

I hope your child has had an enjoyable first half term. I can hardly believe we have only been back for eight weeks! It has been an incredibly busy and exciting one at Whitehouse Primary School with so many exciting activities taking place.

I have been so impressed with the children's learning and the amount of progress we have seen over the half term. This jam-packed newsletter is testament to this fact of how much achieving and learning has taken place!

As you are aware, we welcomed Ofsted for a two-day section 5 inspection in the second week back of last term! The results of their visit can be seen within this newsletter! My thanks to all the parents who contributed to an incredibly positive ParentView. I'm overwhelmed by the support of our school.

I look forward to seeing our school continuing to provide your children with a wealth of exciting opportunities and the highest quality of education. I am of no doubt our next half term will be one of great celebration and reflection! Have a wonderful half term break.

Mrs Kelly, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

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
15th November	Children in Need day
19th November	School nurse clinic
19th November	YF Falconry UK visit
21st November	Pantomime
29th November	Non-uniform day
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



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Y3/4 Swimming Gala

Whitehouse Primary took 11th place! A superb afternoon for our young swimmers who competed at the Milton Keynes swimming gala for the first time! Amazing!



Y3/4 Cross Country @ Bushfield School

A fantastic event for our young Cross Country stars to take part in! Brilliant team work and determination to compete against some big schools in MK! Special mention to Sophie who claimed a bronze medal in her race! Well done all!

Cross Country Championships @ The Bowl

3rd Place in the Medium Schools category!

The biggest event of the year saw our amazing Cross Country team compete at the Milton Keynes Bowl! The team showed such passion, determination and incredible teamwork to claim the bronze medal as a school. This is an amazing achievement considering it's our first time ever in the Medium Schools category! A huge well done to everyone involved!



Y5/6 Football Team vs Southwood

We won 11-2!

A superb team performance by our year 5/6 boys! Some excellent football was played and some great goals scored too! Well done!



Y5/6 Football Team vs Old Stratford

Whitehouse 2 – 6 Old Stratford

A tough game for the boys against a very good Old Stratford team. They played some great football and fought really hard throughout the game! Well done boys!

Diwali Celebrations

Wow, what a way to celebrate Diwali!

Whitehouse Primary enjoyed the most amazing day celebrating the Festival of Light. We were greeted by fantastic rangoli patterns on the entrance to school and beautiful flowers and decorations in our school hall.

The celebration assembly started with a display of traditional dances with the children dressed in the most amazing outfits, headdresses and jewellery. We were extremely proud of them – their dancing was absolutely fabulous. The assembly was then followed by a fun activities such as Bollywood dancing, creating rangoli patterns, making diya lamps out of clay, making samosas and traditional sweets, designing and having henna patterns on their hands.

We are so grateful to all our parents that supported our celebrations and helped make it a huge success.

Happy Diwali!



Early Years

In our nursery class, the children have been excited by all the rain, and have been practising putting their coats on independently. They have enjoyed listening to the story "We're going on a bear hunt" and retelling it through their small world and role play.

In Foundation, we have loved learning all about ourselves, our families and our bodies! The children have been taking on the role of a doctor or patient in the Doctor Surgery role play area. They were also really excited when we used a virtual reality app which enabled children to explore and learn about the insides of their bodies!



KS1

This term Year 1 have enjoyed a local walk around Whitehouse, looking at some of the fields currently under construction. We made predictions about how we think the field will change by the end of the year. We can't wait to come back in the summer term to see how much the fields have changed and if our predictions came true! In Year 2, have been learning about the key features of famous pirate ships and conducting different science experiments to try and decide which material is the best to survive in the seven seas! Year 2 then designed and made their own ships using their scientific knowledge and we had a great time testing our creations outside in the water tray!



Lower KS2

This term has flown by! We have been so busy in Years 3 and 4 becoming expert product designers and nutritionists. The children have been making fantastic chocolate bar packaging and learning lots of facts about the food groups and why they are so important for us. Year 4 were very lucky to also go to Pizza Express where they each made their own scrumptious margherita pizza. Year 3 have been wowing us with their writing, including phenomenal stories. So neat and well written! A super first half term to kickstart our year.

Upper KS2

This half term we have been learning about Tudors. We have created newspapers detailing the treatment of Anne Boleyn, learnt songs about all of Henry VIII's wives and have learnt how to write persuasive letters. We have seen lovely homework: Tudor menus, 3D Tudor homes and lots of fact files, to compliment all of our deep learning!

Aldi - Kit for Schools Promotion

We only need 15 more stickers to complete our Aldi 'Kit for Schools' poster and win ourselves a sports kit!

We have until the 3rd November, so please bring any remaining stickers to the school office!



Christmas Fayre – 5th December

Can you donate any of the following?

- Unwanted (good condition) teddy bears
- Raffle prizes
- Used books

If so, please contact the school office!

2019/2020 Fundraising Goal

School Minibus



Are you interested in being part of our Friends Committee? Or would like to help with organising our Christmas Fayre? Then please email friends@whitehouseprimary.co.uk

Pick 'n' Mix Cups coming soon!



From the fundraising events last year, supported by the Friends of Whitehouse Primary, we have managed to buy lots of new sports equipment for the children to enjoy on break times! Thank you for all of your continued support, we would not be able to provide such items without it!

thank you 😊

Uniform

As we are an active school and there are numerous points in the day for physical activity and extra-curricular sports clubs, **children are now welcome to come in their Whitehouse PE Uniform every day if it is more comfortable for them. (This must be full correct Whitehouse PE uniform only).**

However, if they come to school in normal uniform and they have a sports club afterschool, please ensure they have their PE kit to change into.

Leave of Absence Requests and Ofsted

Please can we remind parents that appointments and absence from school should be scheduled outside of a school day. Early collections via reception is disruptive during lesson time and can leave the remaining children unsettled when their friends are leaving early. We have noticed a particularly significant increase of this on Fridays. Leave within a school day, even for appointments, must be authorised by the Headteacher and we may start asking for evidence from clinicians or request completed leave of absence forms.

The office must be informed in writing every time an early collection happens. We have had a few collections where teachers have been informed however the message has not always been passed onto the office. We request it in writing so that there is evidence for our attendance file and there is no confusion with names of children. Again we ask that early collections are avoided, where possible, so the children have as little disruption to the school day as possible.

Since our last newsletter we have had more than 40 requests for leave of absence. We are striving to be an Ofsted outstanding school and request that parents fully support our quest for this.

Parents requesting leave of absence for 5 days or more should arrange a meeting via the office with Nicola Bartlett, Business Support Manager. **When a child has a leave of absence of 20 days or more we have the right to take a child off roll.**

Year 6 Students

The application window for all Year 6 pupils to apply for a secondary school place, closes at midnight on 31 October 2019!

Applications must be completed via the **online Citizen Portal**. Further information can be found on **the council's website**.



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