



# Newsletter 8 23-24

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**SPOOKY DISCO:** Thank you to the PTA for organising, and children for attending, this year's disco!



**POPPIES** – This week and next week, Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items for Remembrance Day. Minimum contribution for a poppy is 20p, this year we also have snap on wrist bands, bracelets, flexi rulers, bugs, hair clips, pencils, and erasers – ranging from 50p to £1.

**CINEMA TRIP** – Our annual whole school cinema trip is returning again on Wednesday 15th November. Children will be watching **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile!**



**TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS!** TTRS have launched their annual competition, 'England Rocks!' The children of Whitchurch Primary can compete against other schools over their times tables knowledge, and this is a competition we normally do very well in. See Class Dojo for more information, and do remember to take part!

**PE TIMETABLE:** Please cut the bottom off the newsletter to stick to your fridge, take a screen shot or photograph this information.

## **WORMS AND HEADLICE:**

We have had reports of both these in classes at our school. We encourage hand washing and gelling, please assist in keeping this at bay by doing the same at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

## Term 2

<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Days</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Robins	Monday & Tuesday	
Penguins	Tuesday & Wednesday	
Puffins	Tuesday & Wednesday	
Swallows	Thursday & Friday	Last session of Gym will be on Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November. Please wear PE on this day.
Swans	Tuesday & Thursday	
Kites	Monday & Friday	From 29/11 – Wednesday & Friday Kites will change PE days due to starting swimming.
Kestrels	Wednesday & Friday	Kestrels will complete swimming (1/11 – 22/11) and gymnastics (6/12 – 10/01)
Kingfishers	Monday & Wednesday	Gym (8/11 – 29/11)

**E-SAFETY:** A great resource for teaching E-safety at home, please feel free to visit Interland at [https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_us/interland](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland) (or Google 'Interland') which has lots of fun games that help children stay safe online. If you'd like to look further into this important issue please visit [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org). Thank you.

**ATTENDANCE:** Research shows that missing 90% of a school year is equal to losing a full GCSE grade. The table below shows the impact of whole days absent and lost learning hours in one school year. Please remember to bring your child to school, on time, every day.

	Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Lost Hours of Learning
Excellent	100% - 99%	0 – 2	0 – 10
Good	98 – 96%	4 – 7.5	20 – 37.5
Requires Improvement	95% - 91%	9.5 – 17	47.5 – 85
Persistent Absentee	90% - 86%	19 – 27	95 – 135
Critical	85% - 80%	28.5 – 38	142.5 - 190

**CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION:** Dan Norris, West Of England Metro Mayor, has launched his annual Christmas Card Competition! Instructions and a template are attached to this newsletter. Please see the office if you would like a paper copy. **Please send entries directly to Mr Norris, as we are unable to send.**

**WALKING HOME ALONE:** It is now darker in the evening as nights draw in. Please remember that we only allow Year 6 to walk home alone unaided, and we must be informed of this via email or text message.

**SCOOTERING:** It is great so many children choose to scoot to school, as it aids health and well-being; and it's fun! To prevent other children accidentally taking the wrong scooter at the end of each day, please provide a lock for your child's scooter. Combination ones are best as this avoids lost keys.

**TRUST INSET DAY:** A reminder to all that school is closed to children and adults on **FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**, as mentioned on our website. Teachers will be joining Tom Sherrington at LSP central in Portishead, to learn directly from the author of our in school teaching guides. <https://www.walkthrus.co.uk/>

**MOSAIC:** On Monday we will be announcing the winners of our mosaic competition, and unveiling our designs that will be affixed to our school! Images will also be available in the newsletter next week!

**PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!** Well done all!



A reminder that newsletter will finish at the end of this term. All information from Term 3 will be available through Class Dojo.