



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Parents' Evenings and Reports

We were hoping to get your children's reports out to you today but we ran into a few technical problems with the printing. They will be with you on Monday in time for Parents' Evenings. I hope you have all signed up for appointments. As well as meeting your child's teacher, you will have an opportunity to speak to staff from the NSPCC. They have recently led assemblies for the children and will have stalls in the Infants and Juniors so you can catch up with them to talk about ways to keep children safe. Look out for Buddy:



Parking and Travel Plan

In about every other Newsletter in my last school, I make requests about considerate parking. This is the first time at Whipton. It is clear that we have a number of people waiting on double yellow lines in Hill Lane and on the zig-zags at the zebra crossing at the beginning and end of the day. The law says:

- *Double yellow lines indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs.*
- *You must not wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.*

I am appealing to you to respect this and have also asked our local PCSO Adam Bates to patrol more regularly at these times of the day. I am writing a Travel Plan which will outline ways in which we can improve this, but ultimately it is down to those of you who drive to park legally and safely. Please come and see me if you have views on this, either as a pedestrian or driver.

Old hall tables

We will shortly be taking delivery of new lunchtime tables in both the Infants and Juniors. We want to improve the children's dining experience and make it easier for our mealtime staff. The tables will match the acoustic panels in the Junior Hall and should look great. We will be installing sound reduction panels in the Infant Hall too in May half term. They make a real difference to the sound quality as those of you who have attended Junior Assemblies will know. That leads me to say that we will be getting rid of some (not all) of the old tables and benches and are happy to part with them for reasonable donations. In my next Newsletter, I will include a tear-off slip for those of you who might want one or some.

PE kit in the juniors

Moan alert! I have noticed too many children coming to school without PE kit or complaining of injuries which prevent them from doing PE. This is a really simple thing. Every child in KS2 should have PE kit in school every day, Monday to Friday. On Friday it goes home to be washed and comes back on Monday. We have a stock of very unfashionable and probably ill-fitting PE kit which the children will have to wear if they don't have their own. Please help us out with this.

Guitar Lessons

I was very pleased to see the number of responses to the group guitar lessons. We have passed these on to guitar teacher Mark and he will be getting in touch with you all.

Bikeability Responses

We have had a similarly good response with Bikeability too; we now have enough to run another full session and I'm sure lots of children who will be looking forward to the summer picnic cycle ride.