



GEORGE WHITE
JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week we have had at George White Junior School! The children have been working extremely hard this week. Their attitude towards their learning has been excellent and I have seen some fantastic pieces of written work. The children are becoming more familiar with the new behaviour system and the tickets linked to house points are proving to be very successful. It is wonderful to now see the children of George White Junior School working hard both individually and as part of a team.

A big thank you to those parents and carers who attended our welcome meetings this week. We hope you found these sessions informative and supportive. The PowerPoints from these sessions will be available on our school website.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that the school is closed on Monday due to the recently announced bank holiday. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 20th September at 8:40am.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Petchey and the George White Junior School Team

Our RESPECT VALUES are integrated into the curriculum and enhance each child's development. **We value RESPECT.** I show consideration for myself, other people and my environment.

We value Responsibility

I care for myself, others and the environment in which I live.

We value Empathy

I understand other people's feelings and situation.

We value Safety

I tell the truth. I know how to keep myself and others safe.

We value Perseverance

I keep trying when faced with challenges and adapt to change.

We value Engagement

I want to do well, I am interested in learning and want to find things out.

We value Confidence

I think for myself. I take ownership of my own learning and behaviour

We value Teamwork

I am helpful, patient and work well with others.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

This week in year 3 we have been continuing to learn about place value using different representations. In English, we have met the big bad wolf and are beginning to write dialogue to show what he says. We have begun to understand the pulse of different pieces of music and have discussed human and physical features of the UK in Geography.

YEAR 4

This week year 4 have been using atlases to locate the tropical regions of the world and identify where tropical rainforests are found including the Amazon.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a jam-packed week! We have enjoyed testing materials and their solubility in science and learning about the Ancient Greeks in history. Maths has been all about place value and numbers up to 1,000,000. In English we have been writing some super sentences about the character Lucy from the book 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have tackled their first round of practice SATS with enthusiasm and resilience. We have been creating Caribbean music to experience the West Indian Culture linking to our Windrush topic. Children fed back on online safety and know how to keep themselves safe online.

Attendance Matters



Our school attendance target is 96%

This week our attendance was: **96%**

5 Lime won the attendance certificate – with **98 %** Well Done .

FACT OF THE WEEK



**DID YOU
KNOW**

There actually aren't "57 varieties" of Heinz ketchup, and never were. Company founder H.J. Heinz thought his product should have a number, and he liked 57. Hint: Hit the glass bottle on the "57," not the bottom, to get the ketchup to flow

SCHOOL NOTICES



School Uniform:

We would like to remind parents and carers that correct school uniform must be worn at all times. We take pride in wearing our school uniform and want our pupils to look smart. Our winter school uniform consists of:

- ✓ Yellow or white polo top
- ✓ Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- ✓ Blue school logo jumper/cardigan OR a plain blue jumper/cardigan
- ✓ Black school shoes

Our PE uniform is:

- ✓ White plain t-shirt
- ✓ Black or blue plain sports shorts
- ✓ Black, blue or dark grey plain leggings
- ✓ School logo hoodie or a black or blue jumper. If you do not have either of these, your child can wear their normal school jumper/cardigan to school on their PE days.
- ✓ Trainers

We politely ask that children do not come to school wearing branded clothing or football kits as these are not part of our PE uniform.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named, this makes it easier and quicker for us in school to return items back to the right pupil.

School Gates

We would like to politely remind all parents and carers to please not smoke or vape at, or around the school gates and entrance to the school.

We also politely ask for any dogs to be kept off school property and away from all school entrances and exits as we have some children who are frightened and anxious around dogs. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children are to have only healthy snacks for playtimes. Items such as fruit, rice cakes, bread sticks and cereal bars are great but no crisps or chocolate thank you, these should be kept for lunchboxes.

Also, we do not allow sweets in school.



Dates for
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diary.....

What's On – Diary Dates

| SEPTEMBER 2022 | |
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| OCTOBER 2022 | |
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| 10 th October | Aspirations Week for all year groups |
| 13 th October | The importance of reading parent information session led by Mrs Eaglen in the main hall. |
| 19 th October 3.40 - 7.00 p.m | Parents Evening for all year groups |
| 20 th October 3.40 - 5.45 p.m | Parent Evening for all year groups |
| 24 th October | Half Term |

| NOVEMBER 2022 | |
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| 1 st November 3.40 - 4.30 | Online safety parent meeting in the school hall led by Mrs Waller & Mrs Breakenridge |
| 7 th November 9.00 - 10.00 | Year 3 Open Doors for all parents and carers. An opportunity to come into school to find out more about how we teach maths. |
| 8 th November 9.00 - 10.00 | Year 4 Open Doors for all parents and carers. An opportunity to come into school to find out more about how we teach maths. |
| 9 th November 9.00 - 10.00 | Year 5 Open Doors for all parents and carers. An opportunity to come into school to find out more about how we teach maths. |
| 10 th November 9.00 - 10.00 | Year 6 Open Doors for all parents and carers. An opportunity to come into school to find out more about how we teach maths. |

| DECEMBER 2022 | |
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| 8 th December | Christmas Fair in the school hall with carol singing by the school choir. |
| 13 th December | Year 3 & 4 Christmas Disco |
| 14 th December | Year 5 & 6 Christmas Disco |
| 16 th December | End of Autumn term |

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Derer is on our school playground every Thursday and Friday morning. Mrs Derer is our school Parent Support Advisor, you may already recognise Mrs Derer as she works at Mousehold every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Derer is always happy to talk to you about any worries relating to your child at home or any further support we may be able to offer or signpost you to.

Our school Designated Safeguarding Leads who are in school are:

Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Eaglen and Mrs Matless.

Please speak to one of these members of staff if you are worried or concerned about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, the number to ring is: **CADS**
– **Children’s Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020**

WELLBEING

There are lots of useful websites that support both adults and children’s mental health and wellbeing. Please see below:

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/downloads>

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone>

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/growingtogether>

<https://www.qwell.io/>

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Forest School After-School Club on Wednesdays 4p.m-5.30p.m at Mousehold Heath (starts on Wednesday 21st September 2022). Activities include: building dens, woodland craft activities, foraging, fauna & flora identification, wood carving, willow sculptures, woodland games, fire circles, story telling, climbing trees, forest yoga, and free play in the magic and beauty of the woods. Sessions are run by Amber Hale - a qualified and experienced Forest School Leader. The sessions cost £40 for 5 weeks. To book please go to: www.enchantedwoodsnoxford.com or email: enchantedwoodsnoxford@gmail.com