

WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

NEWS



September 2 2024

ASDA – Parentkind

Please see attached for information on how you can raise money for our school when you shop at Asda.



DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Please ensure you have returned your signed data collection sheet even if there are no changes to be made.

FLU FORMS

Please remember to fill in the flu immunisation form online.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

If your child would like the chance to be on school council, they will be required to complete a manifesto and return to school by **Wednesday 25th September**. The children will then present their manifesto to the school the following week. The children will then vote in their classes for a representative.

CENSUS MENU

Thursday 3rd October

**Beef Burger in a Bun
or
Vegan Burger in a Bun**

With Chips, peas and Baked Beans

Vanilla Shortbread, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

On school census day, we measure the take up of lunches. Please encourage your child to order a lunch and help us get 100% take up! Please pay via ParentPay – if you need a reminder of your login details please contact the school office. Please make sure there are sufficient funds in your account at all times.

Behaviour Policy

Please see a summary of our policy on page 2 of this newsletter. The children have really settled well and are enjoying learning and working together. All our school policies can be found on our school website www.whitminstercofe.gloucs.sch.uk

Uniform donations

Thank you for all your uniforms donations so far. At present we are only collecting blue P.E t-shirts and fleeces. If you have any of these please leave in the school office. We will let you know when we need more uniform items. Thank you.

Uniform sale - FOW

There will be a uniform sale on Friday 18th October.

Engines Idling

Please see information below about how to help the environment, keep ourselves healthy, safe money and keep the children and adults safe.



The children who have SHONE and were recognised in our celebration assembly are:

Leo R, Leah, Jacob, Nathan, Charlie, Billy, Meredith, Teddy, Leo, Alfie T, Jack, Edith, Phoebe, Ellie-Mae, Joseph, Noah R, Adam, Finn, Emily, James, Tyler, Lacey-Rose, Corbin, Jessica, Cooper, Arthur, Elli and Summer May
Well Done!

Wisdom

Our value rewards this term reflect our value of Wisdom. We will be looking for good examples of children who have shown wisdom. This could be while their working, helping others or using good judgement.

Year 6

School Captains



Ethos Team



Achievement Team



Eco Team



Digital Team



Sports Leader



DATES

Mon 23rd September
Mon 8th October
Fri 25th October
30th Oct-3rd Nov
Mon 4th November
Tuesday 5th November
Weds 6th November
Thurs 7th November
Weds 11th Dec
Mon 16th Dec
Thurs 21st December
21st – 5th January
Mon 6th January

Clubs start
Flu jabs in school
End of Term 1
Half Term Holiday
INSET
Start of Term 2
Parents meetings
Parents meetings
Infant production
Carols around the Tree
End of Term 2
Christmas holidays
Start of Term 3



Behaviour Policy 2024

We set high standards for behaviour at Whitminster and we have a clear behaviour policy that we follow. The whole school, teaching staff, teaching assistants, midday supervisors and supply staff will use the 'Good to be Green' behaviour scheme. The School's behaviour policy is led by the School's Vision Statement and by the school values.

These are displayed in every classroom and in key areas in the school. They are frequently discussed and used with the children to develop each class's own more specific set of rules, and rules for conduct around the school and the playground. These guidelines are also shared with parents. They are used to reward children and also to sanction them.

These values will also be linked to our assembly themes.

At the beginning of each year every teacher in the school with responsibility for a class teaches the children the school's behaviour system.

Class Rewards

- **Normal classroom praise.** Words of praise, saying something positive that will have an impact on the child/ren. If a child has a particular target they are trying to reach reward their efforts towards this.

When a child does something the teacher feels needs more than normal classroom praise they can receive a further reward from the list below. The more special the action the greater the reward. Each year group may have reward systems that are pertinent to their group of children.

- **Golden Time** In KS1 for a period of 30 minutes each week, in KS2 one afternoon per term children are rewarded for their good behaviour with Golden Time. The children in consultation with the teacher can choose activities to do – often a water fight in Class 3 in the summer term!
- **Team points** We have three school teams (a cup is given to the winning team, for sports day and overall team points) Final tally is given in celebration assembly. Team points are awarded in class.
- **Values award** Each term children are awarded weekly for demonstrating the collective worship value and/or the school values. These awards change to reflect the current whole school topic.
- **Visit other members of staff** Allow the children to get positive recognition from other teachers and staff and to show them that everyone is committed to the system.
- **Certificates and Awards** Each week in Celebration Assembly the children are rewarded in front of the whole school for their efforts. It could be a piece of work, several pieces of work, good behaviour or a target they are working towards.
- **Termly Star Award** Staff nominate a pupil from their class to receive this award, pupils will be given a special gold star badge and their name written in the book to be displayed in the office and given a book token.

Sanctions

After exhausting normal classroom practice, if the child still doesn't respond then the following sanctions can be used.

A yellow card is issued for inappropriate behaviour and displayed by the pupil's name. This is a visual warning that their behaviour is inappropriate and should be modified. The card can be removed if the behaviour improves.

A red card is issued, if after the yellow card there has been a further incident of the same inappropriate behaviour or behaviour that is so severe that it requires further action.

- **Loss of Golden Time** If a pupil receives a red card then they have lost some of their 'golden time'.
KS1 – 5 minutes, KS2 – 15 minutes
- If a pupil loses all their golden time, this will result in the head teacher writing to the parents informing of their child's behaviour.
- A record of red cards will be kept in each class so that recurring patterns can be identified and if appropriate used as evidence to support further actions that may need to be taken e.g. A child being put on a pupil support programme, or involvement of outside agencies.

What is Engine Idling?

Engine idling is any time your car engine is running but you're not moving, usually for more than 10-20 seconds.
e.g. waiting outside school, at a red light, roadworks, etc.



Why should we stop Engine Idling?

Running a car without going anywhere just doesn't make any sense!
Here are four reasons why:

Environment: When an engine is running, it emits carbon dioxide (CO₂), the main greenhouse gas responsible for climate change. By switching off your engine when stopped, you stop these emissions too!

Health: Idling makes for worse air quality, which is bad for human health. Young people are at greater risk of the health impacts of air pollution because their lungs are still developing.

Money: Idling wastes fuel that you're paying for - that just burns a hole in your pocket!

Safety: When cars and buses are idling outside a school, it is harder for students to hear cars that are actually moving, which might be hidden behind the idling cars.

While electric cars don't idle, and many modern cars have stop-start technology (a feature that switches off the engine when the car isn't moving), there are still many vehicles that are guilty of needless idling outside our schools!

You might have seen a lot of idling at your own school: buses idle when loading passengers, parents idle when waiting for their children, and your friends may idle to "warm up" their engine!

