



# The Whitleigh Weekly!

*Starting the New Year feels like a long time ago given that this is the first newsletter of 2024 but I hope the new year has started well for everyone. It has for us in school, that is for sure. We launched our new Class Dojo platform which has been well received by children. We have changed the way lunchtimes work in school and this has been really positive. All children now have lunch in the canteen area which has again worked really well. And our final slight tweak has been moving our Monday assemblies to the hall rather than online. This has enabled children to practise their transitions from one space to another and embed our whole school initiatives such as 'fantastic walking'.*

*Have a wonderful weekend,*

*Mr Dyson*

## Mrs Havard

It is with great sadness to share the news that after over twenty years of working at Whitleigh, Mrs Havard will be retiring at Easter. Mrs Havard has worked with many children and families over the years and has made such an invaluable contribution to the lives of many so any replacement will have very big shoes (or boots!) to fill.

We are working on some ideas as to how best to celebrate Mrs Havard's work at Whitleigh and it is hoped there will be a time for any parents, past or present, to come and say goodbye to Mrs Havard before she retires.

We are working hard now to find a suitable replacement in a timely manner so that a thorough handover of information can take place before Easter.

## Class Dojo

I shared last week about our intentions for using Class Dojo. Can I kindly ask that for the time being, normal communication between home and school occurs and that messages are not sent to teachers via Dojo. There are many reasons, one being that a message sent to a teacher to explain their child is absent would not necessarily make its way to the office staff.

As we start using the school story and class story section more regularly, parents can leave comments should they wish to.

## Indoor Rowing

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an indoor rowing experience. The children absolutely loved it and showed fantastic enthusiasm, perseverance and team spirit. They all worked

*extremely hard to beat their previous scores and should be proud of their efforts. Lots of sore muscles the next day! Well done everyone!*



## Clubs

Mrs Roberts has finalised the clubs on offer this coming term and this has been shared. Clubs will begin next week.



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...

**FNK - Abel FAD - Faith**

**1/2EC - Adrian 1/2WH - Olivia 1/2KE - Noah L**

**3RH - Leonard 3NB - Fletcher 4KN - Chloe 4JR - Ethan B**

**5OB - Frankie 5BR - Naomi 6ST - Isla 6MP - Shane**



Date	Event
Tuesday 16th January	Bee Netball - development event Y 5 and 6 team
Friday 19th January	Lord Mayor's visit - Y3, 4 and 5 school council
Monday 22nd January	Year 3 and 4 PAFC Cluster League football
Wednesday 24th January	Year 1 and 2 Indoor Athletics event
Thursday 25th January	Year 5 visit to The Box
Friday 26th January	Indoor Athletics Finals
Friday 9th February	Last Day of Spring Term 1
Monday 19th February	First Day back