

## Message from Sarah...

It has been another busy half term and all the children have been exploring their Spring Topics such as the local area with some great models of local landmarks, 'People Who Help Us' which included a visit from a Fire Engine, Earth & Beyond including Space explorers, Mystery & Adventure and Myths & Magic which have been lots of fun. There have been visits to new indoor venues such as All Thrive in Leyland, which has had positive reviews from all staff, who said the children have loved it.

Staffing has been very difficult this term with lots of illness. Thank you for being so understanding when partial closures have been put in place. This is always my last resort but needed to keep the children safe 😊

### Family Liaison Officer

Hello, my name is Catherine Fairclough and I am the Family Liaison and Safeguarding Officer here at White Ash.

My role in school is to provide support, advice and information to the families within our school community.

I can help you with any worries you may have about your child's education and wellbeing and I am also here as someone to talk to if you need support yourself.



### School Vision Statement

This term we have focused on: **Try our best**

'We value each individual pupil and actively promote their efforts to achieve their next steps.'

### White Ash Staffing

- We would like to take this opportunity to send a big congratulations to Kayleigh (TA) on the birth of her baby girl Violet.
- We would also like to say a big congratulations on the weddings of Kirsty (EYFS Teacher) and TA Lisa L (Now P) who got married over the Christmas break.

BABY



### Acts of Kindness Week

(Linking to Children's Mental Health)

This week pupils and staff have been enjoying Acts of Kindness week and helping to spread extra joy and smiles throughout school. We had a Wellbeing breakfast and lots of other activities around school.



### HAF

Spring is on its way and so is HAF.

For more information on the next delivery period (Easter holidays) please visit the LCC HAF website.

Thank you!



### Attendance

#### Reporting a pupil absence

Please remember that if your child will be absent from school, you must report this absence so that your child's attendance record is updated.

All absences must be reported by 9:15am. Phone lines open at 8:00am, however, a message can also be left on the answerphone before this time.

You may also report via Dojo, but absence messages must be sent to the School Office Dojo, these will then be passed on to your child's teacher.

The Attendance Officer for the school, Julie Nolan, will follow up on any absences if no communication has been made by 9:15am.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



**Attendance contact details:**



School Office: 01254 235772



Dojo: School Office account

## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February we celebrated NSPCC Number Day. Our children took part in lots of fun, engaging and exciting number-based activities.

Some of these included: Singing silly number songs and using props, baking Number or Numicon biscuits and designing our own Maths t-shirts as part of our whole school competition.



Everyone had lots of fun!



## Website

Please log on and have a look at our Website.

We would love to hear your feedback! Take a look and let us know what you think!

[www.whiteash.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.whiteash.lancs.sch.uk)

## Facebook

We are also on Facebook! Why not give our page a 'like' to see what we have been up to?

Search for 'White Ash' on Facebook.



Help us make White Ash a cashless school!

Do you have a ParentPay account?

If not, give the office a call and we will send you your activation codes.

This will allow you to pay for all dinners, trips etc. online.



## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February we held Safer Internet Day in school. We talked about the dangers of AI and how to stay safe online. There is a Facebook page 'Wake up Wednesday' which provides a variety of information on online safety.



## Uniformly

We are now a part of Uniformly thanks to our ECO Club's "Wear it out. Don't throw it out" scheme.

You can browse our used preloved uniform by following the website:

<https://uniformly.co.uk> and searching 'Oswaldtwistle White Ash School'.

If you have questions, please contact Catherine to discuss.



## Car Park

We are continuing to have issues at drop off and collection times due to vehicles coming through the gate by following the car in front (tailgating). **This is causing a major risk to the safety of the children being collected.**

All cars entering the car park must ring the intercom to Reception. This will allow us to notify you if any spaces are available. If we are full, you will be asked to park on the road until a space becomes available.

**If parents continue to tailgate and enter the car park where there is no available space, we will have no alternative but to keep the gates closed.**

We appreciate your support with this matter.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (February – March)

13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for the Half Term break
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School reopens to all pupils
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Coffee Morning – Mothers Day
20 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 MFL Day
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Activities Day
27 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for the Easter break
13 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens to all pupils

## Hairdresser

Next date:



**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Letters can be sent on request to the school office.

## Thank you

Thank you to all Parents / Carers for taking the time to complete the Questionnaires that have been sent out. We really appreciate your feedback. Thank you!