



White's Wood Academy Newsletter – September 2023



Welcome back to another school year – it has been so lovely to see all the pupils, parents and staff again this week as we return for the new academic year.

An especially warm welcome to all of our new pupils and parents. We hope your children will be very happy here at White's Wood and please remember that our door is always open if you need any support.

We have another busy year planned with lots of exciting experiences and challenges for our pupils.

Please can all parents make sure that they are signed up to the Arbor app as that is the way we will communicate with you. You can download the free Arbor app from your phone's usual App Store.

You should have received an email detailing the days of your child's PE lessons. Please ensure that they have PE kit on those days. We suggest bringing kit in on Mondays & taking it home on Fridays. The kit can be stored in your child's locker through the week.

For our upcoming events, please see the diary dates on the right. More detailed information will follow for each event nearer to the time.

We look forward to working with you all for another happy, hard working and fun year at White's Wood!

Mr C Fitzpatrick

Headteacher

Diary Dates:

Fri 8th Sept

INSET day (school closed for pupils)

Thurs 21st Sept

School photos day

Thurs 21st Sept

Y6 parent meeting (PGL and SATs)

Fri 22nd & Mon 25th Sept

Y3/4 Road Safety Workshops

Wed 27th Sept

Y4 trip to the Lincoln Museum (The Collection)

Wed 27th Sept

Y3 Parent Workshop

Fri 29th Sept

Y6 trip to Huntcliff School

Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Oct

Y5/6 Road Safety Workshops

Tues 3rd Oct

Secondary School Showcase event

Fri 6th – Mon 9th Oct

Y6 PGL residential trip

Thurs 12th Oct

Y4 Parent Workshop

Mon 16th & Wed 18th Oct

Parents evenings

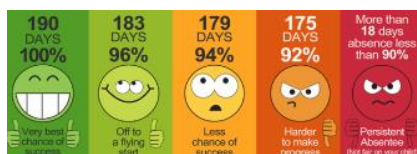
Fri 20th Oct

Break up for half term holidays

Attendance & lateness

Our school target is 95% or better. To increase our percentage, it is important that all pupils come to school on time. If a child arrives after registration, it means that they don't get their morning mark, so it affects their attendance.

The gates open at 8.30am and will close promptly at 8.40am so please arrive on time so children do not miss the start of their lessons.



Home reading

All children will soon be bringing a reading book home each day. It is important they are given time to practice their reading at home each day. This can be alone or with an adult. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home. Bedtime is a great time to read as it helps to promote a good night's sleep.



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Curriculum

At White's Wood, we continue to use a Learning Journey approach to the curriculum. Each journey is jam-packed with exciting lessons that lead children through their learning. They begin with a Learning Question and their subsequent lessons will take them on a path through a topic. This will lead to them producing some amazing outcomes from their learning, which we will continue to share on social media. Please encourage your child to discuss their learning at home as this will help them to develop their memory.

This term's learning questions are:

Year 3: Who was the better Tudor monarch, Henry VIII or Elizabeth I?

Year 4: What impact did the Romans have on Britain?

Year 5: How have humans adapted to the physical geography of America?

Year 6: Why is it called the World War and how was Britain defended?



Attendance

While we will always work with you on improving attendance, we must remind parents that we cannot authorise holidays and must promote excellent attendance for all pupils. Poor attendance can lead to fines by the Local Authority and unfortunately we recently saw some extreme cases result in hefty fines (totalling over £12,000) imposed on families. We will always be here to support you long before it gets to that point so please do work with us and we can help to avoid these situations.

Permissions

We will ask for parental permissions for several things such as the use of photos on our social media platforms, watching appropriate film clips to support learning and for local area school trips. These need to be given (every year) on Arbor so please make sure you do this to allow us to run things more smoothly & to avoid being disturbed to give your permission for something at a later date.

Pupil Log-on information

We use several digital platforms to support learning in school and at home. Your child will become familiar with them all and they will bring home their log-on details for each one. Please keep them safe & encourage your child to access these amazing resources. The platforms we use include:

- Oxford Owl (Read, Write Inc phonics resources)
- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Numbots
- MyOn (Accelerated Reader)
- SeeSaw



Wraparound Care

Our Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am and our after-school club is available until 5.30pm. Book and pay using the Arbor app.

