

Safeguarding

We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

We close for the holiday on **Friday 7th April** and return to school on **Monday 24th April 2017**.

Please take extra care when you are out and about. Remember to look both ways, listen and walk sensibly when crossing the road. Try to use pedestrian crossings when you can. Always make sure your parents/ carers know where you are. Never wander away from home or go with someone you don't know. Keep yourself safe at all times. Check out this Road Safety link for parents and children:

think.direct.gov.uk

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a pupil in school or any aspect of school life, please contact one of the following members of staff immediately.

Mrs Donna Brown – Head of Academy and Named Person for Child Protection.
Miss Rebecca Stansfield – Assistant Principal, Named Person for Child Protection and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Mrs Trish Gavins – Executive Principal and Named Person for Child Protection.
Mrs Gail McAllister – SEND Lead, Named Person for Child Protection and Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Miss Lisa Metcalfe – Inclusion Lead and Named Person for Child Protection.

Useful Online Safety Internet Links for Parents

NSPCC - www.nspcc.co.uk
 Parents – Thinkuknow - www.thinkuknow.co.uk
 Parents and Carers – Childnet - www.childnet.com
 Child Safety Online – A Practical Guide for Parents and Carers who's Children are using Social Media – GOV.UK www.gov.uk

Behaviour

We expect high standards of behaviour from all our pupils and we are working hard to ensure children are being safe, responsible and respectful learners at all times.

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children behaved safely, responsibly and respectfully last week
 Behaviour has been very good last week with just a few minor incidents that have been resolved.

FS1	FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
62/62	53/53	68/69	66/67	81/82	96/99	80/80	85/89

FS1	FS2	Whole School Attendance		Y3	Y4
97%	90.94%	Last week – 94.74%		96.79%	95.74%
		From September 2016 – 95.01%			
		2016/2017 Target – 96%			
		Star Year Group – Year FS1			
Y1	Y2	Y5	Y6		
93.77%	92.24%	94.25%	96.07%		

Whetley Academy's Attendance Policy clearly states we do not authorise any holidays in term time, this includes visiting relatives abroad, and a fining system is in place. Please read our policy in full on the website before considering booking holidays. If you choose to take your child out of school during term time it will have a negative impact on their learning.

CLUBS

Monday – Dance & Drama Y3-6 & Sports Club Y3 & 4
 Wednesday – Exercise Club Y1–6 & Football Y5 & 6
 Thursday – Art & Craft Y1-6 & Cooking Club Y1-6
 Thursday – Cricket Club Y3-6 & Multi-sports Y1 & 2

DIARY DATES

April 3 - 5S visit to Anne Frank & You exhibition
 April 4 - Music Concert for KS2 pupils
 April 4 – Y4 visit to Pooles Cavern
 April 5 - 5J visit to Anne Frank & You exhibition
 April 7 – School closes for the Easter Holidays
 April 24 – School opens

Please follow us on:

Website – www.whetleyacademy.org.uk

Blog – whetley.primaryblogger.co.uk

Twitter coming soon!

FS1

This week in Nursery we have been EGGSTATIC!! We have "investigated" eggs... where eggs come from, what happens when the egg is cracked and what we can cook with eggs. The following day we made some delicious egg sandwiches. There was some strange smells in the Nursery classroom! Next week we will be taking part in some fun Easter activities.... maybe the Easter bunny will make a visit too!

FS2

We have had a busy week this week learning about all kinds of different farm animals. We visited St Leonards Farm park in Esholt where we learnt many different things about the animals and we played in the fun barn! We have been subtracting and counting backwards in maths and learning new sounds in our phonic (oi and oy) with letterland! We have also practised our handwriting.



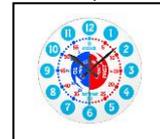
Y1

"On Friday we held our own carnival. The children had made their own costumes and masks to wear and we paraded around school, dancing and playing music. When we returned back to class we had fruit kebabs with different fruits from around the world. We are going to use the excitement of this morning's carnival for our writing next week."



Y2

Year 2 are very busy learning to tell the time at the moment. We have looked at 'past' and 'to' and we are noticing the time as we do different things during the day; eat breakfast, walk to school, eat lunch, go to assembly. Please stop us during the day and ask us to tell you the time, we will be happy to help!



Last Week...

**We raised
£224.27
for Comic
Relief. Well
done everyone.
You will be
helping
children and
their families
both here in
the UK and
abroad.**

Y3

In 3M we have been looking at a wide range of biographies/autobiographies and applying our reading comprehension skills to develop our understanding of these texts. We have explored Ancient Egypt, King Tutankhamun, Cleopatra, Usain Bolt and most recently Mo Farah.



Y4

In 4S last week we have been writing up our independent writing about being lost in a cave. Hopefully this won't happen to us on our trip! In Maths we have been looking at fractions of amounts and ordering fractions on number lines. We have also had our assessments this week- we have worked really hard and done really well.

Y5

This week year 5 have been working on their oracy skills. One of the highlights was when we had one of the students 3 year old brother in for a show and tell! We were told all about what he likes to do and why he is a special brother. Every week we are trying to improve our speaking and listening skills in fun creative ways."



Y6

Last week in 6d we have finished our work on addition and subtraction written method. We have been reading *The House in the Woods*, which has been our main topic over the past couple of weeks. We have been looking at the importance of PE, in ORACY, and the children have come up with great arguments through lots of research. This topic has led in to lots of talk about keeping healthy.

Special News

On Tuesday 28th March the Chief Executive Officer of DELTA, Mr Paul Tarn, and other members of the Executive Leadership Team held their weekly meeting at Whetley. The day began with a tour of the school and the team were very impressed with the high standard of behaviour and the outstanding learning environment. Mr Tarn sent the following feedback to Mrs Brown and all the staff.

'May I thank you on behalf of pupils, the community and our Trust Board of Directors for the outstanding education you provide to children who are fortunate enough to be in your catchment area. The climate for learning around school was stunning and the work you do to promote oracy and literacy should be widely recognised regionally and shared as a model of good practice. It is very clear from my visit and walk around school that staff care passionately for children and I was impressed by the way individual children were supported and nurtured. On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, may I thank you for your commitment and outstanding work. I hope Easter provides a well-earned rest and that you return for the summer term refreshed.'