

Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 18th Sept – Backwell Secondary Open Evening, 5.00pm
- 24th Sept – Year 6 camp meeting, 5.00pm at school
- 25th Sept – Forest School starts for Otters and Elm
- 25th Sept – Nailsea Secondary School Open Evening, 5.00pm
- 26th Sept – WOWSA cake & mystery book sale, 3.20pm
- 6th Oct – WOWSA Rags to Riches
- 24th Oct – Break the Rules Day
- 24th Oct – Last day of term
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- 3rd Nov – INSET day
- 4th Nov – Children return to school
- 11th Nov – Parents' Evening
- 13th Nov – Parents' Evening
- 28th Nov – School photos
- 19th Dec – Last day of term
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- 5th Jan – Children return to school

Reminders

Please do ensure your **child has a waterproof coat with them every day** from now on. We are forecast a fair amount of rain this week but will still take the children outside for some fresh air and a run around!

Please remember that the **Hannah More gate is opened at 3.15pm each day** in readiness for our 3.20pm school finish. Please try to avoid arriving any earlier than this as the pavement outside school can become quite congested and the road quite busy. Thank you.

October Half Term Holiday Provision

Please see the attached flyer for information and booking details for Premier Sports' half term holiday provision. The club is running from Monday 27th to Friday 31st October from 9.00am to 3.30pm and costs £22.75 per day. You can find more information and book by visiting the [Premier Education website](#).



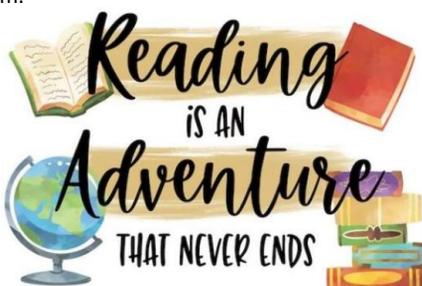
Welcome to Term 1

It has been a real pleasure to see all the children hard at work already this academic year, enjoying new classrooms, new learning and spending time with all their friends again. We finished this first full week with our traditional, whole school Celebration Assembly and gave out many certificates that reflected the fantastic start our children have made to this new year!

We do hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. Please do keep an eye on the upcoming events list on the left of this newsletter as we aim for this to contain as many key dates as possible, hoping that this helps you with the busyness of school, work and family life. As always, please do email school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk if you have any feedback or suggestions for the weekly newsletter.

Congratulations Mrs Bugler!

Huge well done to Mrs Bugler who has had an article published on the Open University 'Reading for Pleasure' website! The article is called 'Our Promised Offer' and describes the work that Mrs Bugler has done to introduce a reading spine across both our schools; high-quality texts that the children would be exposed to throughout their time at Whiteoak, our reading for pleasure promise to them.



Please do have a read of the article by visiting [The Open University's website](#) – we are super proud!

Start of the day arrangements

As we have now been at school for just over a week and the children have settled really well into their new classrooms, please could we ask that **Year 1 and 2 families say goodbye to children at the bottom of the ramp in the Hannah More playground**, and **Year 4, 5 and 6 families say goodbye to children outside the Year 3 classrooms** rather than taking them to their classroom.

The start of the day is a really precious time for teachers as they greet children individually, check in with them, take the register, record lunches and then get started with the learning for the day. If you have an urgent message that you need to pass to the teacher in the mornings, please do pop into the office and give this to them (they will then give this to the teacher during the morning), or email school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk.

'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann

Each year, we begin Term 1 with a text studied by each year group across the school. This year's book is the beautiful 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann and tells a heart-warming story about helping outsiders and highlights the plight of polar bears in today's changing climate.



Thank you Year 4 for sharing this stunning initial response to the story, we know you have been inspired by the book already!

School Uniform

Thank you so much for ensuring that any new school uniform items you might have purchased over the summer meet the requirements of our school policy. Many of our children are looking really smart and proud to be part of the Whiteoak Academies!

Please do remember that **school shoes need to be fully black** (PE trainers can be any colour) and **shorts worn on non PE days need to be tailored school shorts** (girls and boys) and not sports shorts or cycling shorts. There is an example below to help:



These are £7 for a pack of two from ASDA.

Please do remember that WOWSA have a well-stocked, 'pre-loved' rail in the foyer for school jumpers and cardigans and all supermarkets sell uniform items at reasonable prices. If you are struggling to source a particular item for your child, please do let their class teacher know, we would be more than happy to help.

Have a lovely weekend.
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher