

The first half of the Spring Term has absolutely flown by, but nevertheless, it has been packed with opportunities for our children to “aspire, believe and achieve” as I hope you will take the time to see in this newsletter.

We also have so much to look forward to next half term. Please make note of the dates for your diary and we hope you will be able to join us at some of our events that we have planned. This half term we have really focused on our children’s wellbeing. Miss Hopkinson each week has lead teachers and children in learning more and more mindfulness techniques to take care of and protect their social, emotional and physical well-being. Please join Miss Hopkinson on the 26th February to find out a little bit more about what we are doing and how you can use some of these techniques at home.

Have a lovely half term, make the most of the mild weather and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and raring to go on Monday 25th February!

Dates for your Diary

15th February – Term ends

25th February – Term starts

8th March – World Book Day

WC 11th March – Nurse screening tests

11th March – Y5/6 Arctic explorer visitor

15th March – Red Nose day

20th/21st March – Parents’ Evening

20th-26th March – Book fair in the Hall

29th March - Mother’s Day Breakfast

WC 1st April – Extra-curricular clubs end

5th April – Easter Bonnet parade

5th April – Term ends

Parents Evening

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March 4.00pm-6.30pm

Appointments will be bookable on Parent Pay. An email will be sent to inform you of when the slots are available to book.

Website blogs!

Remember to check our website regularly for the latest news and events happening within the school!

Bring & Buy Sale

On Friday 1st February, all of the children had the opportunity to purchase an item from our Bring & Buy Sale. The items for sales had been kindly brought in and donated from their fellow pupils and ranged from books to roller skates! Each year group were given a slot where they could come to our market place in the hall and make their purchases. We made just over £227, with half going to the MK Hospital Cancer Centre.



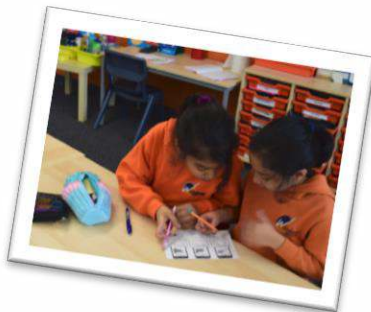
Do you struggle with bedtimes sometimes? Do your children not always listen to instructions? Do YOU feel overwhelmed sometimes?

Parenting Mindfully 30 minute Workshop

Tuesday 26th February 2019

8.45am in the school hall

Please register your interest by calling our reception.



Music Lessons

If your child is currently receiving private peripatetic music lessons and you wish to stop after Easter, Monday 25th February is the deadline for letting us know. Please do so in writing/email.

If you would like your child to start music lessons after Easter, a letter will be sent out shortly after half term for you to book lessons.

Music lessons currently available: guitar, violin, piano, drums, brass (group and solo lessons subject to availability).



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 5th February, the whole school joined in with National Safer Internet Day. Children from years 1-6 participated in activities that were designed to help them learn how to protect themselves and their personal information when online.

The following day there was an assembly where children shared their learning.



Young Voices

On Tuesday 29th January, our Year 5 and 6 children represented Whitehouse Primary in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena.

The children blew our socks off with their impeccable behaviour, passion and enthusiastic singing during a very long day. We definitely have some future performers in our classes!

"The O2 Young Voices was a remarkable trip that I will never ever forget and will be in my heart. Since I was a little girl I always dreamed to be in a performance like this, and Whitehouse made this dream come true. This was no ordinary performance it was one of the biggest children's choirs in the world and I would like to say a big thank you to Whitehouse Primary, this would never have happened without you!" Shreya Y5

Car Park Safety

Please may we remind parents/carers that children should be supervised at all times within the school car park. Scooters/bikes should only be used on the pathways provided outside of school grounds.

Please check all uniform

Please can all uniform be checked to make sure it belongs to your child as we have had quite a few items go missing lately, which may have been taken home by mistake.

PE Ready

It is an expectation that children should be 'PE Ready' for their particular PE days. They should arrive in full Whitehouse PE uniform and have **no earrings** or jewellery. **We do not allow alternative hoodies or jogging bottoms.**

Illness

There are times when your child may feel poorly. If your child has a slight temperature, cough or cold they should be encouraged to come to school. Staff will keep an eye on them and if their health deteriorates further then we will contact you.

Sickness and Diarrhoea should be a rare occurrence and is not normally presented together. If your child is physically sick or has diarrhoea from viral infection, we would advise they must stay off school for 48 hours from the last bout. However, there is the odd occasion your child is sick for other reasons than a tummy bug. The school will consider the exclusion period needed on a case-by-case basis.

Communication

Please can we remind you that if you have booked your child into Kids club or an extra-curricular club, you must inform the office directly if you are collecting them instead. This can be done by ringing or speaking to the office directly at the beginning or end of the day or giving a note to the class teacher.

It is a very busy time at the end of the day with teachers speaking to lots of parents so it is essential for our registers and ensuring the children's safety, that the office knows if a child is going to be absent from a club/after school provision.

Medication in School

If your child requires medicine in the school day you need to fill in a form at the Office. Due to our increasing roll and the time of year where illness is common, we will be only administering medicine at 12pm and 1pm. Please make sure you give your child their other doses to fit in with this. If you require additional administering of the medicine please speak to the Office, however it may be that you need to come and administer it yourself due to us not having the capacity to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

Friends of Whitehouse Primary

If you would like to be involved with the FoWP and help with organising/running future events, please sign up to the mailing list! Please send confirmation to enquiries@whitehouseprimary.co.uk

Pride in Presentation Awards

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



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to Lily, Jayden, India, Frankie-Rose, Evie, Millie, Dhritika, Samira, Sreenidhi 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 attending the Headteacher's Tea Party.



Class Attendance Award

Well done to 2LW and 5/6EP for achieving the best attendance this half term! An amazing 99.12%!



Mother's Day Breakfast

We are holding a breakfast in the school hall on Friday 29th March 8.20-9.15am, to celebrate Mother's Day. Whitehouse school children may be accompanied by any female family member to enjoy this event!

For £1.50pp you will receive a croissant, condiments and refreshments. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate together and thank all our mums!

Easter Bonnet Parade – 5th April

Children are invited to decorate/make an Easter Bonnet/Hat at home, to bring in for the parade on the 5th April (within the school day).

£1.00 entry. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

We look forward to seeing your Easter creations!

