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END OF TERM – This term will end next Friday 23rd October. School will be closed for an inset day on Monday 2nd November. We will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

MASKS - Starting from Monday 19th October masks must be worn on school premises during drop off and pick up by all parents, carers and adults in general. As Covid numbers rise across Bristol we must take extra precautions to ensure everyone at Whitchurch Primary School remains safe, healthy and happy. This is non-negotiable. Please remember your mask, or carry one with you at all times. Could I please also take this opportunity to remind everyone to:

- Follow the one way system. Please note we can no longer sign post this, the boards are needed for learning in classrooms.
- Only send one parent per family.
- Leave promptly after dropping your child.
- Take conversations well away from congested areas, such as the car park.

Thank you for your understanding in these very important matters.

PHOTOGRAPHS – Please order photos online as on the proof card, before next Friday 23rd October. If you have any problems with ordering, please contact Frazer Portraits on 01202 692433.

RECEPTION – When your child turns 5 they are no longer eligible for free milk at break. We will then send home a form in book bags giving you the option to pay for milk, all details for payment will be on the form. Please note, this is an outside company and you will need to contact them directly.

SPOOKY DAY! With no spooky disco this year, we will instead be holding a SPOOKY DAY! Children are welcome to dress up as ghosts, ghouls, goblins and witches (or anything else spooky) on Wednesday 21st October 2020, for a donation of 50 pence per child with all funds going back into buying exciting activities and resources for the children. These days and fundraising events have recently paid for our new climbing wall, and our soon to be installed story circle!

Children should come to school in their spookiest outfit, but please leave accessories at home (pitchforks, vampire teeth, gloves etc) as these invariably end up in lost property! Children in Year 1 and 2 will complete PE lessons in their ghoulish outfits, so please try to make them practical, and PE lessons on that day will account for witches' skirts etc.

YEAR 3 STONE AGE – Children in Year 3 took part in Stone Age fire-lighting on the back field.



RAGS2RICHES – Thank you for your kind donations to this charity. We raised £136! Thank you also to the PTA who organised this event.



YEAR 6 - The closing date for secondary transfer applications to be submitted is 30th October 2020. Parents who make late applications significantly reduce their chances of securing a place for their child at one of their preferred schools.

GOLDEN LOCK – The golden lock has now finished. Congratulations to our winners!



PARENT'S EVENING – If you have not booked a telephone slot for parent's evening, please follow the text that you received to do so.

A parent's evening for Reception will take place later in the year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Once again this year the children will be designing their own Christmas cards which will be printed for you to purchase on Parentpay if you wish. We will send home the samples for ordering next term.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – As in previous years we would like to take part in Operation Christmas Child. This year however, due to Covid, we are asking that you take part by filling a shoe box for needy children in other countries **online**. It may be the only Christmas present the children will receive, some may be very ill or live in war torn countries. Please do not bring boxes into school.

Please follow this link to complete a shoe box and make a child's Christmas -

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

Thank you!

ATTENDANCE - Please can we remind parents and carers (and children) about the ongoing importance of coming to school, on time. Obviously with lockdown and people needing to isolate for numerous reasons attendance will not be as high as usual, but nonetheless we are working even harder to catch children up so if your child can be in school, please make sure your child is in. Thank you.

IF YOUR CHILD CAN'T COME TO SCHOOL: Please go to www.whitchurchprimary.co.uk and click on the line that says: **Children! If you are isolating and cannot come to school click here to find your lessons!** **You'll need to find your class first, then the week, then the day! Click on the lessons to see them!** (Or you can click on the green text!) By locating the correct lesson children can view learning very similar to what would be going on in class that day. Please use these resources to ensure everyone at Whitchurch Primary School is 'Achieving Our Best Together!'

MRS FROST - We bid farewell to Mrs Frost at the end of this term, as she has decided to move on to pastures new! A mainstay for children across the school, Mrs Frost started here in 2003, and has completed an outstanding 17 years of service at Whitchurch Primary School. During this time Mrs Frost has assisted both in the classroom and out, working with groups of children and aiding those who need a little more support. Well done Mrs Frost! We will miss you and your cheery disposition across the school!

