



WHITLEIGH PRIMARY NEWS

*'Children at the heart of the school
School at the heart of the community.'*

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Message from Mr Summerfield

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful half term, even though the country was in a national lockdown. We were delighted to hear, as I am sure you were, that schools will be reopening on March 8th for all Primary year groups.

We will be so thrilled to welcome all of our children back to school and our plans are now underway for a safe reopening. I intend to communicate our plans to you early next week but please know that they won't be vastly different (if at all) from when we opened in September.

World Book day approaches and will take place this year on Thursday 4th March.

We still want to celebrate the day and promote a love of reading, in a whole school approach. As schools will not reopen fully until Monday 8th March, the usual events that we celebrate the day with, will need to be adjusted.

Our plans for the day are:

- Dress up as your favourite book character/or an interesting word and post your picture to the fb group. Please do not feel you need to make any unnecessary trips to buy costumes or go to any extra expense, make use of the items of clothing you already have at home and get creative!
- Whole class story zoom on Thursday 8th March. Each class teacher will share a story with their class followed up with a discussion of children's favourite books. Children can bring their book along to show and tell.
- Book tokens will still be offered to children and these can be used to purchase a range of £1 books. You can claim your book token at the following link: https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

If you would like to find out more information about World Book Day and explore the books that are available to purchase with your token, please visit: <https://www.worldbookday.com/2020/09/world-book-day-2021-announcements/>

We can't wait to see your creative book character/word costume and look forward to seeing your book choices in the story zoom.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you are aware, all staff are taking twice weekly lateral flow tests. I am delighted to inform you that all tests taken to date have returned a negative result.

Get Help with Technology

To date, we have loaned dozens of laptops, data SIM cards to families that require additional support with technology. **If you need additional support please contact the school so that we can help your child access online learning.**

Remote learning and critical worker/vulnerable pupil school will continue next week. We will expect pupils to be logging into online lessons and using google classroom until Friday 5th March 2021. Thank you for your continued support.

It's Your World Now Globe Project

During half term the artist, Lucy Cooper, who worked with all the children across the school on the "It's Your World Now" recovery curriculum art project came into school to help hang the globe in the school atrium. I am sure the children will be excited to see it and their work hanging up. It is a great piece of work that looks very impressive! Well done to all of the pupils and staff who contributed to this,



Have a great weekend!

Mr G Summerfield

Head Teacher



Each week in school we focus on one word to enrich the children's vocabulary. We encourage the children to use this word in their writing and when working across other subjects in class.

This week's
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was:

'Down to the
wire.'

Next
week's word is:

Fit as a fiddle

This phrase originates from the fiddle, which is a musical instrument like a violin. It can be dated back to around the 17th century.

All musical instruments need to be kept in good condition so that they are fit to play their very best – just like us!

A fiddle needs to be cleaned regularly and have its strings replaced if they break. This care helps to keep the fiddle 'fit'

Christmas Food Bank Feedback

Before the Christmas break, Miss Russell and school council organised for each year group to donate food to support our local food bank Four Greens. A huge well done to Miss Russell and School Council for their hard work.

We contributed a massive 969KG of food!!

Number of emergency food hampers and emergency food parcels delivered to the local PL5 community for people in food poverty and those most isolated: 169

Weight of food your school contributed 969kg - This equates in weight terms to over 30 families being able to be fed for a week. An amazing effort

Over 72 families just from Whitleigh supported

Aware of at least ten families who have children at your school and this may not be all of the families being supported

Approximate value of food donated if needed to be purchase guestimated at £1055

What difference did it make?

An 82 year old lady received a parcel because her husband had died three months earlier and five weeks before Christmas was diagnosed with cancer. No local family and so alone at Christmas - In a card she sent it said the following:

" this has been an incredibly hard year and at times was wondering if it was worth carrying on. However, when you receive such a wonderful surprise two days before Christmas and know that the food has been donated by the local community it restores your faith in life"

Your contributions made the above possible and I really hope you can share this with everyone at the school.

I really hope we can resume our working relationship as we come out of lockdown and trust the above highlights our appreciation

Kind regards as always and grateful if you could acknowledge receipt

Well done to all of the school community for this amazing donation!



Happy Birthday to Mr. Bradley!!

21 today!

**From all of us at
Whitleigh Primary School!**



Week 7 League Tables for Timestables Rockstars



Coins earned in the last 7 days

Year 4,5 & 6

Name	Class	Coins
Tayler M	6PR	58,239
Miley W	5SG	19,440
Pauline I	5RT	16,757
Max J	5SG	14,730
Marissa B	5SG	9,797

Year 3

Name	Class	Coins
Harry S	3BR	31,757
Layla S	3RH	7,112
Isaac B	3BR	5,720
Jack R	3BR	5,405
Phoebe I	3BR	5,040

Year 2

Name	Class	Coins
Paris R	2KE	19,512
Skye S	2SW	1,980
Sandra C	2KE	1,836
Logan C	2SW	1,170
James C	2SW	750



All Time Total Coins

Year 2

Name	Class	Coins
Paris R	2KE	260,949
Kendra D	2KE	135,098
Ellie-Mae P	2SW	46,400
James C	2SW	42,880
Callum SR	2KE	30,198

Year 3

Name	Class	Coins
Charlie H	3RH	1,038,989
Layla S	3RH	381,727
Charlotte B	3RH	222,572
Jack R	3BR	154,340
Archie B	3BR	138,256

Year 4

Name	Class	Coins
Blake G	4PB	400,209
Lottie H	4PB	362,032
Emmie T	4PB	236,516
Honey M	4PB	182,717
Savannah KS	4PB	164,039

Year 5 and 6

Name	Class	Coins
Pauline I	5RT	1,293,622
Aoife M	6PS	1,108,536
Conner B	6PR	652,377
Tayler M	6PR	561,445
Peter I	5SG	555,331

Times Tables Rock Stars School League Tables

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Thornbury Primary School, Plymouth	2.97
2	Woodfield Primary School, Whiteleigh	3.62
3	Pennycross Primary School	3.63
4	Mary Deans Primary School	4.02
5	High View School, Plymouth	4.26
6	Mount Tamar School	4.36
7	Lipson Co-operative Academy	4.46
8	Drake Primary School	4.61
9	Whiteleigh Community Primary School, Plymouth	4.71
10	Widewell Primary School	4.74

Renaissance Reading Results

Week ending: **Friday 26th February**

Whole School Figures	
Word count for the whole school	Total quizzes passed this week
350,422	81/83

Class Success		
Top class Quizzers of the week	Top class word count of the week KS1	Top class word count of the week KS2
1st 2SW 14/14 2nd 5DT 11/11 3rd 3BR 10/11	2SW 23,070	5SG 139,108
Individual Success		
Top pupil for word count lower years	Top pupil for word count middle years	Top pupil for quizzes passed
James C 17,045	Tayler M 59,996	Jasmin R and Paris R 5/5

STAR LEARNERS Week 7

Class	Child	
RM	Zachary S	Wow Zachary, it has been incredible to see you grow in confidence over the course of the last few weeks. You have made incredible progress in Phonics and you can now apply your Phonics knowledge to read words independently. It has been great to see you choosing to read and write during your Busy Bee time and you have been a very proud peacock and rightly so. Well done for being a persevering parrot Zachary, your perseverance has paid off!
RK	Henry S	Henry could be given this certificate every week. He consistently works hard, listening to instructions and approaching all learning tasks with enthusiasm. This week he has been able to recognise and order all numbers up to 10 correctly and has been using the new digraphs that we have been learning in our phonics session to write and read words. I am looking forward to having you back in the classroom so we can continue the amazing learning you have been completing at home.
1YH	Ethan B	Ethan has shown how amazingly resilient he can be during his time at home. He has not always found things easy, but this has not stopped him trying his best and turning in every piece of learning. It has been amazing to see Ethan's hard work. I have particularly enjoy seeing him perform poetry in English this week. Well done, Ethan. Keep up the amazing effort.
1AD	Jensen M	Wow! What a great week. You have tried really hard to improve your concentration in lessons and improved your handwriting. Great work!
2KE	Jax S	For being a superstar learner! Jax has been very resilient over the last few weeks. He has been in and out school completing work to a super standard both in school and at home. He is always smiling and asking questions with a thirst for knowledge! It is lovely to see such confidence and enthusiasm from you. I am really proud of you Jax, you should be proud of yourself too. Keep up your fantastic attitude. Well Done! 😊
2SW	Abbie J	Abbie it has been delightful watching you adapt and thrive whilst using the remote learning resources. Every day you attend zooms without fail, completing all the learning activities that are set for you. Not only this, but your learning behaviour and attitude make you a joy, keep up the great work Abbie, you are a star!
3BR	Phoebe I	Phoebe is our star this week for her positive attitude throughout the entire lockdown. She has listened carefully, tried her hardest in all of her learning whilst attending additional Speech and Language meetings. In addition to this, she makes a delicious looking cookie! Well done Phoebe!



3RH	Shane D	Shane has had an outstanding week and has applied himself to all of his learning. Shane has produced some good writing outcomes and has improved his presentation greatly.
4PR	Leo W	Leo you are a star learner because you listen carefully and apply what you have been told. As a result, you have made good progress in these strange times! You are a quiet, hardworking boy who, over the last few weeks has shown himself to also be to be a kind hearted, thoughtful and well-mannered. All of these qualities mean that you are a pleasure to have in the classroom. I have enjoyed getting to know you Leo and will enjoy seeing your continued progress from next door!
4PB	Hope B	Hope, I have been so impressed with your attitude towards your learning since we have been in lockdown. You have grown in confidence and determination. You have shown a real desire to do well in everything you do. It has been a privilege to watch you come out of your shell revealing a funny, kind, giggly girl with a great sense of humour and a new found confidence. I really look forward to seeing the new Hope in class when everyone else returns.
5SG	Isabella H	For consistently trying her best. Isabella has attended every single live lesson since we started remote learning. During the sessions, she listens intently and always tries to involve herself by sharing her ideas or answering some of the questions. Although she doesn't always find the Google Classroom tasks easy, she gives it a go and put all of her effort into it. Well done Isabella.
5DT	Oliver P	This award is for outstanding behaviour on our live learning this week, Oliver. You have made some stellar contributions and aren't afraid to have a go at answering the questions. Keep up the interest – we are all very impressed
6PS	Ecrin U	My star learner this week is Ecrin. Ecrin, this week, you have demonstrated that you are a keen learner and thoroughly enjoy being in school. This is lovely to see because when you focus and concentrate, you produce learning of a very high standard. You also have brilliant ideas and articulate yourself in a mature manner. My target for you now is to continue this new-found attitude throughout the whole of Year 6
6PR	Freddie Z	You have adapted so well to lockdown learning in school. It has not stopped you continue to be amazing. You have extensive knowledge in science and always share your ideas in class. Well done!



INTRODUCING WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading.

It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

World Book Day is also now a charity with a mission to help change children's lives by promoting reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

This year (2021) marks the 24th year of WBD on 4th March and we hope you can find many different ways to enjoy reading.

There are lots of connections between World Book Day and your rights, especially your rights to access reliable information, the right to develop your talents and abilities and the right to relax and play.

Jenny, RRSA Professional Adviser, introduces World Book Day



[Watch Jenny on YouTube](#)

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MKC Heroes Armed Forces Day Virtual Badge Competition 2021

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The past year has brought many changes and challenges. It has certainly been a year we won't forget! And, as we're heading towards a brighter future, we'd like to celebrate by opening up this year's Armed Forces Day competition.

As you may appreciate, circumstances are still not assured so we've taken the decision to create a **virtual badge** competition this year, with the winning creation being displayed on Plymouth's Armed Forces website.

Entries should be sent digitally (a clear picture or scan of the drawing) to MKC Heroes – mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk by **21st May 2021**.

Please **include the entry information below** along with your image.

Aim for a simple, bold design that includes the words: Armed Forces Day 2021.

Use A4 paper and send to mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk

Your badge may be any shape and colour.

Think about the Armed Forces taking part.

Please do not include images of guns or fighting.

Entry Form

Name.....

Age.....

School/Parent/Carer Contact Name.....

Contact Details.....

Please send this information, along with your design to mkcheroes@britishlegion.org.uk

**The winning designer may be asked, by the Royal British Legion and local media, to contribute towards publicity for the event, including photographs and, potentially, video/TV. Parental permission will be required and sought as appropriate.*