



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

We wish our staff recovering at home from illness this week all the best, we hope you are feeling much better and wish you a speedy recovery. Whilst we only have 1 case of COVID in our staff, we do have many more suffering with flu or heavy seasonal colds. This has meant that the rest of the team have rallied again this week to keep our school operating smoothly and we want to say thank you their hard work, it is greatly appreciated.

Thinking ahead for Christmas, we want to set everyone expectations about what will be offered by our school this year. Having consulted with many other local schools this week, it is felt that Whitnash will also act on the side of caution again. Whilst it would be wonderful to return to normality and invite parents into school to watch performances, we know that this carries a risk that could jeopardise everyone's ability to have a safe Christmas with their loved ones.



Managing performances in a way to reduce this risk would mean that children would have to perform multiple times to restricted audiences and this also jeopardises the children's enjoyment of the experience.



Therefore, the Reception Nativity will be filmed for parents, and we have plans for a Carol service to be recorded for parents in Key Stage 2. We also intend to take Key Stage 1 to the local church for a service in the school day closer to Christmas. We will keep you posted and finalise our plans nearer the time.

In the spirit of environmental change, we have also decided to continue with the Class E-Card approach we adopted last year. Children will contribute a drawing and message for a joint class card to send to the other classes in school. These will be shared with parents on the school website too. This approach reduces waste, whilst still ensuring children can wish each other a wonderful Christmas.



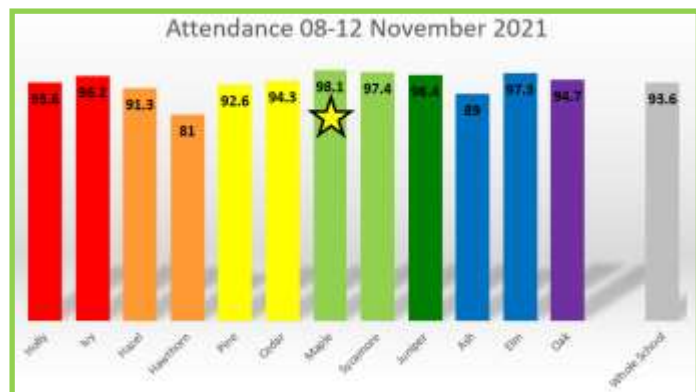
On the topic of the environment, we also want to raise awareness of the recently purchased Fruit bins on the playgrounds. The idea is that the fruit consumed in school is sent for composting, just like we do with the dinner waste. We want to remind children that these yellow bins are for fruit only. Keeping these bins free from other waste will really help ensure this waste can be composted.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Donna Ellison  
Headteacher



# Well done Maple



## Maths Club

22	33	55
Jonah AJ	Stefan Natan	Joel



### MY CHILD'S ART

Don't forget to order your Christmas cards or other illustrated gifts from 'My Child's Art'. These will only be available until the end of December 2021.

### Head Lice



We have a case of head lice in school.

Lice spread very quickly so please keep checking all the family's hair.

Head lice lotion is available on prescription from your health centre or clinic.

If you are unclear as to how to treat the condition please go to [www.chc.org](http://www.chc.org).

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



## Achievements this Week

### Holly – Jagoda

What a super counter you are! Jagoda made a number staircase using the cubes. She used some great maths language too including more and less.

### Ivy – Atharv

Atharv has really impressed us this week with his reading and writing. Atharv worked hard labelling the characters from the story No-Bot the Robot sounding out each one carefully. He even had a go at writing a sentence. This is fantastic! Well done Atharv we are really proud of you.

### Hazel – Tyler

Tyler has returned to school after several weeks off with a positive attitude to his learning. Well done Tyler, keep it up! We are pleased to have you back in school.

### Hawthorn – Hiba

For having a super first week at Whitnash, you have already completed some amazing writing! Keep up the super work!

### Pine – Jean Lilly

For some fantastic work with her phonics this week. She has been using them in her reading to sound out lots of new words - well done Jean, keep it up.

### Cedar – Hing Yuen

For an outstanding week where he has made such super progress in his reading, writing and maths! What a wonderful addition to Cedar class you are!

### Maple – Milly

For working really hard with her at home learning and returning to school keen to learn and socialise with friends. Well done Milly!

### Sycamore – Carley

Carley has such a positive attitude to her learning. She always gives 100% effort. Well done Carley. We are so proud of you!

### Juniper – Amelie

Well done Amelie for getting your pen licence this week! Excellent effort Amelie.

### Ash – Alessia-Catalina

For an amazing attitude to school and learning. You give 100% to every lesson every day.

### Elm – Amélie

For super work all week. Especially her contributions when talking about remembrance day. A superstar.

### Oak – Annabella

You have worked incredibly hard this week in all areas! You have really challenged yourself in Maths and you have also produced a fabulous drawing for your Remembrance Eye! Well done!

# Word Count

Class	TOTAL	Words read
Pine	87,195	6,689
Cedar	66,190	11,237
Maple	135,707	46,222
Sycamore	199,183	52,061
Juniper	19,716	1,351
Ash	1,633,772	259,344
Elm	2,456,577	256,871
Oak	4,743,741	529,368
TOTAL	9,342,081	1,135,967

So, word count winners this week are ...

**OAK**

What a total !!

A very close competition going on between Ash and Elm this week - very close indeed!

Keep reading! Mrs Norris



BBC

**Children  
in Need**

**Friday 19th November 2021**

Apologies for the incorrect date for this event.

**Friday 19th November** is a non-uniform day for pupils. They can dress up in yellow, bright, spotty clothes.

We ask for a voluntary contributions, which can be paid on your Parent Pay account.

We have already raised **£163** which is wonderful. Please go to your Parent Pay account to donate, or if you have not activated your account yet, please contact the school office for details.



Many thanks.

## **'Marble Keepy Uppy' Competition** **Winners**

What a lot of wonderful entries we had to our marble run competition! We had so many entries from children in across the school and they were all simply wonderful!!



Every single one has wowed and amazed the judging team and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

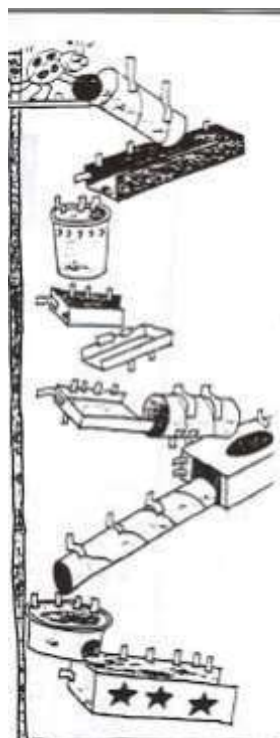
We could see you all put a significant amount of time and effort into testing, changing and improving your designs so that they were successful. Well done to all of you.

The final winners, all with marbles that kept rolling for **over 30 seconds**, and with a range of creative decorations and clever use of materials are:

Thomas Year 2  
Delia Year 2  
Grace Year 1

Well done to all of you - your prizes will be with your shortly and all entrants will get their certificates on Monday.

Winners recordings will be available to see on our website:  
[whitnashprimaryschool.com](http://whitnashprimaryschool.com)







### Calendar on our Website

Please note that events and important dates are now being entered onto the 'Parent Calendar' on our website:

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

# Hazel Make Cheesy Bonfire Bread





# Pine and Cedar demonstrating COLLABORATION

In their classes, Pine and Cedar were demonstrating one of the school learning behaviours - COLLABORATION.

They worked together to create a class picture. They had to discuss and make decisions with the other members of the class to create a unique piece of art and we are thrilled with the results.

The children told us that they were very proud to have worked so well as a class and produced such a lovey piece of art.

It has the WOW factor!



Pine

These are  
absolutely  
wonderful.

Well done Year 2

Cedar





# Remembrance Sunday Sunday 14 November 2021



## 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.

## What is Remembrance?

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



## Holly & Ivy Paint Poppys

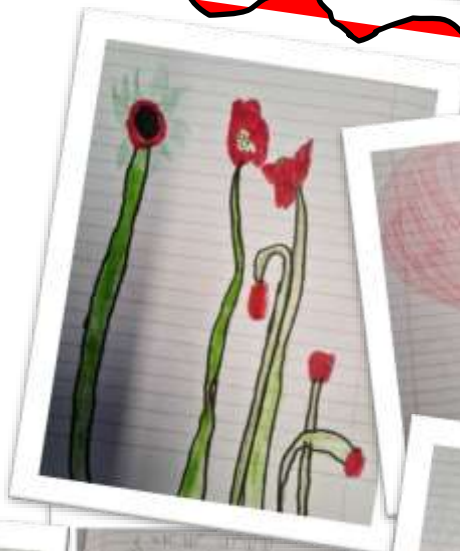


Holly & Ivy used different sized lids to print with and then added their own stems and leaves using a paintbrush.

## Ash Pupils show they care


On remembrance day, Ash Class watched a 'photo Montage' video showing images of war and of veterans from WW1 to the present day. After this the class had a long-and very thoughtful-discussion about remembrance.

Later, Mrs Ford was presented with these independent responses - produced in the lunchtime scribble books! Despite being in rough books, they show amazing thought and care from the children's hearts...We simply had to share!





This is what the classes will be cooking for the remainder of the year. I hope you have all been enjoying your children's cooking so far!

15/11/21	Choc Pear Pudding	Sycamore
22/11/21	Pizza	Hawthorn
29/11/21	Peach Cobbler	Hazel
06/12/21	Moroccan Salad	Juniper
13/12/21	Christmas Pudding	Reward TBA 



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/>

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.

### **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.



## MHST tips for wellness

# Movement

During the winter months it gets darker and we don't always want to engage in physical activity, especially if it involves going outside. Being active, even when we don't want to, can help our mental health.

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

Each day this week just before breaktime, do five exercise moves (you can sit or stand for this). This can be anything such as five star jumps, five squats or five arm curls. This can be fun for the whole class, including teachers.

It is important to try and add simple things to our daily routine to improve our mental health. Each day this week spend five minutes doing an extra physical activity. It can be as simple as a 5 minute dance party or 5 minutes of jumping as high as you can. Try to keep this going beyond this week.



## Calling all young swimmers

Leamington swimming club is running a free taster session for children in years 3, 4 and 5.

Come along and experience a lesson with one of the Warwickshire's top swimming clubs, to include stroke technique, diving and racing skills.

**Sunday 5th December at Newbold Comyn**

**1 to 2pm for year 5**

**2 to 3pm for years 3 and 4**

Please e-mail [treasurer@swimleamington.org](mailto:treasurer@swimleamington.org) before 20 November to reserve a place, detailing child's name, date of birth and current stage of swimming.



Note. Swimmers must be in stage 4 or above in their current lessons



Please meet our Volunteer Parent Champions for  
Warwick District Children and Family Centres



Sophie 07925 349151



Debbie 07564 055843



Catherine 07925 349142

We can help you find out  
more about childcare in  
your local area.

We can chat to you about  
everything on offer at your  
local Children & Family  
Centre.

Parents offering  
experience and  
local knowledge

We can give you details of who to contact  
for help with; housing, finance, parenting  
and many other issues.

Our Parent Champions are Barnardo's Volunteers who have received training and have lots of local knowledge about support and activities available in the Warwick District Area.

You can contact the Parent Champions by text to ask a question, find out information or arrange to speak with them directly.

Please allow time for our Parent Champions to respond to you as they are volunteers and may not pick up your message immediately.

Lillington Children and Family Centre, Mason Avenue, Leamington Spa CV32 7QE  
Kingsway Children and Family Centre, Baker Avenue, Leamington Spa CV31 3HB  
Westgate Children and Family Centre, Bowling Green Street Warwick CV34 4DD

What's on ...			Please note that these dates are subject to change
<b>November 2021</b>			
14	Sunday	Day	Remembrance Day
15-19	Week	Week	Anti-Bullying Week
15	Monday	Day	Rags to Riches Collection
19	Friday	Day	Children In Need - Non-Uniform
22-26	Week	Week	Road Safety Week
23	Tuesday	Tba	KS2 SATS Parents Evening
24	Wednesday	9.15-9.45/9.45-10.15	Holly and Ivy Road Safety Sessions
<b>December 2021</b>			
3	Friday	Day	Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper - Donations to Christmas Raffle
7	Tuesday	Day	Flu Vaccinations
10	Friday	10am-2pm	Visit from the Reindeer
10	Friday	PM	Christmas Fayre
15	Wednesday	12pm	Christmas Lunch
17	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for Christmas

## 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 - 15 November 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza Wedge	Organic Beef Grill in a Bun	Roast Chicken Joint	Beef & Tomato Fusilli	Breaded Fish Fingers
(v) Veggie Balls with Tomato Sauce	(v) Cheesy Pasta Bake	(v) Quorn Fillet	(v) Veggie Hot Dog	(v) Broccoli & Sweetcorn Pasta
(v) Jacket Potato	(v) Jacket Potato	(v) Jacket Potato	(v) Jacket Potato	(v) Jacket Potato
Chocolate Cracknel	Jelly with Fruit Ice Cream Tub	Syrup Sponge with Custard Zesty Orange Cookie	Homemade Shortbread	Chocolate & Pear Brownie Ice Cream Tub

Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)