

Whitwick St. John the Baptist C.E Primary School



DIARY DATES

5th—7th March
Y2 Beaumanor Hall Residential

5th March
Y4 Life Skills Event

6th March
2.15pm—Penguin Parents

7th March
World Book Day

11th March
Y3 Vocal Ease Workshop

15th March
Comic Relief

21st March
Y6 Warning Zone 9.00am—Y2 Family Assembly

6.00pm—Y3 Vocal Ease Performance

27th March
3.30pm—7.00pm—Parents Evening

28th March
3.30pm—6.00pm—Parents Evening

1st April
Foundation Stage Trip to Ash End Farm

3rd April
Y3 Experience

Easter at Church

4th April
9.15am—Foundation Stage Easter Performance

5th April
School Closes for Easter Holidays



Newsletter



Spring Term

February 2019

Message from Mrs Noon

We have certainly been making the most of the spring sunshine at school. The children have benefitted from a wide range of outdoor activities, including, forest schools and outdoor PE; It has been lovely to see the children from Reception and Pre school enjoying their outdoor provision together and as usual, the Playground Pals have been doing a great job of ensuring that our younger children all have the opportunity to join in with various games at lunchtime.



Our Christian Value this half term is **Honesty**, a value that we place a lot of emphasis on at school. You should all have received the information sheet about this value. I look forward to reading the children's reflections and talking to them about what Honesty means to them.



The children are looking really smart in their uniforms. I spoke to the children about the importance of having a school jumper, particularly when they are out on a trip. We still have a couple of nearly new jumpers left in the office for sale. We also have a stock of nearly new summer dresses for sale. I hope to see many of you in school over the next weeks for Rocket celebration assembly, the year 2 class assembly or parent's evenings.
Mrs Noon

Year 2 Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year Two Beaumanor Hall and End of KS1 SATs meetings. The meetings gave parents and carers the opportunity to be further informed about both of these forthcoming events. We hope that the sessions proved to be informative and all information will be sent home for those who were unable to attend the sessions.



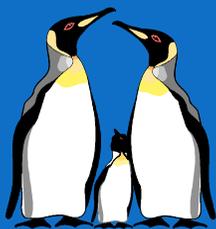
Family Assemblies

We now have dates for our family assemblies up until the end of this academic year. They are all 9.00am start:

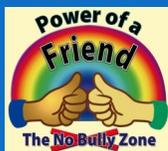
Foundation Stage—Thursday 4th April
Year 1—Thursday 9th May
Year 2—Thursday 21st March
Year 3—Thursday 13th June
Year 4—Thursday 6th June
Year 5—Thursday 23rd May

Following the assemblies, everyone in attendance is welcome to stay for tea and cake (at a small cost). We hope to see you all there.





Bullying Contact



If you think your child maybe having issues with bullying or friendships you may contact Mrs Prime via the school office.



Penguin Pre-School

Are you looking for childcare for your 2-4 year olds? Our penguin pre-school are now taking bookings for the autumn term. If you are interested please contact Sally-Ann Price on 01530 832116.

NUT FREE School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing anything in to school that may contain any type of nut. Anything that is brought in will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. This includes Nutella products.



Sporting Updates

NWLSSP Basketball Finals at Castle Rock

On the 31st January, a team of Year 5 & 6 children represented the school at the NWLSSP Basketball Finals at Castle Rock. The level of competition was high as the teams there had all won their local competitions earlier in the month. The matches were closely fought and the team showed spirit and determination against all their opponents. They achieved 4th position overall. The event was also attended by representatives from Leicester Riders Basketball club including the men's captain, Andy Thompson. The team were pleased to come away with a pack from the Leicester Riders including free tickets to see the Riders play, a suitable reward for their efforts.



NWLSSP Level 2 Key Steps One Gymnastics Competition

On Thursday 14th February, Whitwick took three Key Steps One gymnastic teams to compete in the NWLSSP Level 2 competition at Coalville Gym Club. The three teams had trained hard to learn both a floor and bench routine which they performed with confidence at the event. The three teams finished; 6th, 9th and 18th out of 19 teams. Well done to the teams and their parents for their great support on the evening.



EYFS Workshops

Foundation stage ran a reading and writing workshop for parents and their children on Thursday 14th February. The aim of these workshops was to share with parents the varying activities that could be done at home to encourage and support their child's reading and writing. It also allowed the children to show their parents things that they had learnt and enjoyed within school. Activities included things such as drawing story maps, making words using duplo letters, playing phonics games on the laptops, telling stories using story sacks and using glitter trays to practise letter formation. Thank you to all the parents and the children for their participation.

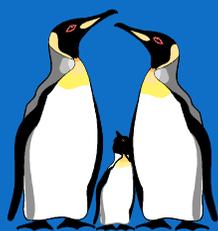


Staffing Update

At the end of last half term we said goodbye to Miss Titchener who worked as one of our midday supervisors for over seven years. We wish her all the best for her future.

This week Miss McDermott has joined our team and will be working as midday supervisor at lunch times and as cleaner at the end of day. Welcome from all the staff at Whitwick St John the Baptist CE Primary School.





Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals please claim these by contacting the following number:- **0116 3055000**.

It is particularly important for those parents of children in FS, Y1 and Y2 to register even though you are already receiving a free hot meal. Registering will enable the school to access funding for your child every year while they remain in primary school.

They are not obliged to have a hot meal every day. This money will help to fund valuable support for your child. Details of what may be provided are on our website. If any of our families are serving in the armed forces, please let the school know.



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<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/whitwick-st-john-the-baptist-ce-primary-school>

Thank you in advance for your support!

Year 2 Twycross Zoo

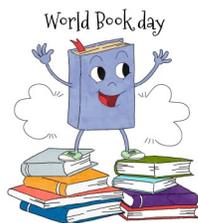
Year twos trip to Twycross Zoo on Monday 4th February was a roaring success. Pupils came face to face with a variety of animals, participated in lots of fun activities and even attended Zoo School. The visit was a

super end to their Amazing Animals topic and the children's knowledge of habitats and living things impressed the Zoo staff during their workshops. Pupils engagement and behaviour was superb and they were a credit to the school.



World Book Day and Comic Relief

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. This year we are inviting the children (and staff) to dress as a character from a book. We are also inviting parents to come into school from 2.30 to read with their children. Please see our message on Weduc for some dressing up ideas. We look forward to seeing some original outfits!!



On Friday 15th March we will be supporting Comic Relief by holding a **non-uniform day**. A suggested donation of £1 will be added to

the proceeds from the sale of red noses and send to comic relief. Red noses will also be on sale in school from 4th March. The cost of these are £1.25 each.



Badminton Coaching

Carole Spencer, badminton coach who has worked with our children in school, is running a club at Hermitage Leisure Centre on Wednesdays from 4.30pm—5.30pm for 5-11 year olds. If you have a clubactive8 card, then you can redeem your loyalty points to fund the sessions.



PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

At Whitwick St John the Baptist CE Primary School we know it is of the utmost importance to have good systems for

protecting children and safeguarding their welfare.

All our staff and volunteers are alert to possible concerns about every pupil. We have a safeguarding and child protection policy and anyone may request a copy from the school office.

If you have a concern, please speak to the headteacher and we will treat your concern seriously