



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with great regret today that we say a sad good bye to Miss Curran. Miss Curran is our longest serving member of staff and she has worked at Whitnash Primary for the last 15 years! Miss

Curran has been a teacher since 1990 and has taught many, many children over these years. She has always been a highly committed teacher, who has continually given her best for the children in her care. She will be greatly missed at Whitnash Primary School, where she has long-established relationships with our staff, families and the community. Miss Curran is off to work in a new exciting role with the local church, and we very much hope she will continue to have contact and involvement with our school. We are sure you will all join us in wishing Miss Curran the very best for the future, where we know she will thrive in her new adventure!

Many thanks Miss Curran—we will all miss you!

We welcome Miss Godfrey to Year 1 after half-term to work alongside Mrs Bowyer. Miss Godfrey has been working with her new team this week to get to know the children, liaise with the teachers and Miss Curran and plan for after the holiday. Whilst sad to see Miss Curran leave, the children have had a settled handover to their new teacher. We thank parents for their support and understanding of this change.

Mrs Reading is leaving our school office today to become a full-time Teaching Assistant in school from after half-term. We thank her for all she has done as our Office Assistant—you have been a star Mrs Reading, thank you!

Big thanks to everyone who has supported the Halloween event today! So much work and thought has been put into providing our children and community with a fun end of term. We thank everyone from the biscuits bakers to the parents helpers for their support. It is amazing to have such a dedicated group of parents willing to give up their time to help Whitnash Primary—thank you!

Wishing you all a great, spooky half-term!
Mrs Ellison - Headteacher

Half-Term

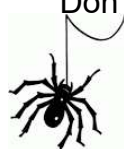
28 October 2019 -
3 November 2019

Children back at school
4th November 2019



Clocks Go Back

Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour this weekend!



Parents' Evening **NEW BOOKING SYSTEM**

We have a new booking system we are trying out for Parents' Evening. An email has been sent with details of how to use this new system. However, if you have not received this, a copy is on the home page of our website. You can also get a copy from the office.

Parents' Evening dates

Tuesday 12th November 2019
3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 14th November 2019
3.30-6.00pm



Keeping Safe on Halloween

On Halloween, lots of you will be heading out on the streets to trick or treat.

Here are some tips to help you enjoy trick or treating, while staying safe.

- * Make sure a responsible adult or guardian goes with you - it could be an older brother or sister if they're over 16.
- * Plan your route before you leave the house and make sure someone else knows where you are going.
- * Carry a torch and wear reflective or light-coloured clothing so you can be seen.
- * Stay close to home and if possible only visit the houses of people you know.
- * NEVER enter a stranger's home.
- * Stay on pavements and check carefully before crossing a road - especially if there's a large group of you.
- * Throw away any treats or sweets that have been opened or unwrapped.
- * If you are wearing a mask, make sure that you can see clearly out of it.
- * Make sure your costume is warm - it is almost November!



Mission Christmas is coming...

Free Radio launch their annual appeal on **Monday 11th November 2019.**

Help us join in and make this Christmas Day different!

It's a heart-breaking thought, but there are thousands of children who are in danger of waking up to no presents on Christmas Day. For some families Christmas is a luxury they just can't afford.

With your help Whitnash Primary School can contribute to this appeal and make a difference.

We will be taking donations of new and unwrapped gifts in our entrance hall again. Watch out for when Santa's sleigh arrives to help collect these gifts!



We are collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster, will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

Between 6th September and 3rd November 2019 you can collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store. Bring them into school to help fill up the school's poster for a chance to win.



Teddy Bear Hospital Takeover

Open to Reception to Year 2 children

The Warwick Medical School branch of the national organisation Teddy Bear Hospital is running an event on 16th November 2019. The aim is to communicate a healthy, sustainable lifestyle to the younger generation and provide them with tools to maintain and promote this lifestyle within their local community. They are a non profit group, and the event will run purely on funding and the help of their wonderful volunteers. All volunteers are Warwick medical school students and have a full DBS checks.

The event will be held at
Warwick Medical School
in the Medical Teaching Centre,
Coventry,
CV4 7AL

Drop off will be directly to the Medical Teaching Centre Building, anytime between 10:00am and 10.30am and pick up will be anytime between 2.30pm and 3:00pm.

Their information pack can be downloaded from our website:

www.whitnashprimaryschool.com/





Head Lice Alert

There have been several outbreaks of head lice in school recently. This can be a problem from time to time so please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and let us know as soon as possible if you think there is a problem.

Lice spread very quickly so check all the family's hair too. Head lice lotion is available on prescription from your health centre or clinic.

If you are unclear as to how to treat the condition we have some information in the school office. Alternatively, if you have access to the internet please go to www.chc.org.

Please ensure that children with long hair have it tied up at school to reduce the risk of Head Lice spreading.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10 November 2019

What is Remembrance?

Remembrance honours the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. They protect our way of life.



All about the poppy

The red poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and of hope, including hope for a positive future and a peaceful world.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale next week from the school office. Along with the usual paper poppies, there are reflectors, zip pulls, silicon wristbands and snap bands.

PLEASE ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT



82% activated. 48 pupils to go!

Please can you regularly check your Parent Pay account and pay any outstanding debts.

If you wish to pay for items by cash, you can request a bar code from the office and pay at your nearest PayPoint store, which can be found following this link:

<https://consumer.paypoint.com/>

If you need any help using Parent Pay, or any online service, we now have a laptop in school for parent's use.



Keep our school litter free!

Can we please make sure we keep the school grounds litter free for our children. The children are taught how to look after the environment and they also learn from example. If we can all remember to put our rubbish in a bin. If there is not a bin nearby, put it in your pocket or bag until you can find one.

Also if you see rubbish on the floor, please pick it up and put it in the nearest bin. Let us all do our bit to keep our environment tidy.



Rags 2 Riches

You should have received home a collection bag today. Please fill these bags with your unwanted items. The school gets 50p for every kilo collected.

Collection date:

From 6 to 13 November 2019

Items that **CAN** go in the bags

- ✓ Adult's and children's clothes
- ✓ Paired shoes and footwear
- ✓ Soft toys and unwanted gifts
- ✓ Bath and hand towels
- ✓ Belts and handbags
- ✓ Bedding and household linen

Items that **CANNOT** go in the bags

- X School uniform
- X Schools sports kit
- X Curtains
- X Pillows or duvets
- X Bric-a-brac
- X Books
- X Dirty, wet, ripped or soiled clothes

Thursday 21st November 2019
9.05-9.50am

Reception Stay, Play & Learn



Parents/Carers are invited to join us for a Stay, Play and Learn morning. For this session the focus will be on Writing, therefore many of the activities will be centred around writing. We hope that you will find the session useful and gain some ideas to help support your child at home with their writing. During the session your child will be free to choose any of the activities around the classroom, so please join in and support them. Please remember if you aren't able to make it, then you can always send along a grandparent or another relative instead. Learning journeys will be available to look at during the session.

What's on ...			Please note that these dates are subject to change
October 2019			
27	Sunday	2.00am	Clocks go back one hour
28-1 Nov	Week	Week	Half Term
November 2019			
4	Monday	8.55am	Pupils back to school - Autumn Term 2
4	Monday		Years 5/6 Bikeability
5	Tuesday	Lunch	Guy Fawkes Bonfire Lunch
10	Sunday	DAY	Remembrance Sunday
11	Monday		Years 5/6 Bikeability
12	Tuesday		Parents Evening 3.30-5.30
14	Thursday		Parents Evening 3.30-6.00
December 2019			
13	Friday	Day	Flu immunisations Rec-Year 6
13	Friday	3.30pm	Christmas Fair
18	Wednesday	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
20	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for Christmas
January 2020			
6	Monday	DAY	INSET day—closed to pupils
7	Tuesday	8.55am	Pupils back to school - Spring Term 1



Lunch Menu 4th November 2019



Guy Fawkes Bonfire Lunch

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Pork Meatballs (v) Quorn Korma Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Fruit Flapjack	Plotter's Roast Poultry (v) Veggie Hot Dog Jacket Potato ~ Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef (v) Broccoli and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Jacket Potato ~ Jam Tart and Custard Ice Cream Tub	Chicken Pie (v) BBQ Veggie Sausages Jacket Potato ~ Cheese, Crackers and Apple Carrot and Orange Cookie	Breaded Fish Fillet (v) Quorn Korma Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Vanilla Krispy Bar Ice Cream Tub

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

