

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

16th September 2022



'Excellence in a Caring Community'

As per our ParentPay message at the start of the week, we have been informed that the State Funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held on Monday 19th September. This will be a Bank Holiday and school will be closed as a mark of respect, in line with DFE guidance.

The children have started to contribute their amazing ideas about how we can celebrate the Queen's life and achievements through a whole school project. We will share information about this exciting project as soon as we can.

This week began with our 2021/22 School Ambassadors sharing their hard work on their new initiative, Character Pledges (linked to our Character Words), with the children in our Monday assemblies. They confidently outlined and presented to the rest of school how every child can take part in this new and exciting reward system. Our Character Pledges support and value the whole child and can recognise and appreciate achievements beyond the academic. A letter was sent out at the start of the week outlining and highlighting the key information for the pledges.

We are very grateful for your support in promoting and facilitating this challenge so that we really can show our children just how much we value the incredible young people they are.

The EYFS/KS1 Character words are:
Bravery, Effort, Kindness, Patience, Honesty and Respect



In KS2, they are:
Creativity, Courage, Compassion, Determination, Generosity, Perseverance, Conscientiousness, Integrity

Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Ava M
Elm Class - Otis C
Ash Class - Miles A
Beech Class - Harvey H
Fir Class - Teddy A
Cherry Class - Isaac W
Poplar Class - Florence W
Rowan Class - Josie H
Cedar Class - Darcey D
Holly Class - Max R
Sycamore Class - Ryan L
Willow Class - Matilda M
Birch Class - Harriet T
Maple Class - Mia-Elise A

Congratulations to you all!

I am delighted to announce that our new Head and Deputy Head Girls and Boys have been elected, they are:

Head Boy - Noah W
Head Girl - Nikolett C
Deputy Head Boy - Josh H
Deputy Head Girl - Heidi P

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Congratulations to you all - I am sure you will represent school fabulously this year.

We also have newly appointed School Ambassadors who will represent each class in regular meetings with Miss Boulton and Miss McLoughlin across this school year.

Congratulations to:

Edward K, Joseph Q, Jacob K, Scarlett G, Joe C, Hermione A, Emily R, Eden H,
Minnie M, Jessica J, Joe W, Tayla W

I'm excited to work with you and to hear all about your amazing ideas for the school!

New Team Captains

Congratulations to our new Year Six Team Captains:

Dahl - Scarlett Ca
Rowling - Frankie H
Seuss - Hollie W
Donaldson - Kyle O



All of the children in school are members of a team and have already begun earning team points for their teams. Each Friday we check which team has the most points in each class and the winning team each term has their 'Team Reward' time. I know our Team Captains will lead their teams with great pride throughout the year.

Letter from our Chair of Governors

Last week, we sent out a letter from Nick Lacey, our Chair of Governors. The letter is also available to read on our website in our School Information/About us/Governors section.

Meet the teacher evening

A reminder, following on from the letter which was sent out last week, we will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 21st September. The presentations by your child/ren's class teacher will give you more information about what your child will be learning about, their school day, key dates and other important information for the year ahead. It will also give you an opportunity to see your child/ren's classrooms.

EYFS/KS1: 4.00 - 4.45pm

KS2: 4.45-5.30pm

We will also have tables set up in the hall of lost property. Please feel free to come and see if any uniform/clothes belong to your child/ren.



If you have a child in KS1 and they have a club on this evening, please collect your child first before coming to the meeting. Please enter and exit via the main office on Wyedale for the meetings.

Childminder - Spaces Available

Angie Owen, a local OFSTED registered childminder. Has vacancies available for wraparound care, starting from 7am. Contact Angie on 07771 366515 for further details.

Working Together

We would like to remind all parents and carers that any concerns or queries about school or your child should be shared directly with school via your child's class teacher or the school office so that one of our team can discuss this with you directly.

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We appreciate that Whatsapp groups are invaluable for parents and carers as a great method of communication, but we would appreciate any concerns are shared direct with school and not via such platforms.

Thank you.

Safe Parking

Could I please remind parents/carers that cars should be parked safely on the roads at drop/collection times. We have had some cars parked up, onto the pavements which is a danger and obstruction to the children, their adults and other road users. If you do need to drive to drop off/collect your child/ren, parking slightly further away and walking to drop off/collect your child will help with the congestion and safety for all.

Primary School Application Window

Applications for places for Primary School to begin in Reception in September 2023 are now open and will close on 15th January 2023. Please visit: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions>



Secondary Schools Application Window

The application window for Year 6 pupils for High School places opened on 1st September. This window will close on 31st October 2022. Please find below the link to the online application process:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-secondary/secondary-admissions.aspx>

Parents and carers are encouraged to apply online, which will mean that they will be advised by email, on National Offer Day (01/03/23) of the school their child has been offered. Once an applicant has submitted their application they will receive an email acknowledging that they have submitted the application for your records.

Open Evening at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School for Year 6 Parents/Carers

On Thursday 22nd September 2022, parents/carers of current Year 6 children are invited to attend the school's open evening. There will be a presentation at 6pm and again at 7pm from the Headteacher, Mrs Vile, and guided tours of the school by the students.

Finally

I would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support through the first couple of weeks of the new school year. I am tremendously proud of all of our children as they have started their new year groups/ journey with us, in our Whitby Heath community. I thank all parents/carers for working with school; ensuring we all 'Move Forward Together with Hope'

Mrs E Williams

THANK YOU!