



WHITEHOUSE

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# Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers

We are approaching the half way point of the half term, which continues to be a busy time in school. Class teachers will be providing updates regarding pupil's progress to mainstream schools and parents/carers. If you have any queries regarding your child please get in touch.

## Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Attendance Class of the week

**Johnson Class**

Thank you to all our children and families for supporting the school in improving our attendance.

**18 Pupils achieved 100% attendance this week.**

Attendance is essential both at The Whitehouse and at mainstream schools. If a pupil is absent the school office needs to be informed by 9am.

### Class Attendance

Wilberforce	Johnson	Sullivan	Larkin
69.23%	84.38%	79.41%	78.30%

## Homework

All pupils will be set weekly homework. We appreciate your support helping your child at home. A reading book will be allocated digitally on Bug Club. Pupils will have times tables allocated to practice on Sumdog and Times Table Rockstars. Whilst a maths counting sheet will be set for pupils to bring home.

There will also be a half termly challenge sheet set to set activities for pupils to complete at home with their families.

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*I am important*

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## Personal Development Update

We strive hard to meet the needs of all our pupils at The Whitehouse, treating each pupil as an individual on their own personal journey at our school. We pride ourselves on building positive relationships with our students. To support with this, we have reviewed our Behaviour and Relationship policy, to ensure pupils are supported using trauma informed and researched based approaches to support their SEMH needs. Our policy can be found on our website:

<https://whitehouse-pru.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Whitehouse-Behaviour-and-relationship-Policy-22-23.pdf>

All pupils have a person-centred plan which is developed and agreed with the pupil. These outline pupils needs and support networks, whilst sharing strategies to support students regulate appropriately. These will be shared and updated during student reviews.

## Parent Engagement

The Education Endowment foundation defines Parent engagement as “the involvement of parents in supporting their children’s academic learning.” At The Whitehouse we both support and encourage this so that parents feel involved and informed about their child’s education and pupils are able to celebrate and share their achievements.

We aim to provide a warm and welcoming environment for our families so that parents feel able to approach school with any issues, concerns or comments using appropriate platforms.

We communicate in the following ways:

- Phone calls
- Parent mail
- Text Messages
- Regular Newsletters
- School Twitter
- Letters
- School Website
- Wonder Notes (Pupils have achieved their daily point target) and Work Notes (Pupils have completed all of their work to an excellent standard)
- Parent Questionnaires.

Half termly reviews will take place with parents, mainstream representatives and external agencies to discuss pupils progress and agree next steps for each individual pupil. It is essential for parents/carers to attend review meeting.

We also currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. To find out further information please contact Mr Thompson to discuss what the role involves.

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival class competition
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival

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