



Whittonstall and Broomley First Schools
Weekly Newsletter
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Our overall attendance this week was

93.1%

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE:

The children have been super busy this week getting all the new books in their classrooms organised. Before the summer holidays we spent some time developing our reading corners in school to ensure all the children had an area in their classroom to settle down and enjoy a good book. With some great donations from home and also some new titles, the children's reading corners are looking brilliant.

We have had a lot of coughs and colds this week in school, with an unpleasant winter virus doing the rounds. I am aware this can be frustrating but we must continue to follow the guidelines to keep everyone in our school community as safe as we can. **The lateral flow tests are for people with no symptoms.** If your child develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. If your child develops one of the above symptoms while in school, we will contact you and ask you to call 119 for further advice.

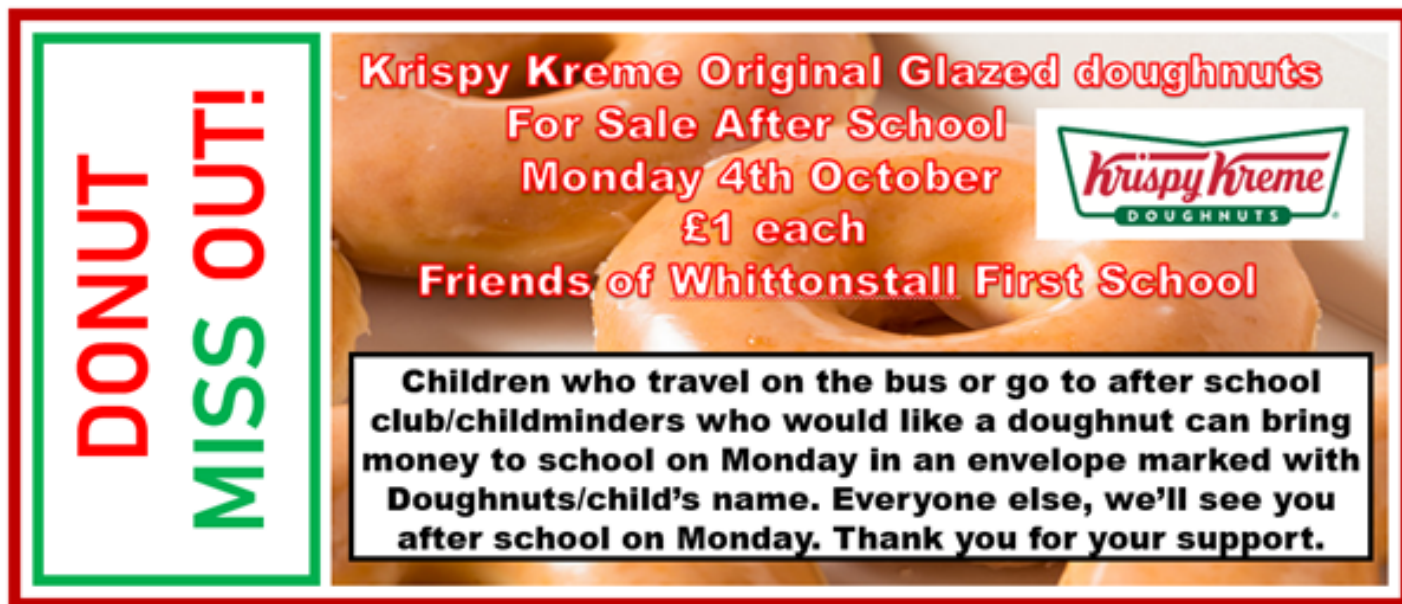
AWARDS OF THE WEEK:

Kid Awesome - Stars of the Week:

- Class 1 - Olyn McSherry for being an amazing friend to others
- Class 2 - Rosie Robley for her fabulous phonics work
- Class 3 - Samuel Craig for fantastic reading skills and attitude to learning.

Nursery Bucket Filler of the Week - Ellie Davie-Trigg for showing enthusiasm in all she has set out to do this week and always having a big smile on her face.

SCHOOL UPDATES



DONUT MISS OUT!

Krispy Kreme Original Glazed doughnuts
For Sale After School
Monday 4th October
£1 each
Friends of Whittonstall First School

Children who travel on the bus or go to after school club/childminders who would like a doughnut can bring money to school on Monday in an envelope marked with Doughnuts/child's name. Everyone else, we'll see you after school on Monday. Thank you for your support.

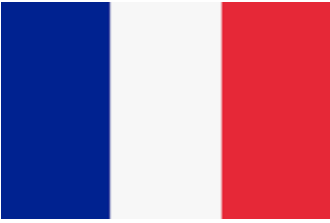
Autumn Fair postponed: as you will have heard by Parentmail, the PTA have sadly taken the decision to call off our Autumn Fair which was due to be held tomorrow. The weather forecast is for rain and high winds and we are unable to move the event indoors due to covid restrictions. Thank you to families who have made donations for the stalls, these will be carried over and be used at our Christmas Extravaganza Fair instead.

We are pleased that our colouring competition has gone ahead however. The children have outdone themselves and the standard of entries was very high. Congratulations to the winners from each class -

- **Class 1** - James
- **Class 2** - Matilda
- **Class 3** - Sophie E



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon: thank you to all those parents and carers who supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last week. The weather stayed fine for us - if a little blustery! - and it was lovely to be able to welcome families for some tasty treats and a cuppa. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for her fantastic baking. We raised a fantastic £103 for this amazing charity.



Fabulous French Day- Friday 8th October:

Bonjour!

Next Friday 8th October 2021 we will be holding a whole school Fabulous French Day celebration. Your child is invited to come to school dressed up in the colours of the French flag as part of the fun. Children who have Outdoor Day on a Friday can wear their waterproofs over their red, white and blue clothing and dress for the outdoor weather as usual. During the course of the day, children will have the opportunity to listen to stories in French, taste French food, paint in the style of a famous French artist and immerse themselves in exciting French themed activities in their classes. There will also be an optional opportunity for all children to visit our popup French Café during the day and buy a crêpe, croissant or pain-au-chocolate to eat. There will be a charge of £1 for those who would like to do this.

We are looking forward to a fun filled celebration with your child.

À bientôt mes amis!

Madame Humes



Children's Internet Use Survey:

In order to better help us decide how best to support families with any e-safety concerns, Mr Moore has devised this very short multiple choice survey on your child's IT usage at home. It covers types of use as well as any areas of concern you may have. The survey should only take a minute to complete and we would really appreciate your help with this.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey:

[Broomley E- Safety Survey](#)



School Photographs: Debbie Young came into school last week to take individual and sibling photos. Images are available to view and buy on the Debbie Young website. Each family will be sent a parentmail with a link and two codes - one for your child's class and one for your child's images. If you have more than one child in school the images of all your children will be under the youngest child's class and name. As we have to send an individual parentmail to each family it will take a little time so please do not be worried if you don't get a parentmail straight away. Payments on the website are by Paypal, however if you select 'checkout as a guest' you may also pay by card as well as paypal.



Morrisons Good to Grow: FREE gardening equipment for our school. We have registered for the Morrisons Good to Grow scheme. For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and

you can donate them to our school.

We will be able to exchange any Grow Tokens donated for FREE gardening equipment to get our kids growing.

Things to do:

Prudhoe & Stocksfield Churches Holiday Club

Wed 27th-Fri 29th Oct 2021, 10am-12.30pm, Prudhoe Methodist church

Postponed from Summer 2021, kids can enjoy THREE action-packed mornings of fun this October half-term. Holiday Club is FREE to attend! The main programme is for kids aged 5-11 [years 1-6]. For those in Reception or below, there's also a Pre-School Drop-In located in the Parish Hall. The children will enjoy a range of activities including energetic games, challenging craft projects, Bible discovery adventures, funny dramas and much more! To register please visit: www.tinyurl.com/PrudhoeStocksfieldHolidayClub or find us on Facebook @PrudhoeStocksfieldHolidayClub.



DIARY DATES

- Friday 8th October French Themed Day - see above for more details
- w/c 11 October Virtual Parents' Evenings - dates and times to be confirmed
- Thursday 21st October Halloween Non Uniform Day - more information to follow
- Friday 22nd October Teacher Training Day
- Mon 25th - Fri 29th October Half Term
- Monday 1st November Return to school for Autumn 2
- w/c 29th November Interfaith week - more info about planned activities and trips to follow
- Friday 3rd December Flu Vaccinations - Please note new dates
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Friday 17th December Class Christmas Party Afternoon

On behalf of staff and governors may I wish you all a lovely weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Barker

Executive Head Teacher