

WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

NEWS



September 2025

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed all the sunshine, we were very lucky. Thank you all for all our lovely thank you cards and gifts. We really appreciate everything.

Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 10th September

We would like to invite you to come into your child's classroom and meet the class teacher. They will talk about routines within the classroom, homework, class expectations and more.

3:30pm – Class 3

4:00pm – Class 4

4:30pm – Class 2

5:00pm – Class 1

Uniform and Jewellery

Please see below for information about uniform and jewellery.

PE Days

We continue to ask children to come to school in their PE kits on the day that is their allocated day. This gives us optimal time to spend in lessons. The lesson for each class are listed below:

Monday – Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)

Tuesday – Class R (Reception)

Wednesday – Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)

Thursday – Class 4 (Yr 5 and 6)

Please note earrings will need to be removed for their PE session or afterschool club.

Inhalers

Please make sure the class teacher has an in date inhaler for your child and all the correct paperwork is with Ms Francis.

Contact

A reminder that class teachers have an e-mail that you can contact them on directly. Please be mindful that teachers will not always answer immediately and will not always see the email in the mornings so please pass on any messages at the door.

Mrs Read and Mrs Tidmarsh–

class1@whitminstercofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Miss Gardiner-class2@whitminstercofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs Lanceley class3@whitminstercofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Mr Wright- class4@whitminstercofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Absence

If your child is going to be absent, please ensure you let the school office know either by phone or email before 9:15am as staff will not always be checking their emails in the mornings. Thank you.

Front Gate

Please note that this gate is on a timer and will only open at 8:45am. The corner gate is always opened earlier for you to be able to enter school.

Play Equipment and New equipment

Please ensure your children are not playing on the equipment before and after school. This is due to our insurance not being valid, as staff from school are not supervising.

Curriculum in Autumn Term –

Each class will be exploring different historical periods. Class letters will be sent out giving further information in the next week.

Assembly Theme

Our theme for term 1 is Courage. Please spend some time exploring this value with your child using the attached home/school information worksheet.

Parents who wish to withdraw their children from attendance at Religious Worship or instruction are asked to discuss this with the Headteacher.

Whitminster is a Healthy School

SNACKS

For a morning snack children need to bring in a piece of **FRESH OR DRIED FRUIT OR VEGETABLES ONLY**.

Under the Government scheme, all infant children receive a daily free piece of fruit or veg. **NO NUTS PLEASE**.

DRINKING WATER.

Please send your child in with a clean named water bottle and encourage them to drink water frequently during the day.

Data Collection Forms

These forms will be sent home next week, please sign and return as soon as possible even if your details have not changed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

If your child would like the chance to be on school council, can they please complete a manifesto including the reason why they would like to take part. In addition, how they would make a difference, what ideas they have for school council and then return to school by **Wednesday 24th September**. They will then present it to the school the following week. The children will then vote in their own classes for a representative.

DATES

Club letters will be sent home next week and clubs (for Years 1 -6) will begin Monday 22nd September and finish the week beginning 24th November. Please support your child to commit to the club they have chosen as there are often limits and waiting lists.

Weds 10th Sept

Tues 16th Sept

Mon 22nd Sept

Thurs 23rd October

Fri 24th October

Mon 3rd Nov

Mon 24th Nov

Fri 19th Dec

Mon 5th Jan

Class Meetings

Flu Nasal Spray

Clubs start

End of Term

INSET

Start of Term

Clubs finish this week.

End of Term

Start of Term

Medicine Policy

In line with Government guidelines, our policy states that: **Children should not bring any medicines to school nor should parents ask staff to administer them or look after them.** However, if there are any long-term medical conditions that require treatment, please contact the headteacher who will discuss with you the best approach to take. If your child has a prescription that needs to be taken 4 times a day then a letter stating this needs to be given to the office together with the medication in its original packaging with the prescription clearly stated on it. **We will not give any paracetamol or aspirin type medications or prescriptions that need to be taken less than 4 times a day.**

Only blue inhalers are to be brought to school. The brown inhalers are for morning and afternoon use and should be kept at home. If your child needs to have an inhaler in school for asthma, please ensure that it is named and either given to the class teacher for safekeeping. Children will always be allowed access to their inhaler if needed. Please come to the school office or see the class teacher to complete and sign an asthma individual health plan

School Uniform

As we start a new school year and everyone is looking so smart, a reminder of our policy on school uniform.

As a school, we believe that it helps create a sense of belonging, helps children to realise that certain clothes are appropriate to certain places and helps parents to reduce the fuss caused by rivalry over the latest fashion.



Boys and Girls

- School sweatshirt or jumper, cardigan
- White shirt/polo shirt/ White blouse
- Grey trousers/ shorts/ grey skirt,
- Blue and white checked summer dress.
- Black or brown shoes

P.E.:

- School PE shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers

All uniform must be clearly marked with your child's name.

Hair, Jewellery and Money

Hair, if shoulder length, should be tied back for safety reasons. Jewellery and nail varnish should not be worn at school. If earrings must be worn, **only safety studs** are acceptable as any others are a safety risk. They must be removed for P.E. and swimming. Rings, bracelets and earrings are not appropriate and can be a safety risk. If a child does bring them into school, the school can accept no responsibility for them. The school can accept no responsibility for money, valuables or toys bought into school. We do allow a watch as this helps children to tell the time. If children choose to wear a fitbit to school we can not accept any responsibility for these if they are lost or damaged.