

# The Whitleigh Weekly!



*One more full week to go! It has been a super busy week at Whitleigh with so much accomplished and still so much to look forward to. I have enjoyed seeing the efforts from all classes in Mrs Roberts' challenge for who can decorate their classroom door! I will take photos of all completed doors and share them with you next week.*

*Have a wonderful weekend,*

*Mr Dyson*

## **Social Media!**

I was saddened a little bit yesterday when I was informed by various people who had seen a post from an anonymous member about their child who attends a school in Whitleigh. I have checked with our staff and we are unaware of any such incident so can only assume that the complaint was regarding another school in the area.

What I would say is here at Whitleigh, we are really keen to develop positive relationships with our parent community and would hope that should any parent have any concerns, they are reported to a member of our staff team and not posted on a social media channel. Thank you to those who brought this post to our attention.

## **KS1 Nativity**

Wow! What a great job our children in Year 1 and 2 did this week. They have worked really hard practising for their production of Jingleanji and it was spectacular. The children learned lines, spoke clearly and danced magnificently. It was a really great way to open the Christmas festivities in school and has definitely got us into the Christmas spirit. A huge well done to the children.

## **EYFS at the Theatre**

*On Thursday our youngest children visited the theatre and had a wonderful time. The staff team came back full of praise for the children's behaviour and said they were captivated from the first minute to the last. It is brilliant how these opportunities provide such brilliant experiences for our children.*

## **Football Matches**

On Monday, some children from Year 1 and 2 represented the school in the Plymouth Argyle Knock out competition. The children played against Modbury Primary School and both sets of players played the game in a fantastic manner with lots of goals and enjoyment. From walking to the MUGA to playing the match, all children represented the school excellently. Every child

demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, resilience and team work. A brilliant team effort overall and the children will be in the next round of the competition in the new year. Well done Whitleigh!

On Tuesday, the Year 5/6 Boys football team attended the Bettinson Cup at the University of St Mark and St John. The boys played 5 group games and were unbeaten throughout meaning they topped the group and went through to the quarter finals. The boys produced some fantastic performances in the group stages, and this is the first time in 5 years a Whitleigh team progressed out of the group! However, what stood out more than anything was the togetherness of this group of children and how they supported each other as a team both in attacking and defensive situations. In the quarter finals the boys lost to a very strong Leigham Primary School however, they battled right up to the final whistle and should be proud of their efforts!

### **Attendance Focus**

### **Persistent Absence**

**A pupil is identified as a 'persistent absentee' when they miss 10% or more schooling across the school year.**

**Absence at this level is considerably limiting any child's educational prospects. At Whitleigh Community Primary School, we want to support families to help reduce this level of absence and therefore provide the best access to learning. In the coming weeks, you will receive letters notifying you of your child's absence percentage. Should you wish to discuss this percentage and ways to improve this, please come to speak to Mrs Roberts or Miss Sluggett.**

<b>How many days off will make your child persistently absent?</b>	
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>3.5 days absence from September until October half term</b>
<b>Terms 1 - 2</b>	<b>7 days absence from September - Christmas</b>
<b>Terms 1 - 3</b>	<b>10 days absence from September - February</b>
<b>Terms 1 - 4</b>	<b>12.5 days absence school from September - Easter</b>
<b>Terms 1 - 5</b>	<b>15.5 days absence from September - May</b>
<b>Terms 1 - 6</b>	<b>19 days absence over the entire academic year</b>



It is great to see children working incredibly hard in school, upholding our values and following our school rules. These children have been spotted this week for special recognition and are our **stars of the week!** Well done to...

**1/2EC - EVERYONE 1/2WH - EVERYONE 1/2KE - EVERYONE**

**3RH - Leon 3NB - Darwin 4KN - Harry 4JR - Grace**

**5OB - EVERYONE 5BR - EVERYONE 6ST - Milo 6MP - Charlie**



Date	Event
Tuesday 12th December	Santa Bike arrives at school
Wednesday 13th December	EYFS Nativity shows - 10:00 and 13:30
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December	Plymouth Schools' Carol Concert
Friday 15th December	Whitleigh Lantern Parade
Tuesday 19th December	LAST DAY
Thursday 4th January	Children back to school
Tuesday 9th January	Y5/6 Indoor Rowing
Friday 9th February	Last Day of Spring Term I