



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

What an amazing first week we have had back at school! The children have been exceptional!! The atmosphere in school has been so positive. The conduct and behaviour of each and every child in assembly and throughout the school day has demonstrated what a warm, safe and positive ethos has been embedded at Whitnash. Well done to each and every one of you - keep it up!

It was a real pleasure meeting with the 'Friends of Whitnash Primary' (FOWP) group this week. The 'Friends of Whitnash Primary' will replace the wording PTA, in the hope that this will make clear the community ethos our school is trying to achieve. They are keen to support our school over the course of this year, and so are keen to get as many of our parents involved as possible. In order to support this, they have arranged a welcome Coffee and Cake Morning (which sounds rather delicious!) on 13th September 9:00-10:00am. I know that I will be there with them to welcome new volunteers to 'Friends of Whitnash'. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this welcome event and I thank you all in advance for your support for our school.

I would like to apologise to some parents this week who have voiced some frustration with our Breakfast Club situation. As you are aware our school numbers have grown substantially over the last few years. With this we have tried hard to increase the staffing levels in our Breakfast Club to accommodate this rise in pupil numbers. However, we also have to be mindful and diligent about ensuring safety at all times, with correct adult/child ratios. Due to this, we have had to put a cap on the number of children we can safely accommodate.

Currently Breakfast Club is partly funded by Greggs. Greggs support this provision as part of their wider national initiative to support the welfare of children. We therefore have to ensure that there is a balance between offering this provision for the purpose it was intended, whilst also supporting our working families.

With us having to work within these parameters, this has led to some disappointment when places have not been offered. I want you to know that we fully appreciate the difficulty this causes for some working parents. We apologise for not being able to offer an immediate solution due to the complexities, but want to reassure all effected that we are in the process of trying to resolve this issue in a way that is sustainable moving forward.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Ellison, Headteacher



## **Whitnash Primary School needs a new parent governor just like YOU!**

School governors have a vital role to play in making sure all pupils at our school receive the highest possible standard of education and are enabled to achieve their full potential.

As a Parent Governor.....

- ◆ You will bring a parental view to the work of the governing body.
- ◆ You will be actively involved in making decisions affecting your child's school.
- ◆ You will be actively helping to make our school successful.
- ◆ You will be rewarded by knowing that you are making a real difference and doing something positive for the next generation.

If you would like to find out more about this vital role please contact Lorrie Cooper – Chair of Governors at [lorraine817@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine817@btinternet.com) or telephone 01926 496437

In addition Lorrie will arrange to be in school on Friday 14th September between 2.45pm - 3.30pm to answer any questions or meet with anyone who might be interested in find out more.

Alternatively leaflets explaining more about the role are available from the school office.

The closing date for expressions of interest is **Friday 21st September 2018.**

We really look forward to hearing from you.

# The Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you to all of the entries into the Extreme Reading Challenge. It looks like there was some real extreme reading taking place!

Here are some of the entries to enjoy!



## WATER BOTTLES



Please ensure that your child brings a filled water bottle with them each day. It is important that they keep themselves hydrated during the day.

Water bottles can be purchased from school at a cost of £1.50.

## Bring in your coats!

As the weather is now turning colder, please make sure your child comes to school with a coat as they will still play outside if it isn't raining.

## Uniform Reminder

- ◆ Long hair tied back—boys and girls.
- ◆ No nail varnish
- ◆ Suitable footwear—black shoes

**Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school.**

**Harvest Themed Assembly**  
**Friday 5th October 2018**  
**9.00am**

The children will be taking part in a Harvest Themed Assembly. All children are rehearsing some Harvest related songs in preparation.



A letter has gone home tonight with more information and also a request for donations for the local Food Bank for this assembly.

Please bring any donated food items in by **Wednesday 3rd October 2018.**

**After School Clubs**

A letter has gone home with every child this week detailing the clubs we have available, which are starting next week.

Please return any forms to the office by the end of next week. Once we have a list of names then a payment request link will be sent to you for payment as this is our preferred method. If, however, this is not an option for you, please hand the full amount into school, placed in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the club attending.

If you do not hear from us then please accept this as your child has obtained a place. We will only contact you if we have to put your child's name on a waiting list.

If we do not receive FULL payment by the end of next week then your child's name will be taken off the list and they will not be able to participate in the club.

**Dinner Payments**

If you would like to be sent up for online dinner payments please let the office know.

We would ask that payments for dinners are paid promptly so large debts are not incurred.



**Fr**  **ends**  
of Whitnash Primary

We are really excited to be launching this new group and are hoping to help Whitnash Primary go from strength to strength by holding lots of fun events over the year and raising those important extra funds. This year our target is **£4,000!**

Our first event is next Thursday when we will be having a coffee and cake morning in the hall from 9am -10am.

Come along, make some new friends and enjoy the refreshments that will be on sale.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Friends of Whitnash Diary		
Date	Time	Event
13.09.18	9.00am	Coffee and Cake Morning
20.09.18	3.15pm	FOWP Meeting at School
20.09.18	7.30pm	FOWP Meeting at Plough & Harrow Pub
25.10.18	TBA	Halloween Disco
14.12.18	TBA	Christmas Fair

**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](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).

**KS2—Tuck**

In years 3,4,5 and 6 children can purchase tuck from the kitchen. Money needs to be brought in each day and given over the counter when buying tuck. Please do not hand tuck money into school, children are to keep this with them until needed at break time.

Prices as follows:



- Juice 35p
- Fruit 35p
- Raisins 30p
- Toast 20p
- Crumpet 25p
- Tea Cake 25p
- Milkshake 45p



**School Meals**



As from September school meals are £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week.

Our online payment system will be set up for those who wish to pay directly online.



**Lunch Menu 10 September 2018**

**Monday**  
**Organic Pork Meatballs**  
 (v) Farmhouse Omelette  
 Jacket Potato  
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 Cheese, Crackers and Apple Wedge  
 Ice Cream Tub

**Tuesday**  
**Chicken Korma**  
 (v) Vegetarian Sausages  
 Jacket Potato  
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 Homemade Very Berry Muffin

**Wednesday**  
**Roast Beef in Gravy**  
 (v) Chinese Style Quorn Meatballs  
 Jacket Potato  
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 Homemade Granola Bar  
 Jelly & Peaches

**Thursday**  
**Cheesy BBQ Bacon Pasta**  
 (v) Margherita Pizza  
 Jacket Potato  
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 Homemade Syrup  
 Sponge with Custard

**Friday**  
**Seaside Fish Fillett**  
 (v) Roasted Vegetable Quiche  
 Jacket Potato  
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 Homemade Chocolate Flapjack

Jacket Potato: each day choose a filling from: Cheese, Tuna Mayonnaise or Cheese and Beans

**Everyday**

Bread and chilled water are available throughout lunch. Fresh fruit platters, organic yoghurts and rice pots are available as alternative desserts.

Fresh fruits and vegetables used are subject to seasonal variation.

(MSC) Certified Sustainable Seafood

A non meat dish is available daily



Please let your school cook know if you require a vegetarian meal on a day when one isn't shown. For more information about school meals go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

