

I can't believe that this is the final newsletter of the year. Reflecting on what has been another busy and amazing term at Whitehouse Primary. The children, along with the help and support from the staff, have worked extremely hard and continue to make great progress in all areas of their learning and school life. This term has flown by and the last few weeks have been particularly busy, with our Key stage 1 Nativity and Year 3 and 4 assembly, Foundation and Nursery Christmas Carols, and our fantastic Christmas Fayre. The kindness Elves have been madly at work in our classrooms and I have loved hearing about all the lovely acts of kindness that have been going on. The Rowans centre were extremely grateful for all the presents donated and how the children at Whitehouse's kindness will help to make Christmas a special time for the families they support.

On behalf of everybody at Whitehouse Primary School, we wish you all a peaceful and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all return, refreshed and ready for a new school term on Monday 7th January 2019.

Mrs Kelly

Dates for your Diary

21st December – Term ends

7th January – Term starts

8th January – Y5/6 Trip

11th January 10am – Open Morning

15th February – Term ends

Website Blogs

Remember to check out our website for the latest news and events from around the school!

Giving Tree

THANK YOU so much for your support and generosity this year by donating presents to our Giving Tree.

All of the presents have been donated to Rowans Family Centre and will go towards hampers for families in need this Christmas!

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Starting WC 7th January 2019



All Saints Church

Whitehouse Primary are pleased to be supporting All Saints Church Christmas tree festival this year. Year 4 children have worked hard learning origami to decorate the tree with the theme of the 12 Days of Christmas, we concentrated on the birds in the song! If you would like to support this event, why not pop along to the church (13-15th Dec, 11am-7pm) and even post a picture next to our tree on our Facebook page.



Whitehouse has Got Talent

We had an exciting afternoon on Thursday with our inaugural Whitehouse's Got Talent grand finale! The judges Mrs Kelly, Mrs Anderson, Mr Lindop and Jiri agonised over their decision but in the end, there was a clear winner - huge congratulations go to Jin for her winning piano performance.

We were delighted that so many children chose to audition and show off their talents. The teachers joined in with the celebratory mood, surprising the children with a flash mob of Baby Shark!

Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday, the staff and children enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner (with all the trimmings!). It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Whitehouse Primary!



Always time to be kind

This month the staff and children have really enjoyed the big count UP to Christmas. Not only have we all been busy practicing for the Christmas plays and making wonderful things to take home, but we have also been super kind.

Being kind is something that we can all do and not only does it really make someone else smile, but it also lifts our own happiness levels at the same time.

The kindness elves have been busy throughout December encouraging the children to carry out kind acts and we have been overwhelmed by the ripple effect these small acts of kindness have created across the school. From passing out compliments in KS2, to baking mince pies with friends in Foundation, no kind act has gone unnoticed!

We hope to see kindness continue to sweep through our school in the New Year. Please send in any photos of your children and family being kind of the festive holidays because we would love to share them with the rest of the school.

Packed lunch – NO NUTS

Allergies or as they are sometimes called allergic diseases seem to be on the increase. There are a number of conditions caused by hypersensitivity to the immune system to something in the environment that usually causes little or no problem in most people. Severe allergic reactions to food items can be life threatening to some people.

With this in mind we ask that pupils **do not have nuts or products containing nuts in their lunchboxes**. We will be asking pupils to not share their food with others, if you can reinforce that at home we would appreciate it.

I am sure you will agree it is better to be safe and the prevention of an unnecessary incident is extremely important.



“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!



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to Rishaan, Izabelle, Emily, Bora, Andrea, Aiyana, Mika, Neil, Sai, Shreya and Rhoda for receiving a Headteacher Award this half term.

Class teachers nominate children who have not only worked hard and been a lovely member of the class, but someone who follows the Whitehouse rules and is a good friend to others. These children will all be

Pride in Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who received a trophy for the Most Improved Handwriting or Best Handwriting this half term.

- Saanvi
- Jude
- Sandhanaa
- Seth
- Samanvi
- Zahra
- Yashica
- Eesa
- Aita
- Emi
- Federica
- Ahad
- Jin
- Ashton



Good luck Mr Lindop

Mr Lindop will now be on paternity leave until 21st January 2019. We wish him and his partner all the best and we cannot wait to hear if it is a boy or a girl!

Temporary PE days (WC 7th Jan – WE 25th)

FS -	Mon	3/4SN -	Mon + Thur
1EY -	Tue + Thur	3/4MW -	Tue + Fri
1CDMB -	Tue + Thur	3/4LC -	Tue + Fri
2AT -	Tue + Thur	5/6AD -	Mon + Thur
2LW -	Tue + Thur	5/6EP -	Mon + Thur

Lunchtime Supervisors Needed

7.5 hours per week (11:45 to 13:15), 5 days per week, 38 weeks per year (Term time plus holiday pay) £9.01 per hour

The role of the Lunchtime Supervisor is to work during the lunch break with children, this role should make the important time of lunchtime a particularly happy one for the children. Providing a safe and caring environment for all, ensuring all activities are fun for the children. The successful candidates will have a friendly disposition with empathy for individual children's needs and be hardworking, flexible, with a positive attitude and sense of humour.

New Staff

- Mrs Helen Willis – Y3/4 Team
- Mrs Rebecca Potten – Head of English and Y3/4 Team
- Ms Rebecca Polock – Teaching Assistant
- Ms Rebecca Roche – Teaching Assistant

Nursery

The deadline for starting school applications is 15th Jan 2019.

Parents must apply online via the Citizens Portal:
https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE

Extra-Curricular Clubs

External Clubs starting WC 21st January
Internal clubs starting WC 28th Jan.

Krispy Kreme Delivery!

Thank you to Whitehouse Christian Community and Loughton Baptist Church for their special delivery last week! They sent six boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts for all the teachers and staff at Whitehouse Primary as a way of appreciation. They proved very popular!



Bring & Buy Sale

We will be holding our annual Bring & Buy Sale for the children in January (date tbc). Please hold onto any unwanted Christmas gifts or old toys so that we can sell them and raise money for the school and Milton Keynes Hospital Cancer Centre.

Christmas Fayre

What a fantastic Christmas Fayre! The children were incredibly excited to join in the festivities. From visiting Santa to winning lovely Christmas treats. Everyone had a superb time! We raised an astonishing £1700!

Thank you to the Friends of Whitehouse for all of their support and a special thank you to all the organisations who donated raffle prizes!

