



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

We want to thank parents again this week for their understanding when we have had positive cases of COVID, or when children have been unwell. Currently case numbers of COVID are low, but we do have two linked cases in a Reception class. Therefore, we have sent a message to our Reception parents in Holly class, to ask that parents LFT their children in this class daily for the next 7 days to help us keep control of any wider potential outbreak. We thank you ahead for your support.

We have been without a few members of staff this week due to illness. Two staff members have had COVID, including poor Mr Hitchins again. We have struggled to get supply cover for classes but have just about managed this week. As you know, these staff shortages do impact on the running of the school and place extra pressure. We again thank parents for their understanding.

We do ask that if parents have any individual issues relating to any complaint, that this is raised with the school so matters can be dealt with. We have had a few recent incidents, and during the pandemic, where the school has been discussed via social media. Often these comments are not always a fair representation of a situation, or the school, and can bring the school into disrepute. As you all know, we are a welcoming, supportive school and we always endeavour to resolve matters quickly when issues are raised.

We want to provide an update about the school meal arrangements mentioned in previous newsletters. As you know the school were purchasing a catering unit to enable hot plated meals to be served in upper Key Stage 2 without the need for children to come to the dining hall. This unit will arrive week beginning 7th February. Therefore, from the following week, or sooner if possible, we will resort to the use of this unit. Menus will remain the same, so there is no change for parents.



We want to remind Reception parents that there is an opportunity to join a 'Change Makers' workshop with your children after school on a Tuesday from next week. This session will be run by a 'Change Maker's facilitator. It is a really lovely opportunity to help children learn about healthy eating in a fun family-based way. We are hoping parents will sign up for this chance to take part in something on school site. This session is fully risk assessed and will

be conducted in a Covid secure way in the school hall for a small number of participants. If successful and parents sign up, we will run this session again next term for other year groups. If you haven't already, please return your letters if you want to come, or email the school office at [admin2324@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2324@welearn365.com).

We are sad to announce that Sarah Thomas from our school office has left this week. She has a new exciting promotion at another school, and we wish her all the best with her new post. She has been a wonderful support to our school at a time when we were so needy of the extra pairs of hands to support the attendance work in our school office. The school is seeking a replacement for this role, and we will keep you posted on the outcome. In the meantime, Mrs Miller and Miss Hall will be picking up attendance monitoring and recording again, alongside their many other hats! We appreciate your understanding if there are any subsequent issues with communication given the circumstances and will endeavour to get back to full office capacity as soon as possible.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Ellison, Headteacher.

*Thank you*

## Achievements this Week

### Holly – Jonah-Donte

For displaying super skills during our cookery session where we made oat and raisin cookies. Jonah independently stirred and combined the ingredients and rolled the mixture into four even balls. We are sure you enjoyed eating your cookies at home!

### Ivy – Omar

Omar has been working his socks off in phonics this week. He has been trying really hard with learning his sounds and having a go at reading and writing words. Well Done Omar!

### Hazel – Lacey

Lacey has such a super attitude towards her learning. She always tries her hardest and can be trusted to do the right thing. She has been trying really hard with her reading this week and has been confidently sounding out unknown words in her reading book. Well done Lacey, keep up the great work!

### Hawthorn – Billy

Billy has had a super start to this term. He has tried so hard with his writing about the Great Fire of London and knows lots of facts about it. Keep up the super work!

### Pine – Stefan

For always being ready to learn. You are a super role model for the class and school. Keep up the super attitude Stefan!

### Cedar – Florence

For effort in English lessons this week. She has been working really hard to make sure she produces lots of lovely work each lesson. Well done Florence! Keep it up!

### Maple – Koroush

For working really hard in maths and being an enthusiastic student in the lessons. Keep it up Koroush!

### Sycamore – Lucas P

Lucas has been trying so hard to improve his handwriting this week. Keep it up Lucas, you're doing brilliantly!

### Juniper – Sree Sarika

Well done Sree Sarika for coming back to school with a positive learning attitude. Sree Sarika goes above and beyond in all of her work, especially in her homework, which was a delight to mark. Keep up the good work.

### Ash – Corey

Corey, you have worked so hard this week. You have been really engaged in our learning and have achieved a lot. Keep going!

### Elm – Vivaan

For his consistently excellent approach towards his learning. Your work is of a very good standard. Keep it up!

### Oak – Remy

Well done for having an amazing attitude towards your learning this week! You have been trying really hard and putting in 100% effort - well done!

<b>22</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>
Thomas Lola Niall	Jessica Reaghan Jonah Carley	Irenonsen Stefan Natal	Ollie	Troy Sophie

# Well Done Hawthorn



This is what the classes will be cooking this term. I hope you have all been enjoying your children's cooking!

Date	Recipe	Class
10.01.22	Oat & Raisin Cookies	Holly
17.01.22	Cheese Pretzels	Pine
24.01.22	Lemon & Cumin Biscuits	Ivy
31.01.22	Pea & Feta Couscous	Hazel
07.02.22	Honey Tea Loaf	Hawthorn
14.02.22	Soda Bread & Herb Butter	Cedar
28.02.22	Rhubarb Crumble Shortbread	Maple
07.03.22	Provençal Tart	Elm
14.03.22	Double Chocolate Muffins	Juniper
21.03.22	Halloumi Parcels	Oak
28.03.22	Chocolate & Banana Bread & Butter Pudding	Sycamore
04.03.22	Stuffed Peppers	Ash



## Whitnash Art Exhibition

East Lodge, Jephson Gardens,  
Willes Road,  
Leamington Spa CV32  
4ER

We have arranged a  
special viewing of the  
Whitnash Exhibition at  
Jephson Gardens on

Saturday 15th January at 11am—1pm.

It will also be opening to the public on Wednesday 12th January 2022  
until Sunday 6th February 2022,  
10.30am—3.30pm.

The gallery is shut on Mondays and Tuesdays.

All visitors would be expected to follow national  
Covid guidance for public spaces.



## Ewan shows us his prize

Well done to Ewan who was the winner of  
the Seasons Photography Competition last  
year.

Here he is showing his prize.

Well done Ewan!





### Message from the Safer Neighbourhood Team

The local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has received complaints regarding vehicles being parked inconsiderately on the pavements, junctions and driveways around school drop-off and pick-up times. Members of the public have raised concerns that they have to walk on to the road and cannot view oncoming traffic when crossing the roads.

Whilst we appreciate the roads are narrow and parking is difficult you must also consider pedestrians, the use of pushchairs and mobility scooters on pavements.

**The SNT will be patrolling the area and offering advice before giving out parking tickets for vehicles causing an obstruction.**

Please park in a considerate manner. Always report incidents via 101 / [www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk) and only 999 in an emergency.

Whitnash Safer Neighbourhood Team  
01926 684248  
[whitnash.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:whitnash.snt@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Census Day**  
**Thursday 20th January 2022**

 **Penguin Lunch**

Fish Stars in the Frosty Night Sky

(v) Bannocks\* with Tomato Topping and Melted Cheese

Potato Wedges   
Baked Beans  
Frozen Peas - (we've unfrozen them!)

(v) Antarctic Sledging Biscuit or (v) Ice Cream

*Antarctica doesn't have a style of food as such, it isn't populated except by visitors who stay for a few months, there are no farms and nothing that you can eat grows in the harsh climate. Most provisions arrive in tins or are dried, bottled, salted or pickled.*

 \*Bannocks is a type of bread that is baked fresh.

### Money Owing

#### BREAKFAST & TREETOPS

If you have not done so already, can you please settle the Spring 1 payments.

**Please remember that payments for these clubs are payable in advance for each half term.**

#### DINNER MONEY

Please can you ensure that you pay for your child's school meals on a regular basis.

We have recently sent debt reminder letters out to parents whose account has substantial amount of debt. To enable your child to continue to have school dinners, please settle these amounts **as soon as possible**.

If you have any problems, please come and speak to the office.

### Do you live in an Orbit property?

Brunswick hub is holding a coffee morning at the Syndi Centre, Cottage Square Sydenham, Leamington Spa, CV31 1PT on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

If you would like more information please call the hub on 01926 422123.

Please come and join us between 10:00 and 12:00 where you will be able to meet your local team to discuss the following:

- Employment and benefit advice
- Foodbank/chilled foodbank/veg bags
- Dementia support
- Bereavement support
- Tenancy issues and property maintenance
- Debt and money advice



We will be serving free coffee and cake.



It's important to focus on our wellbeing during these colder nights and darker days. Winter can be a difficult time of year so to beat the winter blues, we need to nourish our bodies with warming foods, exercise, and have plenty of rest with a blanket and box set.

Try one, or both, of the below activities throughout this week:

1. **Write down 3 ways** you can take care of yourself during winter, share these ideas with your class or friends.
2. **Write down 3 ways** you can take care of someone else over winter.

#### **Useful links:**

Get Your Mind Plan - Every Mind Matters - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)),  
Staying mentally well this winter - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

### Apply for free school meals (FSM)

Meals are available free of charge to:

- ✓ all infant pupils (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) – known as universal FSM
- ✓ pupils who meet the free school meals eligibility criteria – known as benefits-related FSM

You can apply for benefits-related FSM at any time online  
[warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals)

#### Eligibility

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both, but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income assessed by HMRC to be no more than £16,190, providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

#### Reasons to apply

Even if your child is currently receiving free school meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you should still apply for benefits-related FSM if you think you may be eligible.

Doing so means that your child's school will be given extra funding for six years, which can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for your school.

Applying for benefits-related FSM also means you will be eligible to receive funding for the holiday periods from the **Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme**.

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

### Friday Achievements



Friday achievements are posted on our website each week.

Please go to:

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



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.



### 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

### INSET DAYS

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

What's on ...		Please note that these dates are subject to change	
<b>January 2022</b>			
18	Tuesday	3.30pm	KS1 SATS Parent Meeting
24	Monday	DAY	School Photographer
<b>February 2022</b>			
7-11	Week	Week	Internet Safety Week
8	Tuesday	DAY	Internet Safety Day
16	Wednesday	3.30-5.30pm	Parents Evening
17	Thursday	3.30-6.00pm	Parents Evening
18	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for Half-Term
21-25	Week	Week	Half-Term
28	Monday	DAY	INSET day - School Closed to pupils
<b>March 2022</b>			
3	Thursday	DAY	World Book Day

## Claim your free school meal today

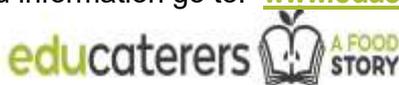


- ✓ Get your child a tasty nutritious meal every day.
- ✓ Save over £400 a year and hours of time on making packed lunches.
- ✓ Our school gets over £1,300 for every registered pupil.

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 - 17 January 2022

Penguin Lunch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza Wedge</b></p> <p>(v) Veggie Balls with Tomato Sause</p> <p>(v) Jacket Potato</p> <p>Chocolate Cracknel</p>	<p><b>Organic Beef Grill in a Bun</b></p> <p>(v) Cheesy Pasta Bake</p> <p>(v) Jacket Potato</p> <p>Jelly with Fruit Ice Cream Tub</p>	<p><b>Roast Chicken Joint</b></p> <p>(v) Quorn Fillet</p> <p>(v) Jacket Potato</p> <p>Syrup Sponge with Custard Zesty Orange Cookie</p>	<p><b>Fish Stars</b></p> <p>(v) Bannocks (Type of Bread) with Tomato Topping and Melted Cheese</p> <p>(v) Jacket Potato</p> <p>Antarctic Sledging Biscuit Ice Cream</p> 	<p><b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b></p> <p>(v) Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn Pasta</p> <p>(v) Jacket Potato</p> <p>Chocolate &amp; Pear Brownie Ice Cream Tub</p>

Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)