



Newsletter 6

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SCHOOL COMPETITION: RELISHING READING REWARD! Our ever popular school competitions launch with our 'Relishing Reading Reward'! Every time you read a quality text with your child please record it in their reading record. The child in school with the highest number of reads at the end of the term will win a Harry Potter Lego Prize! Hooray!



OTHER PARENT/ CARERS COLLECTING YOUR CHILD - If you have made arrangements for another parent or carer to collect your child at the end of the day please let Mr Hornsby or Mrs Lawson know on the gate in the morning. If this is not possible, or is a last minute arrangement, please text the parent/carer who is collecting your child with a message to show Mrs Lawson or Mr Hornsby on the gate when you take the child.

So, when you collect another parent/carers child, and Mr Hornsby or Mrs Lawson ask for your permission to do this, you can show a message from the child's parent/carer: 'I give permission for Mr Smith to collect Lazlo, Y1' for instance.

STAGGERED START CHANGES -We have noticed that some children are missing the start of lessons as they are coming in with the rest of their family, which is understandable as we don't want people waiting outside the school for specific time, especially now it's getting colder. As a result, please could all children in a family now enter the school at the earliest time on the chart below. This means if a family has an older brother in Year 6, ALL children should enter at the Year 6 time, for instance. Here is a repeat of the staggered start times:

Year	Arrival	Collection
R	8:35	3:00
1	8:45	3:10
2	8:45	3:10
3	8:55	3:20
4	9:05	3:30
5	8:55	3:20
6	8:35	3:00

EYFS/ RECEPTION - Phonics - Reception children have brought home a selection of phonic sounds to learn in their bags! Parents and carers, please help your children get the very best start by practising these sounds every evening, and sending them back the next day. This will help everyone in Reception 'Achieve their best together!'

EYFS/ RECEPTION COMING INTO SCHOOL - What a sterling start Reception have made! They walk down the path to their classrooms with such confidence, and begin their learning with smiles on their faces! In order to help develop this confidence even further, please can we ask that all children now receive their 'goodbyes' from parents at the gate, and the children walk down to their classrooms independently. This will not only develop your child's skills, but also help keep us all safe from Covid. Thank you for your understanding in this matter!

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.



SLIPPERS AND WELLIES - We are trialling 'slippers and wellies' at Whitchurch Primary School! Children in Year 5 and 6 may bring wellies and slippers to school next week; wellies to be worn on the playground, slippers for the classroom! Research has shown slippers may lead to calmer classrooms, whilst muddy shoes are making a mess of the carpets, as we now have to utilise all areas of the school at break times to keep children distanced. If this is a success we plan to roll it out to other classes too! Year 5 and 6, please make sure both your slippers and wellies are clearly labelled!

RAGS2RICHES – Monday 12th October – please see attached letter.

FLU VACCINE – Thank you to all of those who have completed a consent form for your child with regards to the Flu vaccine. If for any reason you need to change any information or consent **please do not complete a second form** alternatively please contact the team on 0300 247 0082 (09.00 – 16.00) or via. VCL.Immunisations@nhs.net, where we can manually change any information and avoid any duplicates and errors. This is particularly important if you wish to decline the consent having already given a positive consent in which case we ask that you also inform your child's school that you have declined consent in order that they can inform the team when they attend.

YEAR 6 – Please find leaflet attached for transfers to secondary school.

VICARAGE COURT - Please can we remind parents not to park in Vicarage Court Road, next to the school. It is a private road. Residents report parking to the council, who then ask for reports from staff. Time is taken up completing these, rather than using this time to work with children or make the school even better. You can of course park in the Toby Carvery.