

## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Talk on the Arctic for Y2
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Foodbank donation day
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Diwali Dance Workshop
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 'Break the Rules Day'
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – INSET day
  - 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of term
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- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children return to school
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu vaccinations
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y3 Stone Age Day
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Roman Baths trip
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y1 to Weston Museum
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – WOWSA 'Musical Bingo' evening
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – WOWSA Discos
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Prospective parent tour
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Prospective parent tour 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity, 9.30am
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity, 1.45pm
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term
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We are in the process of reviewing our online booking system for **Parents' Evenings for Term 2** and will communicate these dates with you as soon as possible.

## Reminders

You are welcome to bring your harvest **foodbank donation items to school from Monday this week**. Please do drop these into the boxes in the main foyer where they will then be collected by the foodbank on Wednesday.

**Much needed items are tins of tuna, tinned custard and tinned fruit, tea bags and cereal.**

Thank you in advance for anything you are able to donate.

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Please remember to **inform the school office if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day**. We are unable to allow children to go home with other adults unless we have received permission from you. The best way to do this is through Studybugs or by phoning the school office (01275 851127) or emailing [school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk](mailto:school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk)

Thank you in advance for supporting us with this important safeguarding matter.

## A great first term!

It is hard to believe we are entering the last week of this term; the weeks have whizzed by! I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff, children, governors and families for the kindness and support shown to me in my first full term as Headteacher here, and for the energy and commitment I see from everyone in all aspects of school life. It really is a privilege to be the Headteacher of these two schools. The children have worked hard throughout the term and there is much to celebrate in their learning – you should be very proud and I hope you all enjoy a half term break when we get there.

### Disc Golf!

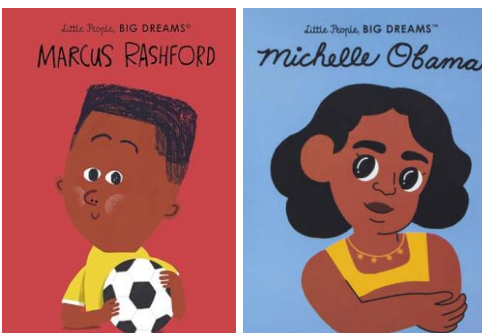
Another sporting event to share and celebrate this week, although a slightly more unusual one! Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a disc golf tournament (alongside other local schools) and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Miss Powell accompanied the children and, once again, shared how well they represented The Whiteoak Academies, trying all the activities and not once moaning about the wet weather!

### Using books to inspire

Throughout our curriculum, books are used to inspire and engage the pupils in their learning. Our new library is very nearly finished and full of beautiful, inspirational texts!



One of the series we particularly enjoy sharing with the children is the 'Little People, Big Dreams' collection which provides opportunities for conversations around outstanding people from both the past and the present. Do ask your child which inspirational person their class is thinking about at the moment and what it's making them think about their own dreams and goals!

## WOWSA 'Break the Rules Day'

Don't forget this Thursday's Break the Rules day organised by WOWSA. Children can 'break' one, or all, of the five rules below and raise funds for our school at the same time!

Thank you to WOWSA for putting this together to finish Term 1.

### COME TO SCHOOL WITH:

- 1 Spooky Snack (\*no nuts)
- 2 Weird Water (\*just add juice)
- 3 Horrible Hair
- 4 Terrible tattoos/Nasty Nails
- 5 Non Uniform (spooky optional, no masks please)

50p each  
or break all  
5 for £2

### Thank you Mrs Kibby!

We would like to say a huge thank you and good luck to Mrs Kibby who leaves The Whiteoak Academies for pastures new this week. Mrs Kibby has been a key part of the office team for many years and I know will be much missed by the staff team and our children. (She is often the person who delivers a late packed lunch or late child!)

We would like to welcome Mrs Ham to the office team who will be working every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Welcome to Whiteoak Mrs Ham!

### Supporting schools across the South West

We would like to wish Miss Flemming and Mrs Bugler the very best of luck this Monday as they present at the South West Schools Reading for Pleasure Conference alongside other well-regarded literary experts and speakers!

We are super proud that they have been asked to present and to share the fantastic work they, and the rest of the staff team, have been doing over the past couple of years to raise the profile of reading and create a buzz around children's books, particularly with regard to the reading 'spine' on offer to each year group.



Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.  
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