whitley are typically inspected by Ofsted within three years of their conversion. Following the resumption of Ofsted inspections on 23rd September, Whitley received notification on Monday morning that we would be undergoing a full two-day, graded inspection commencing the following day. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all members of the school community for their support and engagement throughout the inspection process. Now that the inspection has concluded, a report will be produced in around 6 weeks. As soon as the report is available, you will receive a copy.

Junior Road Safety Officers



On Friday, our two new Junior Road Safety Officers completed their induction with the Cheshire West team and subsequently conducted their first introductory assembly. It was pleasing to see them engaging the entire school as they explained their new roles and introduced a competition. They have asked the children to design their own high-visibility vests using a template they have provided. Once completed, the designs can be brought back to school, and there will be an opportunity to win a prize if their entry is selected



Keeping children safe online is a top priority for parents today. Our Cyber Safety for Parents course provides essential tips and tools to help protect children from online dangers. You'll learn about social media privacy settings, how to spot cyberbullying, and ways to secure personal information. With this training, you can help create a safer online space for your child.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE COVER?

- ✓ Recommended apps and appropriate age guidelines
- ✓ Advice on setting up effective parental controls
- ✓ Guidance on handling cyberbullying, with links to support resources
- ✓ Essential online safety tips and how to adjust privacy settings on social media platforms



Course Date and Location:
Tuesday 22nd October | 9.30am-2.30pm
Location: Tomorrow's Women Chester
5 Upper Northgate St, Chester CH1 4EE

To book on to this course or if you have any questions please contact the team:

0151 294 4749 | info@3dtraining.uk.com

Healthy Snacks Reminder

As a school, we are committed to ensure that children have the best possible start in life. For several years, we have upheld our Healthy Snack Policy, and we continue to communicate this regularly through meetings, newsletters, and on an individual basis.

Our policy is as follows:

- **Snack Provision:** Pupils in Reception are provided with a fruit snack at playtime, and this offer is continued throughout Key Stage 1. Any remaining fruit is then distributed to Key Stage 2 classes and made available to any pupil who does not have a healthy snack that day. Fruit bowls are placed outside each class for this purpose.
- **Bringing Snacks from Home:** Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home if they wish. We recommend following the [NHS 'Change4Life'](#) guidance, which advises that snacks should be kept to under 100 calories. One snack is sufficient for this time of day.
- **Unhealthy Snacks:** If a child brings an unhealthy snack, they will be asked to return it to their bag and take it home. In such cases, we will offer a replacement snack in the form of fruit.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us promote healthy eating habits among our pupils. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Mr David.

Thank you for your continued support

BENEFITS OF HEALTHY EATING

- ✓ BOOSTS IMMUNITY
- ✓ IMPROVED MOOD
- ✓ SUPPORTS MUSCLES
- ✓ KEEPS SKIN, TEETH AND EYES HEALTHY
- ✓ HELPS THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM
- ✓ HELPS MAINTAIN A HEALTHY WEIGHT
- ✓ BRAIN DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ HEALTHY GROWTH
- ✓ BOOST CONCENTRATION



SNACK @ WHITLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL



GOOD MOOD FOOD



UNHEALTHY SNACKS



NATIONALLY, 28% OF PUPILS IN RECEPTION ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE, RISING TO OVER 40% IN YEAR 6

WE ARE A RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL





Cheshire West & Chester Council

Important information for parents or carers

Applying for a Secondary School place - Year 7 September 2025

Is your child due to transfer from Primary School to Secondary School in September 2025?

YES – from 1 September 2024 you must apply for a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.3% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a "Transferring to Secondary School 2025-26" booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for secondary applications 31 October 2024

If entitlement to transport is important to how your child will get to and from school, it is vital you read the Home to School Transport Policy before applying for a school place. Visit the authority's website for further information.

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions



Recent SENCO Meeting

You may have noticed an increase in the number of cars at school yesterday. Mrs Broom was hosting a meeting for SENCO leaders from all the primary schools in the Rowan Learning Trust. The purpose of this meeting was to share good practice and insights, enabling the Trust to gain a deeper understanding of how best to support the children and individual schools within the Rowan Learning Trust. The meeting was very positive, although we were disappointed not to be able to join you all for Celebration Assembly and to see you at the end of the day. We look forward to seeing you again this Thursday.

SENCo stands for *Special Educational Needs Coordinator*



Governor Meeting

We were delighted to host our Local Governing Body for our first of two autumn term meetings last week. Little did they know that they would soon be back at Whitley to engage with the Ofsted Inspectors as part of the recent inspection process!

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21 Taken	22	23 Taken	24	25	26 Taken	27 Taken	28 Taken	29	30
31 Taken	32	33 Taken	34 Taken	35 Taken	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43 Taken	44	45	46	47	48 Taken	49	50 Taken
51 Taken	52	53	54 Taken	55	56 Taken	57	58 Taken	59 Taken	60 Taken

Friends of Whitley Lottery

These are numbers that we currently have available to purchase!

The lottery lets us raise much-needed funds for school to help pay for Mathematics, coaches for trips, furniture etc.

It costs just £8 a month for 2 draws per week. If your number pops up, you win £25. If there was no winner the week before, you win £50!

If you would like a number and to help support school, please contact Hayley Woodward on 07740043151 or littlehayjay@gmail.com.

14/09/2024 54 Emma Dillon £25
18/09/2024 44 Rollover

Can you Support the FoWS Lottery?



GOV.UK

Applying for a secondary school place

Applications opened on 1st September.

You must [apply for a secondary school place](#) by 31 October.

Your child is less likely to be offered a place at their chosen school if you miss the deadline for applications.