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Christmas 2015

On behalf of the Councillors and Staff of Whetstone Parish Council, may we take this opportunity to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Carols Around The Tree

Monday 7th December 2015

The Co-op Store, Whetstone

* Refreshments from 6.30 pm

* Carol Service begins at 7 pm



A partnership between Churches Together in Whetstone,
Whetstone Parish Council, Badgerbrook and St. Peter's Schools

Father Christmas is coming to a road near you on

Mon 14 Foulds Lane, Vicarage Lane, Woodyard Lane
And Spinney Halt.

Tue 15 Attfield Drive.

Wed 16 Wright Close, Dog & Gun Estate & Coales Avenue.

Mon 21 Trinity Road, Brook Street & Burnham Drive.

Tue 22 Springwell Lane & Badgerbrook.





Badgerbrook Primary School

Our Year 1 pupils have been busy producing a spectacular Harvest Festival for their families and friends to enjoy. We had some wonderful 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrows' and a very clever scene where the children rearranged the Harvest letters to make other Harvest related words.



Year 1 classes collected Harvest items that have since been donated to the local food bank via Whetstone Baptist Church. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

During October and November all pupils have been helping to raise money for Loros with our 'Fitness in Schools' venture'. Our Friends of Badgerbrook held a Halloween bake sale where spooky donations were received and sold in aid of school funds.

Our school choir took part in the annual pet service at St Andrews Church in Leicester. This is a special service, where adults, children and animals all join together for some wonderful singing.

We have a Mad Hair Day planned to raise valuable resources for the Chocolate Tombola at our Christmas Fayre and a non uniform day where voluntary contributions will be sent off to Children In Need.

Here at Badgerbrook there is also an undercurrent of excitement bubbling surrounding Christmas. Our diaries are full of exciting events planned such as Year 2 and Foundation pupils Christmas performances. Our Christmas Lunch events and class parties are in the diary for every pupil. Our Choir will be singing Carols around the Christmas Tree in Whetstone on the 7th December 2015 and we have our very own Christmas Fayre run by Friends of Badgerbrook on Saturday 5th December 2015. Everyone is welcome. We will be supporting Christmas Jumper day in December too. From everyone here at Badgerbrook Primary school we would like to wish all readers a very special seasonal break and a Happy New Year.



St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

On Monday 12 October St Peter's was alive with the happy buzz of 50 year 5 and 6 children arriving for their residential trip to London.

The coach headed to the Natural History Museum, where there was so much to see the children's eyes were darting everywhere. Having left the museum, we then headed to St Paul's Cathedral, climbing to the Whispering Gallery to see spectacular views over London. **Tuesday** started with a walk across the Millennium Bridge and a visit to the Globe Theatre for a workshop on the Tempest by William Shakespeare, followed by the Science Museum where lots of interactive experiences were had. On **Wednesday** we watched the changing of the guards and lunch in St James Park. Then a river cruise before visiting the Tower of London with a blue badge guide who enthralled the children with his tales of the tower.

Thursday involved a thrilling visit to London Zoo which included a workshop on endangered species. Adults and children alike were shocked to see items seized by police. There were so many things to see at the zoo it was impossible to fit it all in, especially when we had an exciting evening ahead of us 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at the Drury Lane Theatre. One lady at the theatre came over to us to compliment all of the children's behaviour and to say how pretty the young ladies were. Pupils and staff couldn't believe it was **Friday**. After we had our last breakfast, we then

headed off to the Imperial War Museum. Again, this was a really moving experience, particularly the 'Family at War' section where children could sit in the Anderson Shelter and experience what it was like for Great Grandparents. Then a spin on the London Eye before climbing onto the bus finally homeward bound.



JUST A MINUTE

YOUR Parish Council usually meets every fourth Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Parish Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone. The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Parish Notice Boards. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend, whether you have a specific interest in an item on the agenda, or if you just wish to see Council in operation. Below are several extracts of general items of interest.

- Mr Dylan Smith and Mrs Nadina Kalsi were co opted onto Whetstone Parish Council following the local elections. Congratulations were given by Members.
- Issues were still being raised as to the inconsiderate parking on Warwick Road, during sports events this was an ongoing problem. Parking was also a problem outside the High Street Co Op, the Clerk tabled a consultation for consideration by Members regarding parking in the area.
- Cllr Terry Richardson attended the meeting as the new County Councillor for the area, he addressed the meeting and informed members of compulsory and enforcement methods that could be used in connection with the Wheatsheaf Public House.
- The Clerk had contacted the Chief Executive of the Leicestershire FA to come to the next meeting of Council so members concerns regarding the recent behavioural issues around the cup matches could be addressed.
- A presentation was given to members from the RCC regarding the "Good Neighbour Scheme" It was agreed that the Clerk enquire if the initial appraisal to see if it was needed in the village could be made prior to a full commitment from the Parish Council.
- A presentation and question and answer session was held with the Leicestershire FA, it was agreed that an ongoing dialogue be held to mitigate future problems.
- The Clerk made members aware of the tree vandalism on Warwick Road. But on a positive note thanks were given to the Groundsman for the work on both Back Lane meadows and also the hanging baskets around the village.
- The Clerk reported to members that following the theft of flowers from the village green the situation had escalated and the village green had been attacked with "some sort of weedkiller". The flowers had been removed and the soil treated to allow future bedding.
- Dave Palmer of Blaby and Whetstone Youth Club updated members on the activities taking place on Thursday and Friday nights in the Club. Community use of the Club on all nights was the aim of the club. Over 500 people use the club each week.
- Issues were raised regarding dog fouling around the Parish, this was ongoing and the Groundsman would be stencilling the appropriate areas.

The next three meetings of Council take place on 17th December 2015, 28th January and 25th February 2016. e-mail: office@whetstonepc.

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Whetstone Remembers



A dry but overcast day saw Whetstone remember the fallen. It was once again a tremendous turnout from the village with wreaths being laid in commemoration.

Many organisations were present and a large parade took place through the village encompassing groups who were all proudly displaying their flags.

Well done to all who took part.



CLERKS UPDATE

December 7th 2015 will see the annual Carols around the Christmas Tree take place at the Co-op. To tie in with this the Parish Council has installed the final fourth set of lights to the trees on the open space opposite the village sign and flower bed on Brook Street / High street. We will be illuminating the village sign in the Spring also. We are considering a solar powered option but need to ensure it is efficient. We have approved funding to purchase and install one or two defibrillators in the village and this will be completed once the right locations are found. We need easy access and an electricity supply to provide recharging and possible night time illumination.

This year has seen an increase in mindless graffiti around the village and through out the District. Tagging has no purpose other than self gratification, but causes upset for those whose properties are targeted and vandalised. We continue to report all graffiti to enable the Police to build a database, and when the tagger is caught, all other tags belonging to the perpetrator can be correctly added to the charges brought.

The staff have been busy this year with more fencing and tree and hedge work taking place on Back Lane Meadows which will be ready next summer to have seating, picnic tables and other furniture installed to allow the village to enjoy this maturing asset. The Community orchard was full of fruit this year and was hopefully appreciated by those that picked the fruit. The High Street car park has had some tree works completed and other works will continue into next year to make this a brighter and safer car park for residents and visitors to use.

New railings should be fitted next year to Trinity Road park and Oliver park, as well a formal path to the Toddler play area off the Dicken Car Park and also matting under the exercise equipment on Warwick Road Sports ground. The Dicken Car park will be locked soon as per the signage now installed. This is to stop overnight fly tipping which is a huge problem during the winter months with these long dark nights. We have to pick up the cost of this when it occurs and it is all funded from your precept. It is not our intention to lock the car park if there are cars parked on it and our Premises Officers will be sensitive should issues occur, especially with people parking and then walking their dogs on the park, or using the toddler play area.

The facilities at the Council offices are being improved for your continued benefit and ensuring they are future proofed for your enjoyment. Room hires continue to increase and return and referral bookings are on the increase. The Cemetery is continually maintained and we strive to ensure it is a place of safe haven and peacefulness.

The Deputy Clerk's Christmas Quiz

- 1. You're in a race and you overtake third place. What position are you in?**
 - a. Second.**
 - b. Third**
 - c. Fourth**
- 2. If you rearrange the letters CIFAIPC you will get the name of a kind of what?**
 - a. Country**
 - b. Animal**
 - c. City**
 - d. Ocean**
 - e. River**
- 3. If you only have one match inside a matchbox and enter a cold, dark room, in which there's an oil heater, and oil lamp and a candle, which do you light first?**
- 4. Which one of these five is least like the other four?**
 - a. Painting**
 - b. Statue**
 - c. Novel**
 - d. Flower**
 - e. Poem**
- 5. You drive a bus from Cheltenham with 43 people on board. You stop at Cardiff to pick up seven more people and drop off five passengers. At Edinburgh you drop off three passengers and pick up four more and eventually arrive at York 20 hours later. What's the name of the driver?**
- 6. Complete the sequence**
a ,z, b ,y, c, x, d, w, e ?
 - a. q**
 - b. h**
 - c. v.**
 - d. f**
- 7. The day before the day before yesterday is three days after Saturday. What day is it today?**
 - a. Monday**
 - b. Tuesday**
 - c. Wednesday**
 - d. Thursday**
 - e. Friday**
- 8. People climb me, cut me and burn me. My rings aren't made of gold but do tell my age. What am I?**
- 9. There are thirty nine letters in this sentence**
 - a. True**
 - b. False**

10. If a doctor gives you three pills and tells you to take a pill immediately and another every half an hour, how long before all the pills are taken ?

11. People is to Democracy as Wealthy is to...

- a. Oligarchy
- b. Plutocracy
- c. Monarchy



12. The letters in the word ABOUT are in alphabetical order

- a. True
- b. False

13. Although I have eyes, I cannot see. At one time there was a lack of me in Ireland and people starved to death. What am I?

14. Which word does not belong?

- a. Apple
- b. Marmalade
- c. Orange
- d. Cherry
- e. Grape



15. Mary's father has five daughters 1. Susan 2 Alice 3 Georgia 4 Tatiana. What is the fifth daughter's name?

16. Some say I'm rock. Some say I'm cheese and I lift and drop the sea. What am I?

17. Donald and Regan are married with four children, called Michael, Farley, Solomon and Larry. They've just had a baby girl and are picking the name. The choices are Tiffany and Allegra. Donald's brother, a piano teacher, tells them only one name would be correct if they want to follow family tradition. Which name is it?

18. I am an insect, and the first part of my name is another insect. A famous pop group had a name similar to mine. What am I?

19. What is the similarity between $2 + 2 = 5$ and your left hand?

20. How can you make the number seven even?



21. I am a married woman. John's son is my daughter's father. What is my relationship to John?

22. Two people were in a house. No one came in or went out, but then there were three people. What happened?

23. Which word is always spelt wrong?

24. A man walked through the woods with his dog and saw three cats, six wolf cubs, seven rabbits and thirteen squirrels. How many feet were there in total?

25. Which members of your family are defined by the crossword clue - Lainws

26. **A farmer had 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many live sheep did he have?**
27. **An electric train is travelling on a 200 mile journey from Swansea. It has 12 cars with a total of 230 passengers. The weather is overcast and damp, with a warm front approaching from the north. Which direction will the steam blow?**
28. **How might an American translate the phrase “H2O AUTUMN?”**
29. **David makes a bet with Sally that she can choose any name under the sun and he will use it in a song that she will recognise, with the original lyrics. Sally doesn't believe that he can do it, takes him up on the bet and loses. What song did David sing to win?**
30. **How much earth is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?**
31. **A man sees a snake slithering across the road and swerves to crush it with his tyres. All the street lights were off, as well as the cars headlights. There were no other lights on along the road. How did the man see the snake?**
32. **There's a red bungalow on a red street with red walls, tables and chairs. What colour is the staircase?**

Answers (no cheating !)

1. B third.
2. D Pacific Ocean.
3. The Match.
4. D Flower is the only object that isn't man made.
5. Whatever your name is.
6. C (v).
7. E Friday.
8. A tree.
9. A True.
10. An hour.
11. B Plutocracy.
12. B False.
13. Potato.
14. B Marmalade.
15. Mary.
16. The Moon.
17. Tiffany - all the names first syllables fit into the song do - Re - Mi.
18. A beetle.
19. Neither is right, two plus two equals five isn't right, or correct, and your left hand is not your right.
20. Take the 's' away.
21. Daughter in Law.
22. One of them was pregnant.
23. The word wrong.
24. Two - the rest have paws.
25. Your in laws.
26. Nine sheep.
27. There isn't any steam - it's an electric train.
28. Waterfall.
29. Happy Birthday.
30. None - it was a hole.
31. It was during the day.
32. It was a bungalow, no staircase.

How did you do

22-32 correct – congratulations super brain your IQ is off the charts. You are among the chosen few, destined for a stellar career and blessed with a stellar intellect.

12 – 21 not to worry. You are a mere mortal like the rest of us. Not stupid, but not an intellectual powerhouse either.

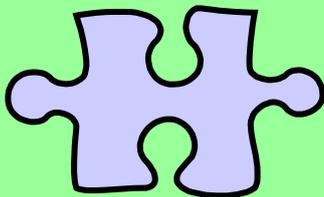
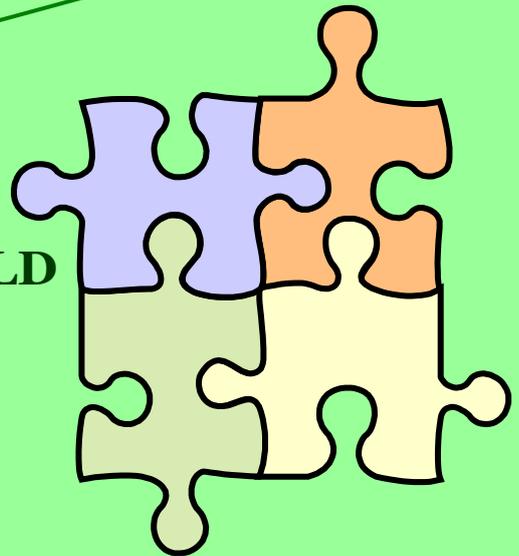
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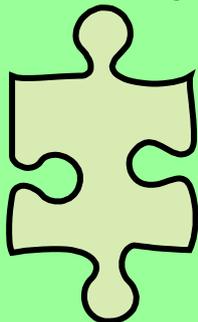


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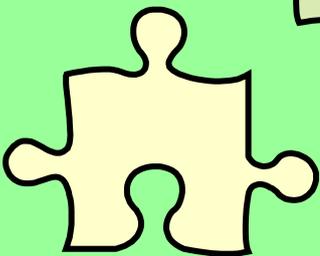
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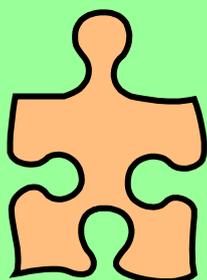
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