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END OF TERM - This term will end today, Thursday 28th March. The new term will start for all on Monday 17th April. This is NOT an inset day. School is open from Monday morning onwards.

PARENTS' EVENINGS AND CURRICULUM SHARE: What a way to end the term! Children and parents (and staff) were able to enjoy two evenings of not only hearing of the great progress going on at Whitchurch, but also had the opportunity to peruse the superb learning too in our 'curriculum share'!



EASTER DISCO: Thank you to all who attended our fabulous Easter Disco, and our PTA who made this event possible. The Easter Bonnets also looked great, this 80 year old Whitchurch tradition seeing light-up bonnets for the first time! We raised nearly £300, which will go to this up-coming event...



CHLOE'S FARM! Coming next term! A visit from, Chloe's farm, an educational organisation who will bring farm animals small and large to the Whitchurch School field. With no date announcement, make sure you're in school, on time, every day to ensure you don't miss this fantastic experience!



RELIGIONS AND CULTURES: More than 15% of our children speak a different language when at home, and many experience different cultures and religions to each other. Should you as a parent/carer wish to come in and speak about your religion, culture or background please speak to Mr Hornsby on the gate!

SCHOOL MEALS INCREASE: Please see below a message from our school meals providers:

Our catering provider, are committed to providing nutritious menus, catering for a wide range of dietary preferences while also ensuring good value for money and using locally sourced produce. However, after two years of frozen prices we have had to take the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school meals. From 1st April 2024, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.65. The new price reflects a necessary adjustment to cover continued high food inflation and increasing operating costs.

We want to reassure you that this decision was made after careful consideration and understand the financial concerns this may raise for some families.

As a reminder, all children in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Please speak to your school office if you need support setting this up. If your child is in Years 3-6 in primary school or Years 7-13 in secondary school and your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. To find out more please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If you are unable to complete the form online, please visit the school office, and a member of our office team will provide you with the necessary support. Please be assured that your application will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and it will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

ATTENDANCE: This continues to rise as children enjoy coming to school at Whitchurch! Our superb events, such as Science Week and the upcoming farm compliment regular excursions such as swimming and gym. These all build upon our excellent day-to-day offer of educational excellence. Well done to Year 2 especially!

Year	% Present	% Authorised Absence	% Unauthorised Absence	% Persistent
R	94.78%	3.55%	1.67%	19.35%
1	92.25%	5.03%	2.72%	22.58%
2	89.59%	6.91%	3.53%	40.00%
3	95.10%	4.10%	0.60%	6.67%
4	93.06%	4.59%	2.35%	24.44%
5	94.40%	4.43%	1.17%	16.13%
6	93.75%	3.61%	2.64%	16.13%

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE WINNERS: This week's heavyweights of learning:

