



Inspire Believe Achieve

We enable our children to be the best that they can be, through our vision of "Inspire Believe Achieve" rooted in the belief that "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

December 2023

Head of School Update

Christmas is definitely coming here at Whaplode! Christmas carols are being practiced in readiness for our Carol Service, our youngest pupils are busy rehearsing for their upcoming Nativity production and our school Christmas tree has been decorated down at St Mary's Church in readiness for the Christmas Tree Festival.

We would like to thank all who have contributed to our recent fundraising events. With your help, the pupils raised £185 for Children in Need and £367.78 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Your continued generosity is overwhelming and we thank you for your support.

Our Christmas post box is now open! Year 6 pupils are trained and ready to spend their lunchtimes sorting and delivering cards to pupils and staff across the school. Please help them out by ensuring all cards have the full name and class for each recipient. Thank you!

We have been very proud of the KS2 pupils who have represented our school at a number of football tournaments this term. Girls and boys from Years 3-6 gave it their all as they battled against top quality opponents from the local area. As always we were proud of their excellent behaviour and sporting attitude in every game.

Pupils from across the school enjoyed taking part in a number of activities during Anti-Bullying Week earlier this term. From celebrating uniqueness by wearing odd socks to supporting Children in Need by wearing non-uniform, our pupils found out about what constitutes bullying, as well who they can talk to should it ever happen to them. Some of our older pupils learned more about bullying online and what to do if they experience it. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas in style this year, with KS2 pupils enjoying a visit to the panto, and a Christmas party day for our younger pupils. We hope that you will be able to join us at church on Tuesday 19th December to enjoy our Carol Service with us. Be sure to bring your singing voices along to really get into the Christmas spirit. The service starts at 9.30am.

And finally, we are delighted to inform you that the second Whaplode baby has arrived safely! Mrs Worth welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Max Anthony Worth, on 7th November weighing a healthy 7lb 3oz. Mum and baby are both doing well and we are sure you will join with us all to wish them every happiness.

Term Dates:

Tuesday 31st October to Wednesday 20th December.
Wednesday 3rd January to Friday 9th February
Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March
Tuesday 16th April to Friday 24th May
Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July

Other Dates:

4 th -8 th Dec	Celebrations of Learning
7 th Dec	Christingle service at church (parents/ carers welcome)
8 th Dec	Christmas Fair (in school hall from 3:30pm)
12 th Dec	EYFS/ KS1 Christmas Performance
13 th Dec	EYFS/ KS1 Christmas Performance
14 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper Day
15 th Dec	EYFS/KS1 Christmas party day
	KS2 panto visit
19 th Dec	Carol Service at church (parents/ carers welcome)
20 th Dec	Last day of term

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If you have concerns about the safety of any child, you should let somebody know. Both Miss Muir and Mrs Adie are the designated safeguarding leads within the school.

Christmas Jumper Day

The school will be supporting Save the Children once again this year by holding our Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser on Thursday 14th December. For those children who do not own a Christmas jumper, pupils are invited to wear a festive t-shirt or accessory. Children should wear usual school uniform on their bottom half. Please make your donation to Save the Children via our Just Giving page.

Starting School 2024

School admissions for pupils starting primary school in September 2024 are now open and will close on 15th January 2024. If you have a child who is due to start school next September, please visit <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/apply-school-place/2> to apply for your place. For further advice please contact :schooladmissions@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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