



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing with some lovely news this week. We are delighted to announce that Miss Simmons is expecting a baby. I am sure you will all join us in congratulating Miss Simmons at this exciting time of her life. I know that Year 6 children are particularly elated at the thought of a mini Miss Simmons coming into the world!



We hope all of you who granted permission for your child/children to take part in the Reception nativity play or the Key Stage 2 Carol Service have been able to access these performances and enjoy seeing your children perform. We do sincerely regret that the school have not been able to provide face-to-face performances again this year, but hope that you have still been able to enjoy seeing your child take part in an event this Christmas time. Let's hope that next year will be more positive and life can return to normal in time for next Christmas.

The children in Key Stage 1 have been to the church this week. Mr Johnson commented on their return that "*they had all sung beautifully and did the school proud!*" Well done to Key Stage 1, I hope you enjoyed your trip out of school to enjoy this special time at the church. We thank St Margaret's Church and Reverend Richard Suffern for a lovely service and for welcoming our children. As always Reverend Richard Suffern delivered an engaging and exciting service for our children.

On Wednesday, all the gifts donated to our Mission Christmas appeal were delivered safely to Bedson Beds for the Mission Christmas collection. A grand total of 64 presents were delivered to be enjoyed by children across Coventry and Warwickshire. I know that this appeal has been inundated with requests for presents this year for families and children most in need, so it is wonderful that Whitnash Primary has donated so generously to this worthy cause. To those of you who donated, thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Obviously, the national news is making us all a little nervous at the moment as we have little idea of what to expect when we return to school in the new year. Please rest assured that if your child is sent home to PCR test in the new year, or needs to isolate due to symptoms, schoolwork will be available on the school website for remote learning in the same way as it has been all this term. We would expect all work to be sent into your child's class account via email. However, we will endeavour to always send home your children's learning books if they are sent home to ensure that this work can be correctly completed. In the event of isolation due to being a close contact, we would expect children to continue with the work on the website if children are well enough to do so. Like most of you, we are doubtful that schools would be forced into a lock down situation again. However, if this were to happen the school would quickly adapt and ensure continuity and clear communication regarding the approach that will be taken.

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### Message from Headteacher continued ...

With regards to the catering situation for the new year. I had informed you all in a previous newsletter that we were working hard towards a solution to our mealtime issues. We are pleased to confirm that a catering unit has been ordered for Upper Key Stage 2 to enable hot plated meals to be served to the older children in their classrooms in the new year. Due to supply chain issues this is expected to arrive within the first few weeks of term so we can quickly implement the new arrangements for these plated meals. Further to this development, we have also ordered new tables which will enable the whole school to eat in the dining hall on a double rotation over the lunch hour in the future. These new tables are expected to arrive before Easter. This delay is not an issue, as due to COVID, reducing the capacity in the hall with the second serving station is the intended plan for the rest of this academic year.

We want to thank you all for all the support you have shown our school throughout this term. We fully appreciate that life is not easy for anyone currently, so we are grateful for the community support for Whitnash and the partnership we have with you all. We are looking forward to welcoming all back in the in new year, and hope like you all do, that 2022 treats all of us, and our children, kindly.



We want to wish you all a very safe, and merry Christmas.

With love from  
Mrs Ellison and our wonderful team!

## Maths Club

<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>
Hing Phoebe	Denis	Milly

### Breakfast Club Payments

Breakfast Club payments for Spring 1 term are now on Parent Pay.

### Friday Achievements

Friday achievements are posted on our website each week.

Please go to:

[www.whitnashprimaryschool.com](http://www.whitnashprimaryschool.com)



## Word Count

Class	TOTAL	Words read
Pine	181,801	13,079
Cedar	178,718	26,660
Maple	279,724	18,331
Sycamore	342,858	11,533
Juniper	95,663	14,748
Ash	2,837,038	133,721
Elm	4,451,682	452,366
Oak	6,470,116	30,224
TOTAL	14,837,600	700,662

So, word count winners this week are ...

**ELM**

What a total !!

A Certificate on its way to ELM - 4 Million!

Keep reading! Mrs Norris



## Achievements this Term

Holly	Joelle	It has been lovely to see Joelle's confidence grow over the course of the term. He has settled into school brilliantly and is such a kind and caring member of our class who has made lots of friends.
	Ilinca	She is such an enthusiastic learner who always tries her very best. Ilinca is such a friendly girl who loves working with her classmates. What a super start to school life at Whitnash!
Ivy	Ruby	Ruby is a joy to have in Ivy class. She always tries her best and works hard. She is kind and helpful and is a role model to her peers. She has had an amazing first term at school and we are so proud of you Ruby, Well Done!
	Austin	Austin has had a fantastic first term in Reception. Austin works hard and is always enthusiastic about his learning. He has made brilliant progress in all areas of his learning well Done Austin keep up the fantastic work!
Hazel	Jacob	Jacob has had a super first term in Year 1! He is working so hard with his handwriting and his reading and is always up for a challenge! He is growing in confidence and is trying really hard to listen carefully and follow adult instructions. We are so impressed with your positive learning attitude Jacob, keep up the fantastic work.
	Julia	We are so impressed with how hard Julia has been working this term. She is focused and determined and always listening carefully. Julia tries her hardest at everything she does and is always willing to help others. We are so impressed with how much progress she has made so far and her fantastic attitude towards learning. Julia, you are a super role model to others, keep up the great work!
Hawthorn	Rosie	Rosie has tried so hard this term in all her work, especially her writing. She is always so kind to her friends and is a role model to others. Well done Rosie!
	Beth	Beth has been working so hard this term in all her writing and reading. She is always enthusiastic with her work and shares great ideas with the class. I am so proud of how hard she has worked. Well done Beth!
Pine	Jonny	What a super first term in year 2. Jonny listens really well to instructions and follows them pretty much straight away. He has a real thirst for learning and likes to challenge himself - especially if it is maths! Keep up the great attitude to learning you have.
	Anna	For spending the first part of the year listening carefully to instructions and acting on them quickly. She listens carefully to new learning and applies it in her work. She is super smiley everyday and this is infectious. Keep smiling Anna.
Cedar	Hing	For an amazing start to the year. Yuen has learnt so much English and made so much progress in his reading, writing and maths already! He has made lots of friends and is a really wonderful addition to our class.
	Phoebe	For spending the first part of the year soaking up so much new learning. She listens so well to everything and applies it in her learning which means she has produced some amazing writing! She impresses me every day with her kind and friendly nature.
Maple	Aster	For trying really hard in her English hot write. Keep it up Aster!
	Harley	For showing real determination and hard work in all of his work. Well done Harley!
Sycamore	Lucas	Lucas has settled in so well to Year 3. He always puts 100% effort into his work and has made pleasing progress. He is also trying really hard to make good decisions and is learning how to regulate himself. I'm so proud of you Lucas!
	Andrei	Andrei is already a good reader but he has made excellent progress again this term. He has also tried really hard to improve the pace of his work, especially his writing. Keep it up Andrei!
Juniper	Mason	Well done Mason for an excellent transition into our school. The class is so happy to have you and you have already made so many friends. We don't know how we coped without your enthusiasm and humour before you joined!
	Jessica	Well done Jessica for your amazing big write this week. You are working so hard every day especially in your writing and it's really paying off. Reading your working is an absolute treat.
Ash	Lillie-Anne	Lillie-Anne, you have grown in confidence and always chat to Mrs Ford with so much respect and great humour. You are a fabulous member of our class and so well liked by all the other children.
	Rishi	You are a natural role-model, effortlessly displaying the social skills and learning behaviours that we all strive for. You are a real asset to our class and are truly appreciated by all.
Elm	Amélie	for the dedication she has shown towards her work. She has been ready for any challenge thrown at her and worked tirelessly to succeed. A very impressive start to life in Year 5.
	Gurdas	Gurdas has been quietly beaver away in every lesson this term. He tries to overcome any difficulty himself and strives to produce the best outcome possible. Excellent effort!!!
Oak	Summer	What a fabulous first term in Year 6! You have consistently worked hard in all areas and displayed a really positive attitude towards your learning! Well done Summer and keep it up!
	Ryan	Ryan, you are such a star! You have really worked hard during this first term of learning in Year 6 and you have produced some fabulous work - especially when writing! Keep it up and keep smiling!

## Showcasing your Child's Artwork

1st



Ewan

We are pleased to announce that Ewan is the winner of our Seasons Photography Competition. We were so impressed with how he had captured the light in his beautiful forest photo.

Well done Ewan—a special prize is in the post for you!

There were so many lovely entries and here are the runners up. These photos along with Ewan's photos and a few other children's pictures will be displayed at the East Lodge Gallery in Jephson Gardens throughout January.

Well done and thank you to all of you who entered.

2nd



Ewan



Billy

3rd



Amélie

## Runners Up

Raaj



Florence

JJ



JJ



Florence



Sophia



Elena



Elena



Irenosen

Reaghan



## Mission Christmas



We have now delivered our donated presents for Mission Christmas.

We would like to thank all our generous parents/carers who have donated such wonderful gifts.

**We donated a total of 63 gifts!!**

These gifts will be delivered to disadvantaged children in Coventry and Warwickshire, so they'll wake up to something under the tree on Christmas morning.

Thank you.



## Lost Property in Reception

We have a few items of lost property from the reception children including:

- 1 x black zip up hoodie - TU age 8 years
- 1 x grey zip up hoodie - Nutmeg age 3-4 years
- 1 x grey zip up hoodie - Primark age 6-7 years
- 3 x school jumpers with the Whitnash logo

Please remember to clearly name all items of clothing and do come and speak to a member of staff if you think any of these items belong to your child.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

The children have settled into school life brilliantly this term!

Mrs Jennings & Miss Russell



## Christmas Card Competition

Ruhika was chosen by the mayor as a winner of his Christmas card competition. He came into school to present her a book token.

Well done Ruhika



Community is important in terms of our sense of meaning and belonging. It can help us to feel connected to others around us. Examples of communities could include our family, our neighbourhood, or our religious community.

Try one, or both, of the activities throughout this week.

**What sort of communities do you feel a part of?** Have a go at writing some of these down.

**Now let's have a think about other communities that you may have heard of but do not know much about.** What do you think the benefits are of learning more about other communities? How could you connect with communities that you are not currently part of?

Class	Allocated PE day
Holly / Ivy	Thursday
Hazel / Hawthorn	Wednesday
Pine / Cedar	Tuesday & Wednesday
Maple / Sycamore	Maple - Monday Sycamore - Friday
Juniper	Monday & Friday
Ash / Elm	Ash - Monday Elm - Thursday
Oak	Friday



Thank you to everyone who has activated their Parent Pay account.

**Parent Pay is not only a system for paying in money, it is also our main source for communication with parents and carers and we would not want you to miss important information**

If you have not already done so can you please activate your Parent Pay account. You won't need to register a payment card and no bank details are requested. This is only asked for when you make a payment. However, you can pay cash at any store showing the PayPoint Logo.

For your nearest PayPoint store go to:  
<https://consumer.paypoint.com/>

Thank you for your co-operation.

### INSET DAYS

Thursday 2nd September 2021  
Friday 3rd September 2021  
Tuesday 4th January 2022  
Monday 28th February 2022  
Thursday 21st July 2022



### Don't let your child miss out on school milk after their 5th birthday

When your child turns 5, your child's supply of free milk finishes. However, if you would like to pay for your child to receive milk we have made arrangements with Cool Milk to supply milk at a subsidised cost.

#### What you need to do:

Visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) as soon as possible and select "Register your child for milk here", then follow the on-screen instructions to register and pay.



If your child is registered for Free School Meals (i.e. NOT the Universal Free School Meals) the school can continue to supply your child with free milk. Please let the office know if you wish this to continue.

Should you have any queries regarding your child's registration or milk supply in general, please do not hesitate to contact Cool Milk directly at [customerservices@coolmilk.com](mailto:customerservices@coolmilk.com).

### Holidays 2021/22

25.10.21 - 29.10.21	Half Term
20.12.21 - 01.01.22	Christmas Holiday
21.02.22 - 25.02.22	Half Term
11.04.22 - 22.04.22	Easter Holiday
02.05.22	May Day
30.05.22 - 03.06.22	Half Term
21.07.22	Summer Holidays

We are collecting Grow Tokens from Morrisons.



How you can help:

1. Download the MyMorrisons app.
2. Sign in or register and select Whitnash Primary School.
3. Scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping.
4. For every £10 spent you will receive a Grow Token to donate to our school.

We can then exchange the tokens for gardening equipment after the collection period.

# Help to pay your household bills

Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy and water bills?

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas, electricity or water bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence on

0800 408 1448 before  
10 December 2021.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/  
localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)



This support is provided by the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme and funded by the Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund

The Household Support fund can help households in need of support this winter



# Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship)

## Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.

Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/  
localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)  
Call: 0800 408 1448  
or 01926 359162



## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme December 2021



The HAF programme will be delivered in Warwickshire over the upcoming Christmas holiday period. There will be a programme of free face to face activities to include food, available for each qualifying child for up to four days over the two weeks of the December holidays. This provision will be available for take up from Monday 20th December to Friday 31st December 2021.

To qualify to access the HAF programme families must be in receipt of benefits tested free school meals. Parent/carers of all children who are currently registered have been sent a HAF code via text and e-mail from WCC (Warwickshire County Council). They can use this code to book activities direct with providers.

There is a wide range of activities available including multi-sports, arts and crafts, drama and equestrian. We also have some family days out available, which the whole family can attend together. Further information can be found by clicking the Christmas HAF activities link on the Children and Families homepage. More family days out will be added over the coming days.

Eligible families can see what activities are on in their local area in the [Warwickshire Directory](#)

In addition to the HAF programme The Local Welfare Scheme is offering support for families on benefits tested free school meals in the form of a supermarket voucher from voucher supplier Hugg. Vouchers will be issued automatically direct to families. More information can be found at [warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)

What's on ...

Please note that these dates are subject to change

## January 2022

4	Tuesday	DAY	INSET DAY— closed to pupils
5	Wednesday	DAY	Pupils back to school
11	Tuesday	1.30-10.00pm	Young Voices
24	Monday	DAY	School Photographer



Don't forget to pay for your child's Christmas lunch if they had one. You need your Parent Pay account to be activated. If you require further information, please speak to the office.

## Claim your free school meal today



- ✓ Get your child a tasty nutritious meal every day.
- ✓ Save over £400 a year and hours of time on making packed lunches.
- ✓ Our school gets over £1,300 for every registered pupil.

To find out if you are eligible go to:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals)

For menu information go to: [www.educaterers.co.uk](http://www.educaterers.co.uk)



## Lunch Menu - 03 January 2022

### Monday

Pork Sausages  
(v) Chinese Style Quorn Noodles  
(v) Jacket Potato  
(v) Strawberry Swiss Mousse  
Cheese, Crackers and Apple

### Tuesday

BBQ Chicken Fillet Wrap  
(v) Farmhouse Omelette  
(v) Jacket Potato  
Homemade Peach Melba Sponge with Raspberry Drizzle Icing

### Wednesday

Roast Pork or Gammon  
(v) Vegetarian Korma  
(v) Jacket Potato  
Apple Pie  
Ice Cream Tub

### Thursday

Pasta Bolognese  
(v) Cheese & Potato Pie  
(v) Jacket Potato  
Chocolate Mousse  
Homemade Cherry Cookie

### Friday

Crispy Fishcake  
(v) Pizza  
(v) Jacket Potato  
Homemade Chocolate Frosted Sponge

Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)