

Whitwick St. John the Baptist C.E Primary

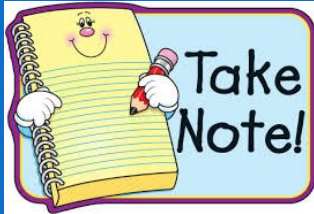


# Newsletter



Spring Term

January 2019



## DIARY DATES

4th February  
Y2 Twycross Zoo Trip  
5th February  
Y1 and Y5 Fire Safety  
Y3 Vocal Ease Workshops  
1.45pm—Y6 Parents in School for Bridge Building / SATs  
7th February  
6.15pm—FS & KS1 Disco  
7.45pm—KS2 Disco  
9th February  
Cross Country  
12th February  
3.15pm—Y2 SATs and Beaumanor Hall Meeting for Parents  
14th February  
8.55am and 3.10pm — EYFS Reading and Writing Workshops for Parents  
15th February  
School Closes for Half Term  
25th February  
School Re-opens  
Whole School Science Week



## Message from Mrs Noon

The spring term has got off to a flying start with this week marking the half way point of the school year. It was great to see the children return after the Christmas break with so much enthusiasm and excitement, enthusiasm that is still going strong, four weeks in. It is really important that this time of the year, the children come to school with appropriate winter outdoor clothing, including a warm coat to ensure they can enjoy their break times. Please also ensure that your child has the correct school jumper. We have a stock of nearly new jumpers which can be purchased for £1, just come and ask at the office. I look forward to seeing many of you in school over the next few weeks, whether it is for Rocket assembly, year 6 'Bridge Building' or the EYFS workshops.

Mrs Noon

## Bad Weather!

We hope you have all been able to access the bad weather guidance that we published on Weduc at the beginning of this week. Just to remind you that in the event of snow a message will be posted on to Weduc. If you do not have access to Weduc, then you should receive an email. We will also put it on our Twitter page, the school website and inform BBC radio Leicester so they can add our school closure onto their website. **Please DO NOT ring the school.** If you see or hear the announcement please feel free to share it.



## Office Reminders

For safeguarding reasons, please can we remind all parents/carers to let the office know if their child is being collected by someone else. It is also important to let your child know that if someone turns up to collect them who is different to who they were expecting, that they should come back to the school office. We can then contact parents/carers as required.

We have an increasing issue with lost property being left in school. Please can you make sure that any clothing brought into school has your child's name in. This can then be returned.

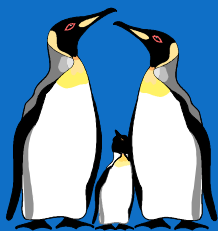
Thank you to all our families for getting your child to school on time. If your child is late, please make sure they are sent through the school office so they can be marked in and snacks and dinners can be ordered as required. Finally, please could you check your parent pay accounts to make sure there are no outstanding debts. Thank you!

## Parking

Thank you to our parents who park considerably when dropping off and picking up their children. Please be aware that parking on the zig zags outside of school could result in you receiving a parking fine. Please adhere to the speed limit to ensure the safety of all our children.

If you are arriving early to collect your child from school, please can you ensure that you turn your car engines off while you wait. Thank you.





## 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 have limited spaces for the Summer 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

### Basketball

January has been a very busy and successful month for the Year 5 & 6 Basketball teams. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month, two teams represented the school at the NWL schools tournament at Newbridge High School. Both teams played skilfully and showed great sportsmanship and as a result of winning all 3 of their matches, the semi-final and a closely fought final, team A have progressed to the Level 2 competition. This will take place on the 31<sup>st</sup> January at Castle Rock. We are very proud to have also been awarded the Spirit of the Games at the event, a real credit to the teams.



### Y5 Viking Visit

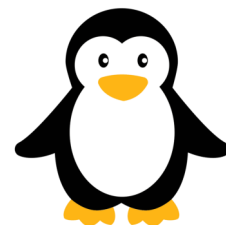
The sound of a Norse horn was heard throughout the school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, as Year 5 had a visit from Gregolf the Viking, who introduced the children to aspects of Viking life and society.

The children took part in three sessions. In 'Raiders' they got to handle Viking weapons and shields, re-enacting warfare movements and tactics: During 'Toys and Games' the children learned how to play the Viking playtimes of **Nine Men's Morris** (similar to skittles) and **Kubb**, a three-in-a-row game of skill and strategy. Lastly, in 'Traders' they also got to spend Danegeld (Viking coins) and they got to touch and explore different replica objects, such as lanterns, clothing, bone combs and hunting horns.

Much fun was had by all, as the children gained a valuable insight into Norse life, circa 1013AD.

### Penguin Parents

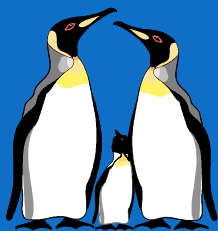
The penguin parents met on 16th January. They discussed the snack policy as this is due to be updated in the near future and started looking at planning in some fundraising activities for the year. Thank you to our parents who gave up their time to attend the meeting. The next one is booked for Wednesday 6th March at 2.15pm. Please contact Miss Webster through Weduc or the school office if you would like to attend.



### School Nurse

The school nurse will be available to see in school on the 4th March and 1st April in the morning. If you would like to see her during these times, please ring the school office to book an appointment. If you turn up without making an appointment, the nurse will only be able to speak to you over the phone.





**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!



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**Club Active8**

Please remember to use your Club Activ8 points during the half term holiday. If you have not signed up to the Club Activ8 and are interested in the scheme then please contact the school office.

More information can be found on the following website:

<https://www.northwestleicslsa.org.uk/club-activ8>



**Textile Recycling Bank**

You may have noticed that we have a red textile recycling bank just inside our main front pedestrian gate. This bank can be used by anyone to deposit unwanted clean, dry clothes, shoes, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains, CD's/DVD's and books. Please ensure all items are placed in a plastic bag to keep them clean and dry. We will receive money for our school library for every kilogram that we collect.



**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