



FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome to the new academic year. I hope you have had a great summer break.

We are deeply saddened by the news of Queen Elizabeth II passing. We will remember her decades of dedication and service, her commitment to family values and duty. We have held an assembly today and have spent time reflecting on this news. We will be inviting children and families to tie a remembrance ribbon to our school gates and we will commemorate her life as a school community.

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school, and they all seem happy to be back, we have seen some lovely smiles. They were straight back to learning from day 1 and they have really embraced this.

You will receive all of the relevant forms to be returned and completed and if we can support with this please do not hesitate to contact the school office. There are a number of updates you will receive within the next week, from curriculum information and overviews, to school agreements and approaches to reading.

As a school we have adopted Read, Write Inc, as our phonics scheme. Staff have received training on this and we are incredibly well resourced. For further information please see the parent information link below

[Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl](#)

We have made some changes to our approach to rewards. We have a whole school system for rewards and children are placed in houses/teams, children will have the opportunity to receive GEMS similar to house points and these are recognised and rewarded across the school on a daily basis. GEMS are awarded to individuals, but the points count for each team. We will reward the teams with the most GEMS weekly.

G – growth mind set

E– effort

M– manners

S – success

We have new posters to sharing this information and I hope you will be able to come into school soon and will have an opportunity to see these. If you have any questions or thoughts please speak with me, your thoughts and opinions are appreciated.



We have had a very positive start to term and we look forward to our first full week next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sophie McCabe

We are deeply saddened by the news that Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II has passed away.

Her Majesty was the longest serving monarch in the country's history, serving the United Kingdom as Queen with exceptional devotion since 1952.

**For this we are very thankful.
Rest in Peace.**

Queen Elizabeth II

1926-2022



CALENDAR

19/09/22

EYFS and KS1 Forest
School trip

20/09/22

KS2 Forest School trip

26/09/22-29/09/22

Year 5 and 6 Cyclewise

27/09/22

Year 5 and 6 REACT
show at Lakes College

ATTENDANCE

REC –97.92%

YR1 –100%

YR2 –100%

YR3 –100%

YR4 –95.83%

YR5 –100%

YR6 –98.15%

W/S –98.95%

Book bags/Backpacks

All children must bring a bag into school everyday to carry their books and reading records.

This could be a book bag or a rucksack/backpack as long as it is separate from their PE kit as this prevents the books from being damaged.

Thank you.

Cyclewise Information

Children in Year 5 and 6 that are taking part in Cyclewise, on the day please bring your bike into the school yard through the side gate. Then, please leave your bike in the yard outside the relevant porch.

Boys outside the boys porch and girls outside the girls porch.

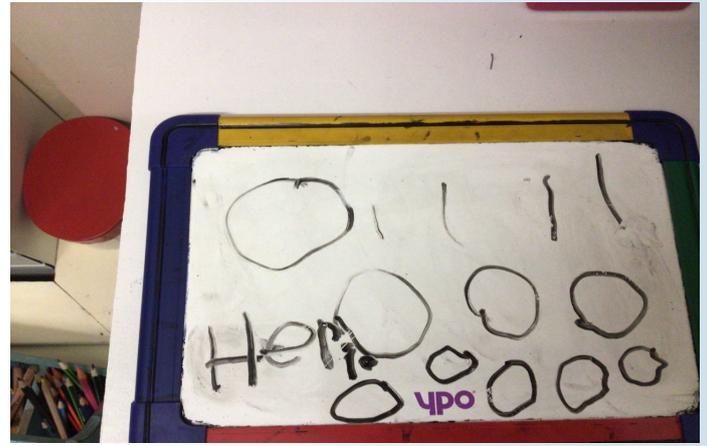
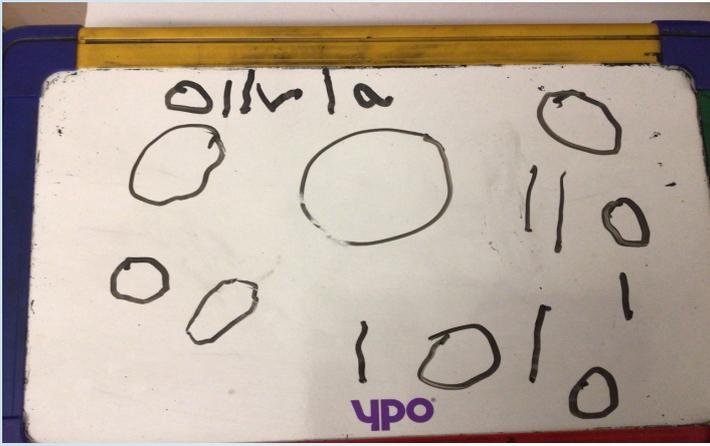
If you want your child to leave their bike at school overnight please contact the school office or Miss Jolliffe.

EYFS

The children in Reception were very eager to get stuck into working in our little room so we have begun to do some phonics and maths together. They have been beginning to write some numerals after watching some new videos with rhymes for the number. We practised 0 - from the top go all the way round, 1 - go straight down and that is all.

We have also practised reading sounds and then writing some. The younger children have had fun playing games and using some of the resources to make pictures with stickers, string and lots of tape!

All in all we have had a fabulous first week bag and we are very proud of how well everyone has settled in and how lovely it is to see such happy smiling faces.



Children in Reception-Year 6 were given Flu Vaccine forms today, please return these to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mon 14th Nov 2022



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu  **mmunisation**

Helping to protect children, every winter

Autumn Term – After School Clubs from 12th September – 21st October

These are the activities for next half term. If you wish to book your child/ren in to either Breakfast or After School club please email Wrap.arlecdon@westlakesmat.org.uk

Monday – Mindfulness Games

Tuesday – Art Club

Wednesday – Sports Club

Thursday – Lego Club

Friday – Free Choice Friday

Booking in advanced, especially for craft club, is advised to allow us to plan appropriately.

Please speak to Mrs Mitchell if you have any queries.

#MeetMovePlay



Whitehaven ParkPlay

Come and meet Christina, Rachel & Rebecca at South Whitehaven Family Hub, Family Action CA28 8BN every Saturday from 09:30 am

Cornerstone
Partners:



ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities, fun - and a community here for you.



Register at park-play.com

