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Whitegate C/E Primary School

Fortnightly Flyer



Firstly, I apologise that you have not received a newsletter for a period of time. Thank you for your patience and understanding over the past few months while I have been unwell. I am slowly recovering and am able to spend more time in school, although a full day is still a struggle.

Walkathon

What a great day we had earlier this term when the whole school laced up and walked along Whitegate Way, with the children from Y2 upwards completing a staggering 12K! Well done to all who participated and a special well done to those who ran the distance! Thank you to the FOWS team for providing water stops and the celebratory finish line. And, a huge thank you to Connor's mum who allowed the whole school to picnic at the farm ... and use her toilet! But the biggest thank you must go to Mrs Ross who organised the whole event. What a success!



Thank you so much for all of your support and determination in getting sponsorship. We have raised an incredible £4,505! This is fabulous as the more money we raise towards the 10% that we have to pay towards the new build, the less impact on the school budget, which means that we don't have to cut back on essentials!

The New Build

What a spectacular start the builders have made demolishing the old mobiles. There were plenty of tears on Saturday when they came down - the end of an era!

After moving Willow and Oak into the hall, it became apparent that we would not be able to use the hall for any other purpose. We apologise that we have had to cancel Willow's and Oak's residential sharing assemblies. Acorns' assembly, at the end of this academic year, will be held in church.



A reminder not to park on Cinder Hill. This is to prevent you from walking with your children in the main road. I am concerned for everyone's safety if you choose to do this. Please remember that you can make use of our walking bus after school. Please let the office know if you would like your child/ren to take part and then pick them up from the Abbey at 3:45pm - an extra half an hour of childcare!

As previously communicated, we are now not able to use the bottom playground. The children must bring a spare pair of shoes - or slippers to wear indoors - as we will be using the field even if it is wet.

A huge thank you to all of my staff team along with their families, as well as Mr Marsh and his friends, Mr Pickering and Mrs Hough, who moved all of the classrooms around ready for the work to begin.

We have invited Bishop Sam Corley to join us for a special service to officially open the new building. This has been arranged for Thursday 26th September at 9am. Please do join with us for this occasion.

Uniform

Many thanks to our FOWS team who purchased the new style PE t-shirts for everyone. We think that they look great! These t-shirts will be compulsory from September. Any white t-shirts can be donated to school and we will use them as painting shirts.

I am noticing that some children are wearing trainers to school instead of school shoes. It is important that we maintain our high standards of presentation up until the end of term and so all children must only wear trainers on PE days.

Please remember to donate any uniform that is too small to FOWS for our pre-loved shop. You can simply place this in the donation bin at the front of school. Many thanks.

Colour Run

Another huge thank you to FOWS for organising the hugely successful Colour Run last Friday. Everyone who ran had a great time and the photographs and video are amazing.

Summer Fair

A reminder that we will be dancing around the maypole on Friday 19th July. Please join us from 2pm for the procession, followed by the dancing, followed by a small fair on the school field.

Transition Day

Following on from last week's letter about class arrangements for September, we will be holding a transition day next Monday - the 8th July. Given the current situation with the building work, the children will go to their usual classrooms at the start and end of the day.



Road Closure

A reminder that Cinder Hill will be closed for highway defect patching works from the 11th July. Please allow extra time for travelling. As there will definitely be no parking on Cinder Hill, we will offer a walking bus from the Abbey at the start of the school day, as well as at the end. Please drop your children off at the Abbey at 8:15am.

Parking Responsibly

Can I urge you all to be considerate to the villagers, and each other, when parking. Please do not park near people's driveways, near to junctions or anywhere causing an obstruction. Please do not park on pavements as this prevents people with pushchairs from passing by. We all have a duty of care to ensure that everyone is safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

Y6 visit to Llandudno

As the Y6s missed their residential to Llandudno when they were in Y2 (because of Covid), we have arranged a day trip to the seaside on Monday 22nd July. They will need to wear their own clothes suitable for the weather forecast and sensible walking shoes. We will be travelling up the Orme and walking back down through Happy Valley, spending time on the beach and walking along the pier. The children will also need a packed lunch and drinks for the day. On this occasion, they may bring up to £5 in spending money. More details to follow.

Reports out

This year, your child's report will come home on Monday 15th July. Please look out for it in your child's book bag on this date.

Residential Visits

What a great time the children have had on their residential this year! We could not do this without the support from yourselves, so a huge thank you for your monetary contributions that allow us to provide these opportunities for the children.

Following on from the success of this year's residential visits, we are busy organising next year's! Plans are coming together for Y2 to visit Llandudno, Y3 to spend their time in Liverpool, Y4/5 will be getting all cultural with a visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon and Y5/6 will visit North Wales. We aim to communicate the costs involved before we finish for the summer so that you can start to make payments towards these visits.

Dates

Monday 8th July	All day	Transition Day for the whole school (Current Y6 will spend the day outdoors with Mrs Ross)
Tuesday 9th July	12	Sports Day (starting with a family picnic on the field)
Monday 15th July	3:15pm	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 16th July	6pm	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 19th July	2pm	Summer Fair
Monday 22nd July	All day	Y6 visit to Llandudno
Tuesday 23rd July	9:10am	Acorns' Sharing Assembly in church
Wednesday 24th July	9:15am	Leavers' Service in church
Wednesday 24th July	1:30pm	Finish for the summer break

I wish you all an enjoyable few weeks as we come towards the end of this academic year.

Every blessing,
C Mackenzie