



# 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,

We will be hosting open mornings in the coming weeks for parents of children due to begin Reception or Pre-School in September 2022.

The dates of these will be:

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9.30-11.00
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.30-11.00
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11.00
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-11.00

If you have a child who is due to begin school in September 2022, please book onto one of the open mornings. Also, if you have any neighbours or friends who would be interested, do let them know what a wonderful school we are!

It is fast approaching the time when Year 6 parents need to apply for their secondary school places. To assist you in this, Plymouth have provided a booklet to support parents. This can be found by following this link:

[https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Plymouth%20Parents%20Guide%20v4\\_1.pdf](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Plymouth%20Parents%20Guide%20v4_1.pdf)

The closing date for secondary school applications is Sunday 31st October.

### **Parking and Dr.Bike**

This week we had Dr.Bike in school and he managed to repair 27 bikes over the course of the day. We have been working with Sustrans and the local councillors with regards to our constant parking problem at drop off and collection and we are planning to try some different strategies this year to cope with this. No-one wants a child to be knocked down, injured or worse and we have to continue to work together to keep our children safe at these times.

### **Black History Month**

The first Black History Month was celebrated only in London, but in the years since, the celebration has spread across the whole UK and is now celebrated annually throughout each October. Black History Month is a time to reflect, learn and celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Black people. Over the next few weeks the children will be learning about Black History in class and assemblies.

I hope that you have a restful weekend!

**Mr G Summerfield**  
**Headteacher**





## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

### EXPLORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



UNICEF/Pouget

Why do **you** think  
Black History Month  
is **important**?

unicef  
UNITED KINGDOM



RIGHTS  
RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxY0UjU8MwQ>

#### Mini Police in with Mr Howe

This week in the Mini Police the children learned all about the importance of road safety and learned strategies to ensure they keep themselves safe. Next week, the children will be going into the local community to share this message so keep an eye out for our mini police officers.



Next week's word of the week is: **TOLERANCE**

# Weekly Whitlings Team Points Trophy

In our school, your child is part of a house team. Our four houses are:

Walkham Plym Yealm Tamar

Our houses are named after local rivers. Each week the children work hard in class and they are rewarded with Whitlings or team points. In assembly every Friday the winning team is announced and the trophy is on display in school for everyone to see.



This week's winner is: **Tamar** with **Whitlings!!**

Walkham	Plym	Yealm	Tamar
226	201	217	210

## Battle of the Bands

3BR - 7357

6RJR - 5406

4RP - 4,185

Please can all pupils  
log into Times Tables  
Rock Stars and do  
**ten studio sessions!**

WELL DONE TO ALL OF  
THESE PUPILS!

## Year 3

Paris R, 3BR - 38,636

Darcie D, 3BR - 12,122

Cohen M, 3BR - 2,142

Callum SR, 3BR - 6,570

## Year 4

Harry S, 4RP- 67,432

Natalie D, 4RP- 16,487

Charlie H 4RH - 16,000

Oakley N, 4RH - 10,350

Riley B, 4RH - 10,336

## Year 5

Riley P - 5AD - 8,121

Andrei Z - 5AD - 2,232

Isabel C, 5AD - 1,890

## Year 6

Archie W, 6RJR 63,830

Molly G, 6RJR - 43,994

Chloe I, 6RJR 10,954

Lauren P, 6RJR -10,930

Ben R, 6PS -9,840

STAR LEARNERS Week 4

Class	Child	
1YH	Ruby P	Well Ruby, we have turned a corner. What a difference a week makes. You now start every day with a big smile on your face and it is wonderful to see. You have settled into year 1 this week with ease and it has been a pleasure to watch your confidence grow. You have worked hard with your partner in maths this week to find one more than a number within 10 and whilst you were unsure in English, you gave 110% in effort when trying to write your first sentence to your cloudy with a chance of meatballs weather report. Well done Ruby. I look forward to seeing your smiley face every morning throughout this year!
1KE	Callie B	For being a superstar learner! Callie has shown a positive attitude towards her learning this week and has tried hard to manage her distractions. As a result, she has used her Phonics to try to write initial sounds independently. What a super week, I really hope this continues.
2LP	Ernest B	Our star learner is awarded to Ernest. Ernest has started year 2 with the most positive 'Can do' attitude. He always listens intently, tries his best and wants to be challenged. His explanations in maths are well thought out and he offers evidence and reasoning for his responses. Keep up the hard work Ernest and you will do super well this year!
2SW	Jan	Jan this week you have amazed me with your magnificent understanding of adjectives and nouns. Not only have you spotted them in sentences and explained how you knew which word was which. but you have also thought of amazing synonyms to change them to. Your learning behaviour is exemplary and you always show me what a "Can Do" learner looks like!
3BR	Lacey	Lacey, you could be my star every week! You work hard, help others and always have a smile on your face! You display positive, role-model behaviours and set a great example of behaviour in the class. I have been particularly impressed with your times table knowledge this week, you have identified patterns between the 4's and 8's counting patterns and have been able to explain your understanding using mathematical vocabulary. I am really proud of you Lacey, what a star!
3MH	Henk	For always following our school rules and being a model student for all our values! Henk always tries her best and has made us extremely proud of her.
4PR	Sophie H	we know that you have found the start of Year 4 a real challenge for several reasons. However, your resilience and willingness to work hard has paid off and what a difference there has been this week. You have shone in all our lessons with your willingness to contribute and the fantastic outcomes in your books. The icing on the cake is definitely your smile! We look forward to seeing it a lot more as the year progresses! Well done Sophie!
4RH	Lacey B	Lacey has had an incredible week! She has worked hard in English this week to come up with some great predictions for the King Arthur tales we are currently reading. Furthermore, Lacey has been a great friend by supporting children who have found the learning a challenge. Keep up the great work.
5SG	Emilia C	For her amazing effort in English this week. Emilia has wow-ed me with her fantastic range of vocabulary and her ability to engage the reader with her turn of phrase. I can't wait to see what she produces when we do our first piece of writing as I can already tell what a brilliant author's voice you will have!
5AD	Rhianna	Rhianna you have been fantastic this week. You have really blown our socks off with your efforts in all subjects. Even though you have found some of the learning tricky, you haven't given up. You have persevered and tried your best. You are never worried to put your hand up and try to answer questions. You may not always get the answer correct but we praise you for having a go! Your REN reading this week has also been fab. 100% on your quizzes. it seems as though 100 is your favourite number at the moment! Keep up the hard work Rhianna. Well done 😊
6PS	Koda A	Koda, you could be star learner every week. Your attitude and behaviour cannot be faulted. This week, you have continued to demonstrate this by completing all your learning to a fantastic standard and always beautifully presented. Well done on another brilliant week!



6RJR	Archie W	Our star learner this week is Archie. Despite feeling under the weather, Archie has continued to amaze us with his thoughtful contributions across all areas of the curriculum. In maths, he has used his prior learning to answer questions and solve problems. In English, he has contributed exceptionally well and demonstrated his ability to understand different text types.
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# MAGIC FRIDAYS

Check out our weekly magic trick on our website!  
This week learn how to do a awesome maths trick!



<https://www.whitleigh-pri.plymouth.sch.uk/children/magic-fridays>



**PARENTING PROGRAMMES**  
*Here to help...*

**PLYMOUTH  
INFORMATION ADVICE  
AND SUPPORT FOR SEND**



## INCREDIBLE YEARS BABIES

### Key features...

- Special time for you to get to know, understand and enjoy your baby in a safe and supportive setting.
  - Lets you learn about how babies develop in their first year and practise the skills to feel confident as a parent.
- For parents-to-be and parents of 0-12 month old babies
  - 8 x 2 hour sessions
  - Babies come along
  - Courses run in the day

## INCREDIBLE YEARS TODDLERS

### Key features...

- Gives you the tools to deal with the unique demands that toddlers can put on you as they start to become their own person.
  - To learn simple techniques to support and nurture the development of your little one, whilst having fun.
- For parents of 12-36 month old toddlers
  - 10 x 2 hour sessions
  - Parents only
  - Courses run in the day

## INCREDIBLE YEARS EARLY CHILDHOOD

### Key features...

- Gives you the tools to use Play, Praise and Rewards to bring out the best in your child.
  - Gives you the confidence to deal with difficult behaviour without losing your cool.
- For parents of children aged 3-6 years
  - 14 x 2 hour sessions
  - Parents only
  - Courses run in the day

## INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISTIC SPECTRUM AND LANGUAGE DELAY

### Key features...

- Gives you the skills and confidence to deal with difficult behaviour and support your child in learning to manage their emotions.
  - Enables you to support your child to develop their language skills and social relationships with others.
  - Allows you to nurture your child's development in readiness for school
- For parents of children aged 2-5 years with a diagnosis of ASC/ Language Delay
  - 12-16 x 2 hour sessions
  - Parents only
  - Courses run in the day

## INCREDIBLE YEARS SCHOOL AGE

### Key features...

- Gives you the skills and confidence to resolve typical pre-teen issues before they become problems.
- Builds a foundation of closeness and affection to see you through the difficult teenage years.
- Supports you to work with your child's school so that they get the best out of their education.

- For parents of children aged 6-12 years
- 12 x 2 hour sessions
- Parents only
- Courses run in the day

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAMME 10-14

### Key features...

- Teach you simple ways of dealing with issues before they become major problems.
- Gives you and your child time together away from day to day pressures to get to know and understand each other.
- Develop techniques to help your child to resist peer pressure and keep them safe from drugs and alcohol.
- Fun, games and loads of laughs along the way.

- For parents of 9-14 year olds
- 7 x 2.5 hour sessions
- Parents and young people attend
- Courses run in the evening

**We deliver these programmes at venues across the city.**

To apply please complete a request form at [www.plymouthias.org.uk/parenting-programmes](http://www.plymouthias.org.uk/parenting-programmes) or contact us

# CAMHS

Livewell South West have set up a 24/7 CAMHS telephone line available via freephone tel: **0800 9232323**. Text messaging advice service is available via ChatHealth as well as online information for children and young people:

- Livewell ChatHealth 0-5 years Parents Service – **07480 635188**
- Livewell ChatHealth 5-10 years Parents Service – **07480 635189**
- Livewell ChatHealth 11-19 years Young Peoples Service – **07480 635198**

Health for Kids – [www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk) • Health for Teens – [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)