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*Welcome back. We hope you
have had a restful and
enjoyable half term holiday*



Parent Consultations

To cope with the demand for parental consultations we have decided to hold a second afternoon for all classes. For Reception, Years 1 and 2 this will be Wednesday 15th November. For Mrs Kassam's and Mrs Cox's classes, Monday 13th. November; for the rest of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Tuesday 14th. Consultations run from 1.45-4.30 on these days and bookings can now be made online.



Fireworks

There will be many fireworks this weekend, so please remember how dangerous fireworks can be and that they should always be treated carefully and with respect. Earlier this week there was some very silly behaviour with fireworks in our area and former pupil Andrew Boldero suffered severe burns to his face. Never handle a lit firework and please ensure that children watch from a safe distance.



1 in 2 Million

The Book Trust has some great ideas and tips for helping parents to read with their children and some inspiring stories of how parents have helped their children by reading to them. Read about how Laura, a mum from Manchester, turned her daughter from a very poor reader who was lagging behind the others in her class, into a real high flyer here:

**NO
NUTS!**

Some of our
children have
serious allergies.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/supporting-you/families/our-programmes/time-to-read/families-making-time-to-read/>

This link is also on our website under useful links for parents.



Blog Comment *of the Week*

www.ctreading.net

Abigail Flitcroft, in Mrs Gooch's class, posted a story on her class blog just before half-term and Lisa Thompson, well-known author of "Goldfish Boy" read it and left a comment! "What an exciting story!" Lisa wrote, "There is a great sense of urgency and suspense... what is going to happen next?"



Well done, Abi!



Blog of the Week

There have been some great blog entries this week. Highlights include Miss Mather's class with loads of pictures of their exciting activities, a super post from Marcus Gray in Mr Krasnopolski's class, and some great work from Mrs Kassam's class. But blog of the week this week goes to Mr Cosgrove's class with Angel Nwokporo as our



We started our week in English
and finished in Polish
"Good Morning" "Dzien Dobry"



November at-a-Glance

Tue 7th Nov. **Parents' meetings**—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Bookings online from Monday 30th. October

Thu 9th Nov. **Parents' meetings**—Years 3—6 (as above).

Mon 13th. Nov. **Parents' meetings**—Mrs Kassam and Mrs Cox

Tues 14th. Nov. **Parents' meetings**—Other Year 3—6 classes

Wed 15th. Nov. **Parents' meetings**—Reception, Years 1 and 2

Wed 22nd Nov. **School Choir** performing at [The Hexagon](#).

Sun 26th Nov. **Feast of Christ the King**. Parents & children
invited to Mass to help celebrate our feast day.

individual blogger of week for her superb suspense story
based on "Jumanji".



Universal Credit

What Will it Mean for You?

If you are unsure, or worried about what the changes will
mean for you, there is help and information available. There
is a meeting open to all Whitley parents as follows:

Community Cafe (South Reading Community Centre),
Northumberland Avenue

Monday 11th December 10.30am - 12 noon.

Headlice

We have had several cases of headlice in the school in
recent weeks. Please would all parents make a point of
checking hair and treating if necessary.



School Meals

From December 1st. School meals will cost £2.05 each day.
We apologise that it is necessary to make this increase, but
meals are still cheaper than two years ago.



Barbie Clothes

Do you have any clothes for Barbie dolls that you no longer
need? If so, After School Club would love to have them.
Please bring them in to the main office.



Moonbase Challenge

All the children from Reception to Year 6 have been working
today on a "Moonbase Challenge" working in teams to
design and equip a space colony. The children have had
great fun and worked really well, learning the skills of work
situations. Photos will be on our website by Monday.



*Emily McAuley, Who performed brilliantly in a recent feis coming away with three
super medals for her heavy jig, her slip jig and her reel.*

*Marvellous Agyel Opoku, who has gained his "Animal Agent" medal in Reading
libraries' reading challenge.*

*The Year 5/6 football team, who triumphed 4 - 1 over Springfield School from
Tilehurst in a cup match on Wednesday.*



Maths Ninjas

Shodan

Lindsey Franco

Sandan

Jamiellyn Wood, Leonard Abbey-Quaye

Hachidan

Caoimhe Rose, Angel Nwokporo

*To earn their black band for the rank of Hachidan,
Caoimhe and Angel had to answer correctly 88 sums in
less than 2 minutes. Wow!*

