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Another busy week at Whitmore has flown by. I am so impressed with the way the children are enthused in their learning and I have had many children visiting me this week to show me their wonderful work.

The building work in the school is continuing to smarten up the buildings and garden areas and we are working hard to keep it tidy and litter free. The drive in gates are now due to be repaired on Tuesday. This may cause some disruption by the entrance so please be careful and make sure children are with you at all times.

On the 9th & 10th October we have our first parent consultation meetings, appointment availability slips will be coming home on Monday for you to sign up for a suitable time to meet the teacher and discuss how your child/ ren have settled into the new school year.

The Reception children were very excited when the fireman came to visit them on Monday, they have been drawing, painting and writing about his visit.

The Y6 children had a wonderful time at Danbury yesterday and looked worn out on their return.

The weather is quite changeable so it is important that children have a jacket or coat to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes. Please also ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on their PE days and separate clothes for any sporting clubs they do.

Enjoy the weekend

Mrs N Kemp

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October

9th & 10th—Parents

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11th—Year 2 SATs meeting

13th—Year 1 trip to Barleylands

18th—Year 5 Harvest Assembly 9.30am

Dates for

the Diary

Non pupil dates—2nd/3rd January, 29th March and 25th May 2018

Year 6's Tantalising Trip to Danbury

On Thursday 28th September, the year 6 pupils discovered amazing surprises at Danbury Activity Centre. The journey started on the yellow double decker bus, which drove us to begin our adventurous day. On arrival, we were separated into groups of 10 and were whisked off to begin one of three activities - | the options were: aerial trekking, caving, bush craft, vertical obstacle course, and the climbing wall. From our experience, we started off with the climbing wall, with us all trying to reach the top and we succumbed extraordinary heights! Some of us were a little bit scared at the start but after encouragement from the group everyone attempted to climb to their limits and beyond. Our adults were very proud of us.

Next, we stopped for refreshments and jogged off to start our next activity, aerial trekking. The obstacle course looked quite frightening because it was at a considerable level. Our instructor, after demonstrating how to conquer the course, reassured us to not look down and to focus on looking straight ahead. The most difficult part was trying to release your fear, realise you were not going to fall because we were attached to a harness and rope, and push yourself towards the end of the track.

After we grouped with our classmates and ate our delicious packed lunch, we travelled far into the site and started our experience of caving. It was dark, cramped and smelly but everybody ventured through every cave, tunnel and claustrophobic space! It was entertaining when we entered the ball pit.

What a brilliant, fun-packed day out!

By Keane and Tobi (Elm Class)



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Wall of Achievement

Week of 25th September

Bluebell Cass— Isabelle F Rose Class—Ajay B Tulip Class—Ruby M Orchid Class—Kaydee J-B Lavender Class- Millie M Sunflower Class—Steven E Ash Class—Olivia O Beech Class—Shannon R Maple Class—Connor W Birch Class—Olivia C-B Pine Class— Aimee G Olive Class—George A Sycamore Class—Zachariah C-B Willow Class—Batin S Elm Class — Whole Class Elder Class—Whole Class



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Reminders

Attendance—It is vitally important that children arrive on time and ready to learn each day. Nursery times are 8.45-11.45am and 12.15-3.15pm, Reception & KS1 are 8.50am-3pm, KS1 times are 8.45am-3.15pm. If your child is unwell you need to call the school by 9am to advise why they will not be attending and when you expect them to return. Over the coming weeks we will be focusing on children who arrive late frequently, this impacts on their daily learning and will also contribute to their overall attendance percentage and impact on their chance to achieve 100% over the academic

Oak Class—Lily B

Collection of children—At the end of the day please make sure that you arrive on time to collect your children, if someone else is collecting your child(ren) please inform the school as early as possible to enable us to get a message to the class in time. Please also make sure you keep your children with you and that they are not running around the school site (car parks/classrooms/climbing on gates/equipment).

If collecting children from an after school club for health and safety reasons we ask that you do not drive onto the school site.

Birch class - will be taught in Hawthorn class (old Sunflower class) next week (02.10-6-10) due to electrical work being carried out in class.

KS2 Reading Club

Mr W will be holding a reading club twice a week on Mondays & Thursdays and will be located in Beech class. The children can come in and read to themselves, each other or to Mr W. We will also have some topic books in there and will get some

magazines for children to read. It will be a quiet area at lunchtime where children to go.

Year 6 Maths Club

Mr W is also going to be starting a maths club every Tuesday lunchtime. This will be exclusively for **year 6**pupils and will be held in Beech class. It will be run as a 'maths surgery' where any child may ask for further help on any maths topic they feel

necessary. I am aiming to run it on a 1 to 1 basis. Children should see Mr W if they wish to attend before Tuesday so that he can arrange times.

Art Club

This week Art Club enjoyed learning about proportion and how to draw wild animals, they are all really enjoying themselves!