

Welcome back! I hope that you've had a fun and sun filled summer holiday. It's been great seeing the children return to school full of enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead. A very warm welcome to any new families who may have also joined us this term. Whitehouse Primary is a great school with lots of opportunities for you to get involved and be a part of the action!

The new term has started brilliantly and the children are settling into the routines of their new classes. I enjoyed our first "Hot Chocolate with the Head" with the first students of the week – a special treat for those children consistently going "above and beyond". It is one of my favourite parts of the week spending time chatting with the children, discovering more about them and enjoying a few giggles together.

Mrs Kelly

Dates for your Diary

25th September	Author visit to KS2
26th September	Macmillan coffee afternoon
1st/2nd October	Family consultation evenings
3rd October	American school dinners!
11th October	IQ Cards to be returned
14th October	Open Morning YrF 2020
17th October	Year 4 trip
19th October	MK Cross Country event
25th October	Term ends
4th November	INSET day
5th November	Term starts
5th November	Flu vaccinations YF-Y6
13th November	School photos
14th November	Open Morning YrF 2020
5th December	Christmas Fayre
10th December	Nursery Concert 9.40am
12th December	YF Concert 9.30am & 2.30pm
17th December	Y1 Nativity 2pm
18th December	Y1 Nativity 9.30am
18th December	School Christmas dinner
20th December	Term ends

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of any of our pupils, then you have a duty to report it **immediately** to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead:

- Mrs Prudence

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- Mrs Kelly
- Miss Camwell
- Mrs Ndede
- Mrs Ward
- Miss Shepherd
- Miss Wilson

Family Consultation Evenings

Our consultation meetings (parents evening) will be held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd October. We would like your child to join you in meeting with their class teacher as we feel this should be a collaborative approach to supporting your child's learning journey at Whitehouse Primary School.

Meet the Team

To view our staffing structure, please visit:

<https://www.whitehouseprimary.co.uk/about-us/meet-the-team-2/>

Health and Safety Reminder – End of Day

Please ensure that all children are supervised at the beginning and end of the day when arriving and leaving the premises.

Please could we also ask that children refrain from using the adventure playground at the end of the day. We have changed the end of day times in KS1 and Foundation to ease congestion and ensure it less crowded at pick up points. We would appreciate families leaving the school grounds as soon as possible and note that the school gate closes at 3.40pm. This ensures that the children in after school club (Kidz Club) and our extra curricular clubs are able to access the outdoor areas safely and quickly.

We love that they don't want to leave however the safety of the children is our upmost priority!

Alternative Collections

If you need to make alternative arrangements for your child's collection, you must inform the school office in writing Please send correspondence to enquiries@whitehouseprimary.co.uk

Please ensure to pass on your child's PIN code for collection.



Severe Nut Allergy

We have a couple of children in school with a nut allergy and it is very important that we share key messages with you. You **must not** send your child into school with nuts, nut-based foods or anything with nuts in the ingredients. If these children come into contact with nuts it can be life threatening.

We thank you in advance for supporting the school's approach.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs are now live on ParentMail. All clubs must be booked and paid online, via ParentMail. (Select 'Payments' then 'Shop' which is located towards the bottom of the page)

All clubs have limited spaces and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Due to limited spaces we ask that you only book 2 clubs per child. Any children appearing on more than 2 club registers will have their additional clubs removed.

**All clubs must be booked by Wednesday
25th September 2019.**

Change of address/telephone numbers

Please may we remind parents/carers to inform the school office of any amendments to contact details, e.g. home address, telephone numbers and email addresses.

This is to ensure our records are kept up to date with the relevant information in case of an emergency.

Early Years

In our FS1 Nursery class the children have enjoyed exploring their new environment. They are getting used to the daily routines and making positive relationships with their key workers and developing new friendships.

In FS2 the children have been learning about themselves in Literacy, and have enjoyed using language and describing words to discuss their features, and their likes and dislikes. They have been busy in the art area creating collages of their own faces to go up on our display. They have loved exploring numbers in our Maths lessons, being number detectives searching the environment for our number of the day! The children have also loved their first P.E and Yoga sessions this week!

KS1

Year 1 and 2 have settled really well into their new routines where the children are impressing all the teachers with their hard work. KS1 are also making good use of our shared area where the children are leading their own learning linked to our exciting new topics! Year 1 are studying 'Dinosaur Planet' where they have already been on a dinosaur hunt in our outdoor area and are learning lots of facts about some fearsome creatures! In Year 2, their topic 'Land Ahoy!' began with a day where their classrooms were invaded by some terrifying pirates! The children also discovered a mysterious note where they had to follow some clues and crack a code so they could uncover some hidden treasure!

Lower KS2

Years 3 and 4 have had a fantastic (and yummy) start to the school year! To kickstart our 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic, the children tasted different types of chocolates and ingredients. We then worked collaboratively in groups to plan ideas for a new chocolate before learning how to use moulds to create them. The children have loved learning about the whole design process which they will apply in a different healthier food-themed context later this term. We can't wait to see what they come up with!!



Upper KS2

We have started the year with full gusto, throwing ourselves into our first Tudor topic "Off with her head! In our first full week we all took part in a wonderful Tudor afternoon. We danced, we sang and we created Tudor houses that, once completed were put together to create our very own Tudor Village.

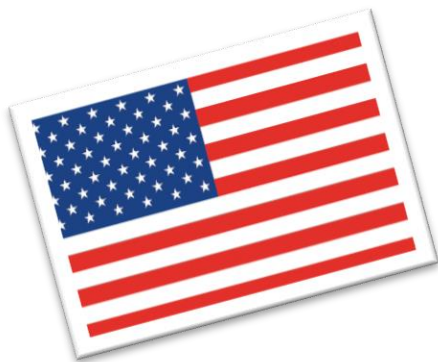
As the term goes on, we will continue to engross ourselves across the curriculum subjects in all things Tudor while developing our number and place value skills in Maths.



Aldi - Kit for Schools Promotion

From 6th September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and help us fill up our school's poster for a chance to win.

How it works... Get involved! Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Please bring your stickers to school to help complete the poster. Once complete with 300 stickers we will send the poster back to Aldi to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for Keep Hatch. We have until 3rd November to collect 300!



School Census Day – American Themed Dinners!

On Thursday 3rd October we will be offering an American themed menu at lunch time for school census day. Please can we encourage all parents to book a meal this day as it is directly linked to our school funding! Please note – previous dinner bookings for this date will need to be rebooked.

IQ Cards- Christmas Fundraiser

Your child has brought home with them the amazing design they have created. IQ Cards can print this design onto high quality Stationery including Greeting Cards, Postcards, Gift Wrap &, Sticky Gift Labels. Also, some fun and affordable gifts: Fridge Magnets & Keyrings. These products are perfect to give to friends and family, and would make for a lovely personal Christmas present. Please support the school by ordering!

All order forms with payment must be returned by **Friday 11th October.**



RainFitz Fitness & Wellness at WHP

At Whitehouse Primary we offer a range of evening classes. Please feel free to pop along!

- Tuesday 6.15pm – Zumba
- Thursday 6.15pm - Zumba
- Thursday 7.00pm - Clubbercise

Friends of Whitehouse

The FoWP are always looking for more volunteers to help with these events, so if you think you could spare some time (no matter how big or small) or you would just like to find out more information about the FoWP – then please attend the next meeting!

The next AGM meeting will be Friday 27th
September 9am.

Uniform

It is an expectation that all children attending Whitehouse Primary School will wear the approved school uniform. We expect our children to take great pride in their school and this is reflected in the way they dress for school.

Children should also arrive in full PE uniform on their PE days.

To view our uniform policy, please visit:
<https://www.whitehouseprimary.co.uk/parents-zone/school-uniform/>

Punctuality and Attendance

We have had a number of children arriving late after the gates have closed. Anyone arriving after 8.45am will incur a Late mark on the register and their pupil record. 10 late marks could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by Milton Keynes Council. This is £60 per parent per child.

We have had a large amount of requests for leave of absence. Please be reminded that absence within term time should be rare, of significance, unavoidable and short.

Whitehouse Primary School works closely with Milton Keynes Council on attendance issues. Following our recent Ofsted inspection we are striving to be an outstanding school however this is not attainable with so many term time absences.

Online Free School Meals

Each term the school is required by law to complete a census for the Department for Education (DfE). This census not only supplies the DfE with data, it also helps Whitehouse Primary School to gain essential funding. Funding is allocated by the DfE and is used at the schools discretion, but we rely heavily on all our parents to advise us whether they have ever or still are in receipt of certain benefits or if they have already applied via the online Citizen Portal.

It is still very important to please register for Free School Meals even if you are not intent on receiving them or if your child is allowed the Universal Infant Free School Meals (Years Foundation, 1 & 2).

To register, please visit:
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>