

Headteacher's Blog

'Hand in hand together we will become resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of our community and the wider world.'

Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It seems to have been a particularly busy week with visits and visitors as well as our first residential since before the COVID 19 pandemic. The last day of the half term continues with the busy theme with our monthly Stay and Play session this morning and Coffee and Chat followed by Early Years Class Assembly this afternoon. We break up for half term holiday today and return on Tuesday 5th June. We already have a number of activities planned for after half term so please do keep up to date by checking our website calendar - <https://www.whittinghamprimaryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>. If you have any queries about timings etc that are not on a letter please either send your class teacher a Class Dojo/ Tapestry message or email/ phone or speak to me directly if it is a whole school event.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



After School Clubs

We are expecting our After School Clubs on Monday and Tuesday to continue as we expect the current children to continue to use this service so can run this service without losing money. If you would like your child to attend and they do not already attend please contact the office. Please note, to help us dismiss the children safely pick up times are: 4.15, 5.15 and 5.30. All clubs will run to the end of term (including the last week unless you are notified otherwise). Clubs are charged per half term whether your child attends or not and refunds will only be made if school have had to cancel.

Mondays - 3.15- 4.15 Sports Club then 4.15-5.30 'Chill Club' with Mrs Manners. All ages welcome.

Tuesdays - 3.15 - 4.15 Arts and Crafts (using natural materials where possible) then 4.15-5.30 'Chill Club'. All ages welcome. Cost per session is £3.50 for the first hour and £7.50 until 5.30

In addition to this, we have the opportunity for two more clubs which are open to older children only and are limited in size (they will also not run if there is not sufficient interest).

Wednesdays - Gardening Club. We will also open this to Year 2 as well as Y3-6 for the final half term of the year. 3.15-5.15 with Mrs Chisholm. Numbers are limited and cost is subsidised due to funding left over from last year by Alnwick Rotary Club.

Cost per week is - £3.00

NEW - Thursdays - Forest Schools Club. Years 3,4,5 and 6

3.15- 4.30 with Mrs Thomsen and Miss Lazenby. Numbers are limited.

Cost per week is £3.50

There will be no lunchtime clubs this half term but we will look to re-introducing these during the winter months.

Robin Wood KS 2 Residential.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising, funding and taking part in this wonderful residential. We are so proud of the positive comments from staff at Robin Wood about our amazing children and staff.



Keeping Safe Online

For further advice and support please see - <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Kids Eat Free

For more details please see our school Twitter page which can also be found on the homepage of our school website.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING MAY HALF TERM 2023	
COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL	
SHIRAZ CAFES Eat for £1 with the purchase of a hot main. From 11.30am every day.	MORRISONS Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.
SEVEN PAGES Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Cordon Ramsay restaurants	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
THE SOFT ICE Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' are £1 with every adult meal.	BALES 2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
THE BAKERY & BAKERS FAIR Children under 16 can get a free hot every day with one paying adult!	BEILA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.
THE BAKERY Under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for £10 spent by an adult	WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased
THE BAKERY Children under 16 can get a free hot every day with one paying adult!	SA BAKERS PASTRY Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays
THE BAKERY Adult breakfast from just £8.99 & up & kids eat breakfast for free	FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays
THE BAKERY Eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids eat breakfast with 1 adult breakfast	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNDEEN Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
THE BAKERY Adult breakfast from just £8.99 & up & kids eat breakfast for free	

KS 2 Activities Week

The children in KS 2 who remained in school this week enjoyed some excellent activities. Most notably was our Ingram Valley Jeep Safari which was kindly provided to us free of charge! The children had the exciting opportunity to name one of the young bulls and we have also got the chance to name one of the others so will be having an informal competition in school with the successful name being picked by Tilly and Luca.