

WHITMINSTER ENDOWED C OF E SCHOOL

NEWS



September 2024

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday and enjoyed all the sunshine. Thank you all for all our lovely thank you gifts. We really appreciate your kind words and gifts.

Welcome to all the Reception children who started school on Tuesday in Class 1. We would also like to welcome Harrison who has joined class 3. They have had a great first week.



Thank you to Mrs Penfold for providing our surprise welcome back balloon display arch. It was a great 'wow' moment for everyone.

PE Days

We continue to ask children to come to school in their PE kits on 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)

Contact

A reminder that each class teacher has an e-mail address that you can contact them directly.

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 absent, please ensure you let the school office know by phone or email before 9:00am. Thank you.

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 when staff from school are not supervising.

Class 3 Pets

Class 3 have had 2 fish join their class. They were very excited this morning. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Kirkham for donating them to the school.



Curriculum in Autumn Term –

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

Assembly Theme

Our theme for Term 1 will be Wisdom. 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 attending Religious Worship or instruction are welcome 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.

Date Collection Forms

These forms will be sent home next week. Please return the signed form as soon as possible even if your details have not changed.

Cake Container

We have a cake container left from Mrs Hinkley's celebration, if it is yours please collect from the office.

Lost Property

We have so much lost property in school. We will put it out after school next Friday, if we have items left after this we will then dispose of them. Thank you.

Circus Starr

Please click on the link to book tickets. This is specifically for children with additional needs.

<https://www.circus-starr.org.uk/what-is-circus-starr/>

DATES

Club letters will be sent home next week and clubs (for Yr 1 -6) will begin Monday 23rd September and finish the week beginning 25th November. Please support your child to commit to the club they have chosen as there are often limits and waiting lists.

Mon 23rd September

Mon 8th October

Fri 25th October

28th Oct-3rd Nov

Mon 4th November

Tuesday 5th November

Weds 6th November

Thurs 7th November

Weds 11th Dec

Fri 20th 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

End of Term 2

Christmas holidays

Start of Term 3

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 or your child may keep it in their pocket. Y5 & 6 should be responsible for their inhalers. 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. 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 brought 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.