



# Newsletter 38 22-23

2022-2023 Whitchurch Primary School  
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**SPORTS DAY:** With the back-up day being today, thank goodness Sports Day 2023 took place on Tuesday! Children and adults alike had a superb time, with thrilling races and a lovely picnic to finish. Well done Oak!



**MATILDA:** An Oscar winning production of Matilda took place in our school hall yesterday evening. Year 6 sung, danced and acted their hearts out to produce a show-stopping performance worthy of 5 star reviews!



**REPORTS:** School reports will come home with your child tomorrow. You will receive a report detailing their successes this year, alongside information on national tests and results.

**HOLIDAY CLUB:** Our Holiday club will be running throughout July and August:

**24TH JULY - 25TH AUGUST**

**WHERE?**

Whitchurch Primary,  
Bristol (BS14 0PT)

Check out our other South-West venues by  
[clicking here](#)

**PH CAMPS PRICES 2023**

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£4.95	£22.05
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£28.50	£119.25
Extended Club (09:00 - 16:00)	£4.95	£22.05
Extended Club (09:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£47.25

Early Bird rate £24.35 - ends Sunday 9th July

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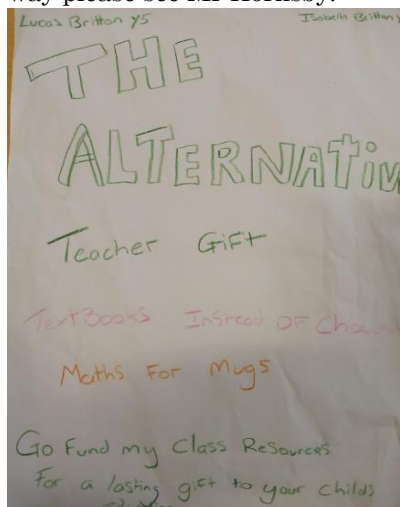


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**ALTERNATIVE GIFT IDEA:**

Should you wish to donate in this way please see Mr Hornsby!



**HOLIDAY COMPETITION!**



Optional Holiday Challenge!

Dear parents, carers and children of Whitchurch Primary School.

Following suggestions and recommendations from parents and carers, we plan to create 'A Friendship Stop Mosaic'

This will be a designated place in school where children looking for others to play with can meet!

Please have your entry in by 18.09.23

Thank you to the PTA for funding our mosaic!



**PARENT REPRESENTATIVES:** In order to improve communication across our school, we are looking to introduce parent representatives in all our classes. This will be a parent to whom other parents can take ideas and concerns, which can in turn be passed to Mr Hornsby. We will launch this scheme in September, so if interested please email Mr Hornsby at [carl.hornsby@whitchurchprimary.co.uk](mailto:carl.hornsby@whitchurchprimary.co.uk)

**ATTENDANCE:** 2022-2023 got off to a sterling start with attendance being in-line or above national average! However, this term it has slipped below due to children being taken on holiday during term time. Therefore, **please do not take your children on term time holidays**. This impacts on the children who are not in school to learn, and others who are, as teachers have to take time to catch missing children up rather than spending time with the whole class. We want every child to ‘**achieve their best together**’.

The government will also be behind this motion more than ever next year, so please be aware that holidays of more than 5 days will incur a **penalty notice**. As before, exceptional circumstances will be considered, but please be aware there is now a definition of exceptional circumstances, being:

- Forces’ Personnel on leave from a foreign posting.
- Significant family events or circumstances – these will need to be considered individually (in Whitchurch School’s policy it will be weddings and funerals, time granted being 1 day for the event + 2 days travelling if abroad)

The Government have also noted areas which would not be considered exceptional for example, relatives visiting.

- Cheaper holidays in England and abroad.
- Family day trips.
- Visiting friends/family that have different half terms or holidays.
- Because a child has good attendance.
- Employment restrictions during the summer holiday.
- Relatives visiting

From this early government guidance that will be in place before next academic year, please note that unless you are a forces person on leave from abroad, or you are attending a wedding or funeral, you will incur a penalty notice if your child is taken out of school for a holiday of 5 days or more.

**SCHOOL DINNERS 1:** From next term Aspens, our catering provider, will be enhancing their offer of school meals. Added to our exciting and nutritious menu will be jacket potatoes and sandwiches alongside the usual ‘hot school dinner’. Menus and more information coming soon.

**SCHOOL DINNERS 2:** A reminder to Year 2 parents and carers that from next academic year school dinners will no longer be cost free to your children. Meals may be paid for on ParentPay. If you believe you should be entitled to Free School Meals please ask the office for a form. Thank you.

**SCHOOL DINNERS 3:** With the end of term swiftly approaching, please could parents and carers of Year 6 children settle their school dinner bills on ParentPay. Thank you.

**PRAISE AND SHOWCASE:** This week’s winners!

