

The new term has certainly got into full swing now with pupils settling into their new classes. It is always lovely to see pupils grow and mature year after year as they travel on their journey through Whitehouse Primary. It is also lovely to welcome the newest additions to our Whitehouse family. We have had 67 new children and families join us this September. The housing development is really coming along and we are welcoming more children and families weekly.

Mrs Kelly

Attendance

The school has a legal duty to promote good attendance. We are committed to working closely with parents/ carers in the best way to ensure as high a level of attendance as possible. As per our attendance policy, holiday within term time is marked as unauthorised unless very exceptional circumstances. Should your child be absent from school we must have a leave of absence form completed in advance. Absence that is 5 or more days will require a meeting with our Business Support Manager Nicola Bartlett.

Did you know?

- **Ten** whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance
- Our attendance will be challenged at an Ofsted inspection and could affect our grade
- Poor attendance has been shown to hinder a child's academic development

We do understand that your children may get poorly. We ask that if your child has a slight temperature cough or cold that they are encouraged to come to school. The class teacher will keep an eye on them and if their health deteriorates then we will of course contact you. If you decide your child is too ill to attend school you must contact the school office before 8.50am. We have 3 ways of reporting absence. Leave a voicemail on our absence line 01908 533288 option 1, send an email to the office enquiries@whitehouseprimary.co.uk, or via your Parentmail App (all available 24 hours). If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours from the last bout.

Dates for your Diary

28th Sept – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
3.30-4.15pm

5th October – Year 5/6 Assembly with
Mr Nelson (Head of Hazeley Academy)

9th Oct – School nurse clinic

12th Oct – Flu immunisations

15th Oct – Reception Intake 2019 Open
Morning (10am)

26th Oct – INSET Day

29th Oct-2nd Nov – HALF TERM

31st Oct – Deadline to apply for secondary
school

5th Nov – Pupils return to school

7th Nov – Diwali celebrations

14th Nov – Individual school photos

16th Nov – Children in Need

23rd Nov – Reception Intake 2019 Open
Morning (10am)

26th Nov – Last week of extra-curricular clubs

30th Nov – Non-uniform day

6th Dec – Christmas Fayre

Friends of Whitehouse

Our very first 'Friends of Whitehouse' meeting will take place on Friday 5th October at 8.45am, where we will be electing our official committee! Please feel free to come along!

Parents Evenings

Autumn Term Parents Meetings will take place 16th, 17th and 18th October 2018.

Uniform - Labelled

The term has just begun and we already have so many lost and unclaimed jumpers! Please can we ask that all school uniform and PE kit is **clearly labelled with your child's name** so that it can be returned to them.

Please can we also ask that all uniform is checked at home to make sure it belongs to your child as we have had quite a few items go missing already that may have been taken home by mistake.

Volunteers – Help to fill the cracks!

During the very hot summer, our school field has dried out and large cracks and holes have appeared across the field. It is currently far too dangerous for the children to use at all. If you are able to spare any time to come and help us (bring a shovel/wheelbarrow if you have one!) please join us from **1pm on Saturday 29th September!**

Music Lessons

Peripatetic music lessons started very successfully this week. The children met their new teachers, got measured up for the size of instrument they need and enjoyed some music theory activities to begin with.

If you have not purchased/hired an instrument yet, you can either do this through the music service (previous emails from school included the details or your child may have been given a form by their teacher) or you can purchase one elsewhere. If you do decide to purchase a stringed instrument elsewhere, I would recommend buying a second hand instrument off ebay for example, rather than purchasing a cheap instrument from somewhere like Argos. For piano, you do not need to buy a piano, for now a small keyboard (of any quality) will suffice.

Please remind your child to check their music lesson time each week on the Music Board by the First Aid room.

Happy playing!

Travelling Safely

Please can you remind your child about riding their bike or scooter safely on pavements. We have many people walking to Whitehouse School, so it is really important that scooters and bikes are kept under control, particularly if being ridden on a path. Please ensure that bikes and scooters are walked on to school grounds and that care is taken outside of the gates as well, so that everyone can have a happy and safe journey to and from school.

Class Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to Year 4/5, who have been awarded the Class Attendance trophy this week!

Deadline to apply for Secondary School – 31st Oct 2018

All children in Year 6 have until 31st October 2018 to apply for a place in a secondary school for September 2019. Parents must apply online via the Citizens Portal: <https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal> LIVE

To find out more information please visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions

House Point Totals for the Week

Water	42
Earth	34
Air	29
Fire	36

Also, congratulations to the new Vice Captains: Sameeha, Zainab, Rhoda and Aathmika!

IQ Cards – Christmas Fundraiser

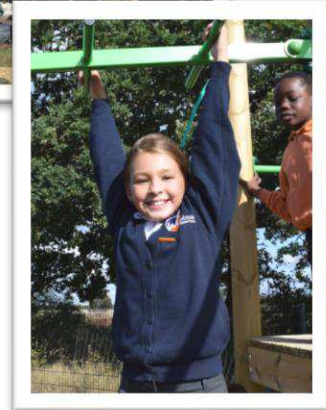
Your child will be bringing home with them the amazing design they have created for IQ Cards. These designs can then be printed onto high quality greeting cards, postcards, gift wrap, fridge magnets etc. The funds that we raise through your purchases will be used to benefit the school. **All order forms and payment must be returned to the school by Friday 5th October.**

Website news

For the latest news and events from your child's class, please head over to our school website!

NEW – Adventure Playground!

Our Student Council officially opened our new adventure play area last Friday! The children were all so excited! The student council have been involved every step of the way from initial ideas to choosing the best play area from the companies that created designs for us. It was fantastic to see the final design come to life! The whole school have enjoyed testing out the different equipment. We can confirm it is definitely a big hit!!



Communication to Parents

Our primary communication to parents/carers is through ParentMail. It is vital that parents register with ParentMail in order to receive school correspondence. If your email address changes at any point, please inform the school office.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Start: WC 24th September
End: WC 26th November
(No clubs in half term, or Parents Evening week)

Medicines in School

The school cannot give your child prescribed medicine unless we have a completed medication form. Schools are advised to administer medicine that is required 4x daily. All medicines must be clearly labelled, indicating contents, dosage, date and child's name in full. Forms can be completed at the main reception.

Who to contact...

If you have any worries or concerns in the first instance, you should speak to your child's class teacher. If they are unable to deal with the issue, they will then pass on to the most appropriate person in school or the Senior Leadership Team.

At Whitehouse Primary, our core values have always demonstrated our aim of ensuring that all of our children achieve success. The foundation for a child's educational success is excellent behaviour. It is our belief that excellent behaviour will leave the space for innovative teaching, enabling all of our children to become successful learners. We are committed to teaching these excellent behaviours and have found as the school has expanded that we needed to be clearer about how to behave for learning.

One refinement we have made is the adoption of 3 simple yet powerful words: Ready, Respectful and Safe and the commitment from all staff to use these words to anchor all conversations relating to behaviour.

Ready – Are we ready...to learn, listen, for school....?

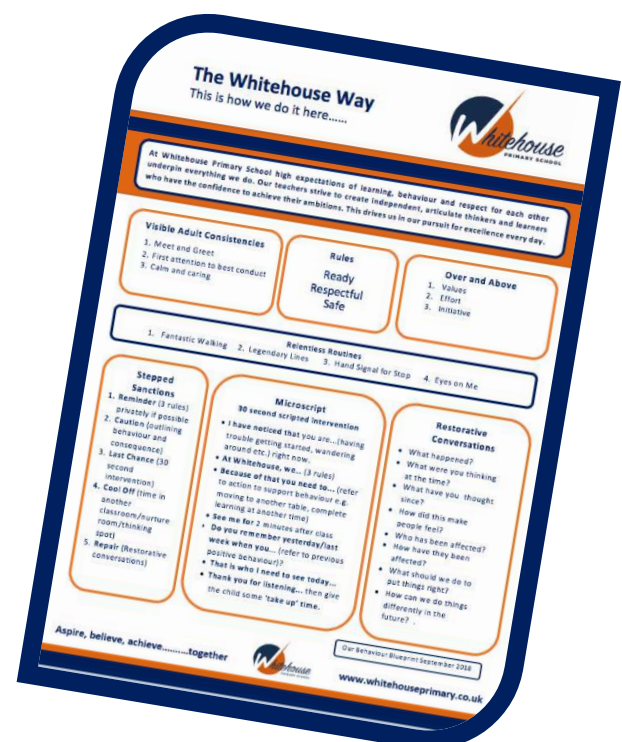
Respectful – Are we respectful...to each other...to property....?

Safe – Are we being safe.....keeping others safe?

We have created our new "Behaviour Blueprint" which sets out the rules, relentless routines and visible consistencies that all children and staff follow. Our Blueprint is based on the work of Paul Dix and his book 'When the adults change, everything changes'. Good behaviour is recognised sincerely rather than rewarded, this makes good behaviour about relationships rather than a transactional act between a child and an adult in pursuit of rewards. The power of the group is at the core of this plan where adults notice and reward excellent behaviour that goes "over and above". Children are praised publicly and reprimanded in private.

It is our belief that these visible consistencies contribute to cultivating a visible culture of impeccable conduct and will produce learners who are safe and respectful and feel ready to learn.

Hopefully you will have noticed our 'Meet and Greet' at the beginning of the day. A small kindness creating an opportunity for a little attention to be paid to each and every child before learning begins and as we send them home. This not only affords us the opportunity to notice and attend to subtle changes in our children, but it also helps establish and strengthen a culture where respect is modelled, children are helped to be ready and each day starts and ends with everyone feeling noticed, cared for and safe.



Our Whitehouse Primary School Behaviour Policy is central to ensuring we get the culture right in our school and we believe in a consistent whole school approach to behaviour management which is rooted in kindness. Please find our Behaviour Blueprint on our website and our policy will be updated shortly.

“Over and Above”

Those children who have been consistently going “over and above” will be recognised by being selected as the “student of the week” and get to attend Hot Chocolate Friday #HotChocFri which is the opportunity to share a hot chocolate, biscuit and a chat with Mrs Kelly and Mrs Anderson.

Our Hot Chocolate Fridays are Mrs Kelly’s and Mrs Anderson’s favourite part of the week. They get to share the reasons why the children have been chosen and enjoy finding out more about the children in a relaxed environment – they also have lots of giggles!



Senior Leadership Team

Mrs L Kelly - Head Teacher
Mrs G Anderson - Assistant Head Teacher
Miss C Camwell - Head of Early Years
Miss L Cadden - Head of Pupil Support (SENCO)
Mrs K Underwood - Business Manager

Support Staff

Mrs N Bartlett - Business Support Manager
Mrs J Williams - Receptionist/Business Support
Ms S Stanton - Nursery Admin/Business Support
Mr J Hejtmanek - Site Manager
Ms L Blackall - Assistant Site Manager

Nursery

Beth Shepherd - Room Leader
Carla Purnell - Nursery Team
Paige Carter - Nursery Team
Chloe Beale - Nursery Team

Foundation

Miss C Camwell - Class Teacher
Miss K Hopkinson - Class Teacher
Miss N Price - Class Teacher
Miss J Shiells - Teaching Assistant
Miss L Morris - Teaching Assistant
Miss D Cross - Teaching Assistant

Key Stage 1

Mrs M Bean - Class Teacher
Mrs C Doherty - Class Teacher
Miss E Young - Class Teacher
Miss A Turner - Class Teacher
Miss L Weatherley - Class Teacher
Miss I Sensoy - Trainee Teacher
Mrs E Drury - Teaching Assistant

Key Stage 2

Mrs M Wagerfield - Class Teacher
Mrs S Nuttall - Class Teacher
Miss L Cadden - Class Teacher
Mr A Dlugoszewski - Class Teacher
Miss E Pryke - Class Teacher

Inclusion Team

Miss L Cadden
Mr B Gilbert
Miss G Murphy
Mrs L Doyle
Mrs S Godleman

Head of PE and Enrichment

Mr L Lindop

Kidz Club Team

Steve Bryant - Manager
Amelie Laube - Team Member
Jane Shiells - Team Member