

THE WHITEOAK ACADEMIES, HANNAH MORE INFANTS AND GROVE JUNIORS

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"Planting Dreams. Nurturing Hearts. Growing Minds."

Monday 2nd October, 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of the Whiteoak Academies,

I hope that the September parent meetings were helpful and that you learnt lots about your children's work and learning and the year ahead. If you were unable to attend, the resources shared will also be sent home via Dojo and put on the website.

October is another busy month and in today's assembly we discussed the importance of Black History Month. In particular, we looked at the life and contribution of Walter Tull who was orphaned as a boy but went on to become one of England's first professional black football players and Britain's first black army officer; a hero of World War I. More information about his amazing life and achievements can be found on the BBC website.



Throughout this month, we will continue to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contribution of black people to British society and the world. Indeed, Black History Month is just one element of our curriculum in school which has been crafted to celebrate and promote diversity and individuality all year round.



This month, we will also be celebrating Harvest and have signed up to join the world's biggest Harvest Festival this Wednesday as part of Harvest Live. Once again we are supporting our local foodbank. If you would like to make a donation, please could children please bring a well dated tin of food to school this week or provide something from the Trussell Trust donations list: Tea, Rice Pudding, Hot Chocolate, Biscuits, Pasta Sauce. Thank you ©

Who are the Clevedon Foodbank?

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Thank you as always for your generous support.

With very best wishes,

Mr Duncan Cook
Executive Headteacher



Term 1 - Friendship

October - Black History Month

Tuesday 3rd October – WOWSA Meeting – Open to all parents.

Wednesday 4th October - Harvest Live

Wednesday 4th October – Year 5/6 Cross-Country @ BGS

Thursday 5th October – School Census Day

Monday 9th October – WOWSA Rags2Riches Collection

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th October – Year 6 Residential

Thursday 19th October – Last Day of Term 1 for children

Friday 20th October - School INSET (Staff Only)

Term 2 - Courage

Monday 30th October – Start of Term 2 for everyone

Wednesday 1st November – Informal Open Morning, 8.45am

Friday 3rd November – Year 2 (Hedgehogs) & Year 3 (Juniper) Forest School begins

Thursday 9th November – Nasal Flu Spray

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 10th November – School Photographs

w/b Monday 13th November - Nurturing Hearts Week

Tuesday 14th November – Year 6 Swimming begins

Tuesday 14th November – Parents Evening

Thursday 16th November – KS1 Multi-Skills Festival @ Weston College (tbc)

Thursday 16th November – Parents Evening

Friday 17th November – LSP Trust INSET (Staff Only)

Monday 20th November – Year 2 & Year 6 NSPCC Workshops

Tuesday 21st November – Year 3 Stone Age Day

Tuesday 21st November – Year 4 to visit the Roman Baths

Monday 4th December – Year 6 to the Tithe Barn (WWII Experience)

Wednesday 6th December – Reception Nativity

Thursday 7th December – Reception Nativity

Thursday 14th December – Year 1 to Weston Museum

Wednesday 20th December – Last Day of Term 2 for everyone

Term 3 - British Values

Thursday 4th January – Start of Term 3 for everyone

Friday 9th February – Last Day of Term 3 for everyone

Monday 19th February- LSP Trust INSET (Staff Only)

Tuesday 20th Start of Term 4 for children.

More dates and times to follow.







FRIENDS

Year 2 and Year 6 busy at work!

