



# Whitecross Nursery School Newsletter

*Your child, your inspiration*

Summer July 2024

## **Goodbye and Good Luck,**

Goodbye to all our children starting school in September. We know you are ready and we are very proud of all you have achieved. Sadly it is also goodbye to Miss Clayton and Mrs Cheung who are moving on to the pastures new. We are incredibly proud of everyone and are so happy that they have been a part of our Whitecross team. We know we will stay in touch with all of them and love to keep finding out about their new adventures.

Happy summer holidays to everyone! We hope the sun shines and you all have a happy and fun-filled

## **Transition to school**

Our older children are enjoying successful transition visits to their new schools. Many thanks to families for notifying us of all different times of sessions. It really helped to make the process run smoothly. We are now looking forward to having lots of fun in our last few weeks and making lots of happy memories.

## **Nursery in September**

We are looking forward to welcoming back our youngest superstars who will be back in nursery in the autumn term. Lots of new children will be joining you as we open the doors again after the summer for more adventures at Whitecross.

## **End of term fun**

In this last half term we have tried to hold a special day on every day of the week. That way all children on whatever day they come can join in the fun.

We have had so far

- ✓ Teddy bears picnic was on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- ✓ Festival day was on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Still to come

- ✓ Super Hero day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July
- ✓ Pirate Day on a Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Day
- ✓ People who help us day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

We will be dressing up and having lots of exciting activities on those days making very happy memories of nursery.

## **Amazon wish list**

A huge thank you to those parents who have been asking about end of term gifts. It really is not necessary as we love the job we do. However if you do want to send in a gift, please consider our Amazon Wish List. Rather than individual gifts or expensive boxes of chocolates, all staff would warmly welcome new resources from our amazon wish list. Staff created it and it is full of things that staff and children would love to have or need to replace in nursery. Your children benefitted greatly last September from the generosity of others. When school and parent budgets are tight this is a fantastic way of supporting school.

Thank you in advance if you wish to support the school in this way <https://amzn.eu/027ySCJ2>

## **Nursery out and about**

A huge thank you to the staff and parent/grandparent volunteers for making our mini trips out and about in Derby such fun. The children loved exploring locally. We could not do these lovely things without the fabulous support we get - THANK YOU!

## **Lost Property**

Please keep checking lost property box as you come to the end of term.

All unclaimed items are donated to charity shops during school holidays.

A huge **THANK YOU** to those who name everything their child brings. It makes everything so much easier for everyone. Also a **THANK YOU** to all families who have returned things that have accidentally gone home with the wrong child. Everyone's kindness, help and vigilance is greatly appreciated.



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## Safeguarding for Families

The school designated safeguarding leads will monitor the DSL emails on [dsl@whitecross.derby.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@whitecross.derby.sch.uk)

**The DSL email address is monitored on weekends and throughout the school holidays.**

If you have any concerns about a child then please contact the above email address or telephone the police as Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

All school staff have undergone significant safeguarding training. The Whitecross Safeguarding team are Mrs FitzPatrick DSL and Miss Noblet DSL. If there is anything you want to discuss with us about safeguarding or you have any concerns please call school on 01332 371876 or email on the above address. We are here to help.

Please take a look on the school website or head on to the UK Safer Internet Centre, the NSPCC or Gov.uk websites for online safety advice for families. Online safety is such an important part of keeping children safe. Feel free to speak to a member of staff for advice or signposting to further support.

## ClassDojo

We will stop adding any more posts onto ClassDojo during the last week of term. The staff will only add onto the school story rather than personal accounts. We hope you have enjoyed finding out about your child's time in nursery over the last year and seeing all the wonderful photos which capture happy learning moments. Thank you to all the families who added fantastic pictures from home. For you children who are coming back, please keep adding photographs of your summer so that staff can talk about the holidays with your children and look back on what they have done.



## Diary dates for this half term

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day, school closed to children
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Super hero day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Pirate day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	People who help us day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Break up for the summer
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School reopens to children after the summer holidays



## School Ready

Below is list of ten things to help your child to be ready to start school after the summer  
Please talk to any staff member for any ideas to support them with this. Thank you

- I can settle happily without my parent or carer*
- I can tell friends and grown-ups what I need*
- I can take turns and share when I am playing*
- I can go to the toilet on my own and wash my hands*
- I can put on my own coat and shoes and feed myself*
- I can tell a grown up if I am happy, sad or cross*
- I know that what I do and say can make others happy or unhappy*
- I am curious and want to learn and play*
- I can stop what I am doing, listen and follow simple instructions*
- I enjoy sharing books with grown-ups*