

## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – WOWSA Discos
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Oak Class to Tithe Barn
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Prospective parent tour
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – WOWSA 'Elf Academy'
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Prospective parent tour
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Spruce Class to Tithe Barn
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity, 9.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Grove Choir to sing at Holy Trinity Church, 1.00pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity, 1.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 to Holy Trinity for Christingle Workshop
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y1 & Y2 Christmas song performance for parents, after school
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 to Tobacco Factory
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term
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- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET day
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – INSET day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last day of term
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- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Children return to school

## Reminders

Please can I put a second plea in for **parents NOT to use the staff car park when dropping children off at breakfast club** in the morning? Spaces being taken at this time of the morning is preventing staff from being able to park in the designated staff area. Thank you.

A quick reminder that **trainers can be worn as school shoes as long as they are fully black**. We are seeing a selection of other colours sneak in and pride in our school uniform and looking smart is an important part of being a pupil at The Whiteoak Academies. Thank you.

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Don't forget to buy your **disco tickets** for Thursday!

## Bringing history to life!

Year 3 had a wonderful day yesterday immersing themselves in the Stone Age and bringing their history learning to life. They had a visit from 'Professor Robert Jones' who told them all about the lives of people in the Stone Age and helped them to understand how the innovation of tools made life easier for people in this era.



Looking fantastic Juniper Class!

## Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week

Thank you to everyone for supporting Odd Socks Day on Tuesday this week; it was fantastic to see such an array of socks in celebration of the children's individuality and what makes us all unique! The new School Council, and Mrs Worsley, delivered a brilliant assembly on Tuesday, reminding us what bullying is (and what it isn't) and the importance of telling someone if you think it is happening.



## Parent Volunteer helpers for reading

We are always grateful for additional adults to listen to our children read each week, across all ages. If you (or any of your family members) have some spare time and would be happy to pop in for an afternoon, a morning or just an hour or so on a particular day, please do send a message via the year group email or via the central school email address. Teachers would be delighted to hear from you!

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you for your time at our recent Parents' Evening meetings. It was great to see many of you across the two evenings and I know there were some great conversations about the children's learning and how they can continue to thrive at school.

## WOWSA Events

WOWSA have a few events coming up in the next few weeks to celebrate the Winter season and its festivities! There are three discos taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> November (Reception & KS1 at 4.00pm, Y3 & 4 at 5.15pm and Y5 & 6 at 6.30pm). Tickets are £3.50 and can be purchased via the [PTA Events website](#).



On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, they are also hosting the very first 'Elf Academy' where children can make their own decorations, decorate biscuits, make crackers and create reindeer food! Tickets for this can also be purchased via the [PTA Events website](#).



## Thank you and goodbye!

We are sad to be saying goodbye to one of our teaching assistants next week, someone who has been a key part of the Whiteoak team for many years. Mrs Ashworth is leaving us on Wednesday next week to explore some new adventures after supporting many of the children across both Hannah More and Grove for 18 years! Thank you for everything you have done for the children and families here Mrs Ashworth, you are going to be hugely missed but we wish you all the very best for the future.

## Parenting Village Coffee Morning

The Parenting Village is a parent support group run by the North Somerset Family Wellbeing Parenting Team. These drop-in sessions are a relaxed and friendly place where parents, parenting specialists and professionals from a range of services are on hand to offer support, a listening ear, advice, and signposting. Please see the attached flyer for information of the sessions in Nailsea which are the first Thursday of each month.

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported this national fundraising event by wearing something spotty, yellow, brightly coloured or just a pair of Pudsey ears today! We talked to the children in assembly this afternoon about who the charity supports with the money and the kind of fantastic work it does all around the UK. If you wish to make a donation, the link to do so online is below: [Donate to Children in Need 2024](#).

I hope you all enjoy  
Your weekend.

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