Academic Year 2024/2025 - Summer term

Friday 16th May 2025

Whinstone Wide - General school information

School uniform expectations

We are having a few issues regarding school uniform and what is/isn't acceptable to wear. Please see the below uniform guidance reminder which is also published on our website and on the Year group newsletters.

Main school uniform:

- *Royal blue sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigan
- *White shirts or polo shirt
- *Grey or black trousers or skirts.
- *Plain black shoes or trainers (NOTE: no crocs, flipflops or bright coloured trainers)
- *During the summer months, blue gingham dresses or grey/black uniform shorts can be worn.

Our PE kit:

- *Suitable PE shoes or trainers
- *Plain black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms (NOTE: no hot pant style/length shorts)
- *Plain white T-shirt
- *Plain black sweatshirt, fleece or hoody. No other colours or large pictures/logos are acceptable for the sweatshirt, fleece or hoody.

NOTE: Football kits or football shirts are not acceptable for our PE lessons.

General uniform expectations:

- *No necklaces, rings or bracelets to be worn in school.
- *Small studs for pierced ears these must be removed or covered by tape on PE days.
- *Long hair tied back.
- *No nail varnish or false nails.

'Around the World in just one day'

On Wednesday, we will be celebrating UNICEF's World Day for Cultural Diversity. Each year group has been allocated a country to study across that day. Children are invited to wear the colours of their country's flag. A reminder is shared below:

Preschool	United Kingdom (red, white and blue)
Reception	Ireland (green, white and gold)
У1	France (red, white and blue)
У2	India (green, white and orange)
У3	Italy (green, white and red)
У4	Mexico (green, white and red)
У5	Jamaica (green, yellow and black)
У6	Kenya (black, red and green)



This event falls on the same day as **Reception** and **Year 6** have their group photographs. Please note, if your child is in Reception or Y6, can they come to school in their full school uniform and bring their change of clothes with them to put on as soon as they have had their photo taken.

New SEND support service from Stockton Borough Council

There is an increasing number of children who are presenting with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



(SEND). Stockton Borough Council have launched a new service - SEND Navigator - to help parents and carers get extra support for children with SEND. The new SEND Navigator can guide you to getting the support your child needs and will assist you in accessing the contacts and resources that best suit their requirements.

To use the service, call the Inclusion Line on 01642 528888. The line is open three days a week with a 24/7 answering machine. Opening times for the telephone service are Mondays from 1-4pm, Wednesdays from 9am-12pm and Fridays from 1-3pm.

There is also a dedicated email = sendnavigator@stockton.gov.uk

Around Whinstone this week.

Our Year 6 did fantastically well in their SATs. We are so proud of them all - they were all so sensible, mature and resilient.

To celebrate, they ended the week by having a giant celebratory water fight.





Some of our Y5 children entered a Young Writers competition. In assembly, those children who have been selected as a winner, were surprised to receive a certificate and to hear that they will become published authors!

Year 2 did some great science work.

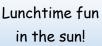




Crafty Explorers used a range of grades of pencil to draw flowers.

Our reception children were studying dinosaurs.
They made their own dinosaur and painted their own fossils.









William took a test at swimming. He achieved his Grade 2 swimming badge and managed to swim 5m.

Well done, William!



Whinstone next week

Year 6 and Reception group photos

These take place on Wednesday. Children need to wear their full school uniform.

Please see the additional information regarding bringing clothes in for the 'Around the World' event.

Year 2 - Forest school

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 2 children will be having their next Forest School session.

Police visit for Y5 and Y6

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 will receive some sessions form a police officer around Cyber crime and online safety.

Ice-cream Thursday

On Thursday, Friends of Whinstone will be selling ice-cream and lollies. The cost is £1. Please send your child to school with money if you wish them to have an ice-cream.

Out and About



For more information, visit the CPAD Ingleby Barwick Fund information page on Face-Book



Safeguarding and Family Support



Holidays are Fun (HAF)

Looking for free, fun activities for your children during May half-term?

The Holidays Are Fun (HAF) programme offers a range of activities for eligible school age children from Reception to Year 11, with a nutritious meal provided each day.

The activities are available for families in receipt of benefitsrelated free school meals, Universal Credit or experiencing financial difficulties.

Visit www.stockton.gov.uk/haf to find out more and book a place.

Bookings for HAF May half-term are open now.

Safeguarding:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school is Mrs Hardy.



Our other safeguarding leads in school are:





Mrs Wilson- Dukes Mr Carlton





Mrs Squires



If you are worried about a child, please call the Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Children's Hub on 01429 284284 / 01642 130080 or out of office hours call 01642 524552

In an emergency, please contact the Police on 101 or 999.

Attendance



Whole school attendance (year to date)

95.1%

National average = 94.6%