



Whitecross Primary School and Nursery



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Dear Parent/Carer

A huge thank you to all our Parents for their support with ensuring that costumes were not too scary for our Halloween activities. These were fun and inclusive for all our children.



We will collect feedback from our children about their experience and use this to plan for future special celebrations.



Nursery Updates

Changes to Prescribed medication

We have received new guidance regarding children attending nursery when they are prescribed new medication. The guidance tells us that children who are prescribed a new medication should not attend nursery for the first 48 hours (2 days). This is to ensure that our children do not have any allergic reactions to new medication. Emily and Val will keep you right regarding this.



Pupil Leadership Groups

Our children have now picked the leadership group they will be part of this year for our school improvement. Our groups this year are-

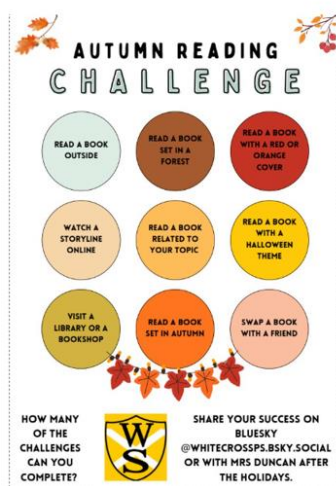
Digital Leaders
Rights Respecting School Ambassadors
Green Ambassadors
Community Champions
Library Leaders
Sports Leaders



Children will meet initially weekly in their groups to plan different events or improvements. We really value our children's ideas and these groups give us the opportunity to promote their leadership of things within our school and community.

Reading Schools

Autumn Reading Challenge



Congratulations to our three Autumn Reading Challenge winners for completing all the tasks! Amazing! It was great to hear how much you had enjoyed going to visit the library.

The Library Leaders are all very busy organising our whole school events for Book Week. We hope that you will be able to come to our Family Book Bingo.

Seesaw

Seesaw Trial

Our children will be starting to use an App in school called Seesaw. This app allows them to upload photos of their work and keep a record of things they have been learning. This is similar to the one we use in Nursery but is free for us to access. We will be sending home permission forms for you to complete for our children to be able to continue to use this. This will be sent home soon. There is no personal information stored or shared. We hope that our children will then be able to share this with you so that you can see all their learning experiences and their progress throughout the year. Please look out for the form and return it as soon as possible.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 5th December at 1.30pm. Our children are busy deciding and planning what they want to make to sell. We have started to make personalised cups and bags and order forms are available for these. Please put the date in your diary and encourage any friends or family to attend to support us. We will run a wee café with hot dogs/juice for sale.



We are looking for help with the following:-

Donations of Teddy Bears
Raffle Prizes

We will be sending raffle tickets home with each family to ask if you could help us to sell these. Our raffle will be drawn on Thursday 18th December and prizes issued the Thursday and Friday.

School Christmas Lunch

An order form will be coming home for families to complete their choices for Christmas Lunch. Christmas Lunch will be free for all pupils (including Primary 6 and 7). Please return your form with your choices when you receive it. Date to be confirmed.

The choices will be:-
Festive Quorn Roast
Festive Turkey Dinner
Festive Steak Pie



Dates for your Diary:

Football Festival P5-7 Team – Monday 17th November

Friday 21st November – Family Book Bingo @1.30pm

Parents Nights;-

Thursday 20th November

Tuesday 25th November

Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 25th November

Thursday 27th December – Christmas dress down day (see information below)

Staff Development Day – Friday 28th November (Nursery and School closed to Pupils)

Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December – 1.30pm – 2.45pm

Christmas Concert – Thursday 11th December 1.30pm

Christmas Concert – Friday 12th December 9.15am

P2/1 Christmas Party – Monday 15th December 1pm

Nursery Christmas Party – Monday 15th December

P5/4/3 Christmas Party – Tuesday 16th December 1pm

P7/6 Christmas Party – Wednesday 17th December 1pm

School closes at 1.30pm – Friday 19th December

School opens on Monday 5th January

Christmas Parties

Children can wear party clothes or dress down on their Christmas party day. They can also bring their clothes with them to change at lunchtime.



Dress Down Days



On the last Friday of the month we will be encouraging pupils to dress down for £1! The money raised will be going towards new resources for our outdoor learning in both the nursery and the school. Pupils do not have to participate, this is optional, and pupils can choose to come to school in their uniform. Please remember no football colours! The next dates will be-

Thursday 27th November (Christmas Jumpers)



We will be taking photos with our Christmas Backgrounds for the Christmas Fayre on this day. As we are using the green screen, please do not wear any green clothes! Children can wear their Christmas jumper, party clothes or Christmas pyjamas whatever you would like them to have on in the photographs. We ask instead of a donation of money that if

possible our children could bring in something for our sweet tombola (box of chocolates, selection box, chocolate bar, bags of sweets). This year our Christmas Fayre fundraising will be used to help replace pupil iPads in school. Some of our current iPads are now too old to update and are not working very well.

Friday 19th December – Dress Down Day



A huge thanks to all our families for all your ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated. I am so proud and grateful to our team here at Whitecross, who consistently go over and above to do amazing things for and with our children. We know we are coming up to Christmas which is a very expensive time of year for families. If you require any help or advice with anything then please get in touch or pop in to see us, you know you are very welcome and we will always try to accommodate you.

Mrs Donna Kilpatrick
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