



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and all managed to enjoy the sunny days we had.

We have been really impressed with all our children this week for their successful return to school. Once again, they have all amazed us with their adaptability to the new routines. It has been a pleasure to see children interacting in their classes and enjoying the return to 'normal' classroom seating arrangements.

We were also delighted to see the joy on children's faces when they saw how their school has been transformed during the holidays. The children were astounded to see the new brightly painted corridors, colourful new furniture, and the staggering work their teachers have done to create inviting and welcoming classroom environments for them. We have always been proud of our school, but now feel that at last we are putting the cherries on the cake and now our school environment is reflecting our high standards and the ambition we have for Whitnash Primary. Watch this space for the next phases of our transformation.

We want to thank all parents for your cooperation and understanding regarding the return to school arrangements. We can't thank you all enough for your willingness to support the school measures. We know that any change takes time to embed and for us all to get used to things but, thanks to our wonderful partnership, the first week back has gone well. Successes include drop off and collection times, vigilance in keeping children off school who are unwell and parents seeking tests for their children when required - thank you!

We are anticipating some disruption from Monday 13th September due to the council's decision to undertake road works along Masters and Langley Road. This will mean that parents will be encouraged to park away from school, as parking may be limited and the road will be closed between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Hopefully works will be completed as quickly as possible to minimise school disruption. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

We want to welcome our new children and families to Whitnash. Our Reception children have had a super first week. Children have settled in extremely well. Well done Holly and Ivy class! Thank you to all the new parents who attended their first induction meeting, it is great to have you join our school and we are looking forward to working in close partnership with you all. We have also had many new children join us in other classes, all having settled in brilliantly. It is great to see our school with the highest numbers we have ever known at Whitnash - to date we have 307 pupils on our school register. This is double the number of pupils we had on roll when I first started here as the Headteacher!

The new term has started with new staff too! We welcome our 3 new teachers, Miss Hawkins in Year 3, Miss McDermott in Year 1 and Miss Lewandowski in Year 5. Already these wonderful teachers have settled into our school brilliantly and it has felt like they have always been part of the team! I am sure you will join in us in extending a warm, Whitnash welcome! We also welcome Mrs Thomas to our school. Mrs Thomas is working with us every morning to support our administrative work on school attendance. I know that Mrs Thomas already feels like a part of the office team! It is great to finally have an extended office personnel to support our growing school.

On other great news, we congratulate Mr Hitchins this week. Mr Hitchins has been promoted from his long held Assistant Head post to a Deputy Head position. A greater distribution of school leadership is expected through this change to support our growing school. Mr Hitchins will now have a wider responsibility for leading on 'Teaching and Learning' and will be working even more closely with Mrs Norris and Mrs Ford as our Curriculum Standards Leads for Key Stage 1 and 2.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Donna Ellison
Headteacher



Achievements this Week

Hazel – Odette

For having such a super start in Year 1. Odette has been trying so hard and listening really carefully. Well done, keep up the great work!

Hawthorn – Penelope

For settling in so well, making lots of friends and being really brave walking in on her own. Well done Penelope!

Pine – Niall

For having a fabulous first week and for settling into the class really well! Well done.

Cedar - Rufus

For an outstanding start to Year Two. For impressing me every day this week with all his skills and knowledge. What a great year he is going to have!

Maple – Oliver & Harley

For settling really well into their new school, trying hard with all of their work and being a great addition to the class!

Sycamore – Ansh

For settling really well into his new school and trying hard with all his work. Well done Ansh, we are proud of you, keep it up!

Juniper – Harry

For an excellent start to the year. Working really hard and challenging himself in both his Maths work and English work. Keep it up Harry!

Ash – Hing Yip

We want to give warm welcome to Hing Yip and his family. It is wonderful to have you in our school and class. Well done for a wonderful first week where you have settled in quickly, worked hard and already established new friendships.

Elm – Leanna

For quickly adapting to life in Year 5 and showing model behaviour.

Oak – Harley

Harley you have made a fantastic start to Year 6! We are so impressed by your helpful and positive attitude and you have put in 100% effort into your work this week! Well done!

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

SWIMMING

JUNIPER—Tuesdays

We are pleased to say that swimming lessons are starting again.

The first class to go is Juniper—Year 4. A letter has gone home today and Parent Pay has been set up for payments.



Breakfast Club & Tree Tops

Parent pay has now been set up for payment for Breakfast Club and Tree Tops.

Please remember that payment needs to be made in advance for each half term.

If you need a bar code printed to enable you to pay cash at any Pay Point, please contact the school office.

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Many thanks.



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 of just 22p per day.



What you need to do:

Visit 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.



When we connect with people, we can develop strong relationships. This can be with family, friends or the wider community. This can help our wellbeing by increasing feelings of happiness and self-worth.

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

How well do you know the people in your class?

Ask at least 3 different people questions today. Try to learn more about them, you might find you have lots in common, for example, similar taste in music or supporting the same sports team.

Make a plan for how you will connect to those around you.

For example, taking breaks from your work to speak to your friends or family, planning a game night, or asking more questions to those around you.

PARENT PAY

Thank you to everyone who has activated their Parent Pay account. Even though we have minor problems now and then, this continues to be an invaluable system which makes us able to process payment in a totally secure way.

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/>

Parent Pay activation details have been sent out to those who have not done this yet.

New Reception

Now your child has started school they have been added to the system and you will have received activation details. We ask that you activate your account as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation.

ROAD CLOSURE

Please note that Masters Road is closed between 9am and 3pm for road works.



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

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



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www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals



For menu information go to: www.educaterers.co.uk

Lunch Menu - 13th September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge	Organic Beef Grill in a Bun	Roast Chicken Joint	Organic Beef Lasagne	Breaded Fish Fingers
(v) Breadcrumbs Vegetable Fingers	(v) Cheesy Pasta Bake	(v) Vegetable Korma	(v) Veggie Hot Dog	(v) Pasta in Rich Tomato Sause
(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese	(v) Jacket Potato with Cheese
Chocolate Cracknel	Yoghurt Raisin Box	Beet Chocolate Cake	Orange Cookie	Fruit Muffin

Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)