



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the course of this month, we have been embarking on all aspects of wellbeing and safety in the curriculum. Children have covered their annual Protective Behaviours sessions. In these lessons they have been taught to recognise safe and unsafe situations and who their trusted adults are that they can go to for support if they experience any of their 'early warning signs' related to feeling unsafe. They have also explored techniques for developing their emotional resilience.

Lessons during this month have also covered Fire Safety. Children have learnt how to keep their families safe at home, learnt how to recognise fire risks and dangers and how to contact the emergency services in the event of a fire. Children have also completed a fire safety poster for a competition. The winners will be selected today and the winning posters from each class will be made into a Whitnash fire safety calendar for 2022.



Anti-bullying Week has also been recognised during our wellbeing and safety month. The title of this learning this year has been 'One Kind Word'. Children have taken part in online assemblies provided by our school subscription to 'OneDay Creative', a learning resource platform. This anti-bullying focus has taught children about the importance of being kind, tolerant and patient with one another.

The well-being and safety month has concluded this week with a focus on road safety. In class children have been exploring road safety heroes in the community e.g., the police and ambulance services.

Holly and Ivy had a special visit from the Warwickshire Road Safety Team who provide a super, engaging session for our youngest children on road safety awareness, made even more engaging by their teddy bear mascot, 'Warwick the Bear'.



Year 1 and 4 had a special online activity provided by the Warwickshire Road Safety Team. Other year groups have had access to road safety assemblies. Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 have made their own high vis safety tags.

All this work and learning is contributing to the school achieving our Road Safety Champion award which is an ongoing piece of work. We thank Miss Brown for supporting the organisation of all this learning in her capacity of Personal, Social and Health Education Subject Leader.



On the topic of road safety, we have also had a safe travel to school audit undertaken today. The outcomes of this audit together with a detailed discussion with the auditor today, will help formulate an action plan for our school to raise the profile of safer and more active travel to school.

Continued ...

Headteacher's message continued ...

Please could we ask that all parents continue to encourage our children's punctuality. We have had an increasing number of children late to school.

This lateness can impact on children's learning, as often children can miss the vital start of their lessons. Lateness also adds up and counts negatively towards a child's overall attendance figure. We also urge parents whose child/children have requested to PCR to turn this around as quickly as possible. We know that results come back by the next morning for the majority of parents. I do appreciate that bookings can sometimes be difficult to make. However, in some cases parents are opting to keep their children home for 10 days rather than test or delaying the test until requested by school again. This is impacting children's attendance unnecessarily and effecting their learning even more. This is also potentially risking other children's and staff's health too as we are not able to identify a positive case quick enough.



On the subject of COVID, we are pleased to say (with our fingers tightly crossed) that our current rate of positive cases is very low. Whilst there is a high rate of testing being undertaken to check that seasonal illness is not COVID, things are looking relatively stable. We would like parents to continue act cautiously and test when requested as the spread of illness generally impacts pupils and staff attendance. We continue to experience staff shortages and are struggling like all schools to get any teacher supply cover. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Due to the relative success we are having with controlling any spread of the virus in school, we have taken the decision to merge playtime pods to ensure that children can play outside with a greater number of their friends. We will monitor this to see the impact and if things progress well, we will relax pods completely for outdoor play. Indoors children remain in their groups, as this is broadly typical of how schools have always managed classroom provision, even pre-COVID. We also know that the virus is more likely to be problematic in an indoor environment. All these measures are designed to support us to quickly and robustly track and trace contacts and reduce the spread so that we can keep as many pupils as possible in school. If you wish offer feedback on any of these decisions, please do not hesitate to contact us on ellison.d@welearn365.com.



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Donna Ellison, Headteacher

11	22	33	44	55
Arav	Denis Aniya Tyle Raisa Hing Yuen Jessica	Denis Jackson Delia Jasvin Rufus	Ruhika Daniel Anna	Jessica Adrian
66	77	99	Bronze	
Andrei Corey Jonny Joel	Fabian Toby Sinead	Alfie	Emily	



Word Count

Class	TOTAL	Words read
Pine	110,080	7,017
Cedar	104,551	18,596
Maple	220,000	79,158
Sycamore	282,720	44,844
Juniper	52,917	33,201
Ash	2,135,884	220,883
Elm	3,104,589	280,634
Oak	5,533,311	379,363
TOTAL	11,544,052	1,063,696

So, word count winners this week are ...

OAK

What a total !!

Well done to **ASH** and **ELM** who have both reached their next Millions - well done! Certificates are on their way.

Keep reading! Mrs Norris



Well done
Elm

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

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.

LATENESS

If your child is late can you please bring them to the main office, where you will need to sign them in and they need to pick their lunch.

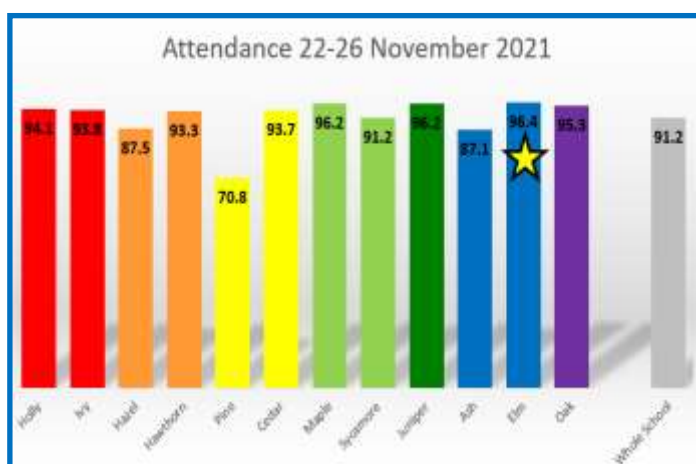
Every Minute Counts

The children need to be in the classroom by 8.55 to get a mark in the register. Children who arrive after this time will be marked late.

If a child arrives after 9.30am it will be recorded as unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Something to think about:

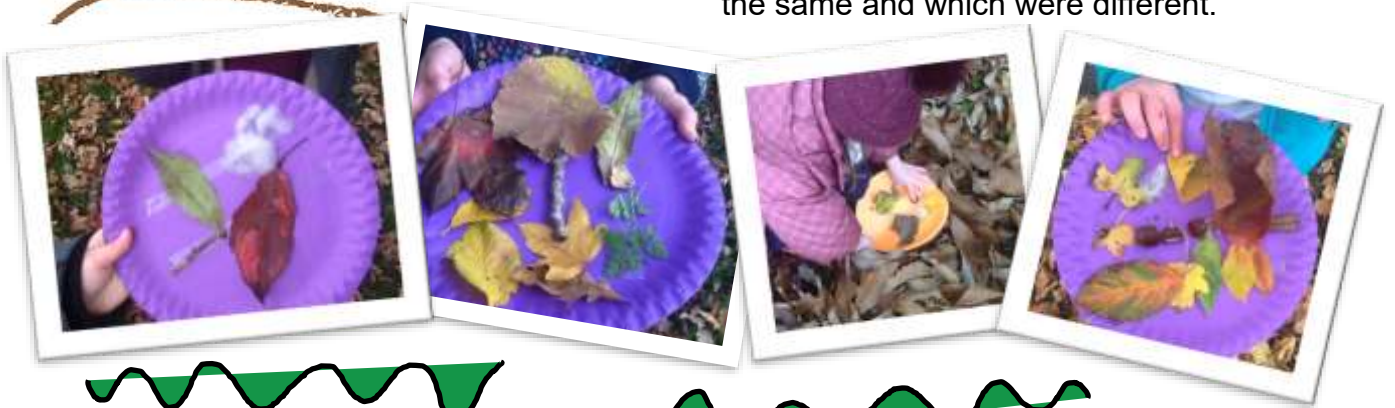
If your child is:	In a year, your child would lose:
5 minutes late	3 days of education
10 minutes late	6½ days of education
15 minutes late	10 days of education
20 minutes late	13 days of education





Hazel

Hazel enjoyed another forest school session this week. They each collected different natural materials to create a collage. They then looked at each others collages to identify which things were the same and which were different.



Ash

After playing emotions charades, the children searched forest school for emotion cards, which were pegged in the trees. They then made the emotions (emojis) using leaves, branches, twigs, stones etc.



The children LOVED it... a fabulous lesson.





Showcase your Child's Artwork



Don't forget to send in those wonderful photos

Capture an amazing Autumn or Winter artistic nature shot. Perhaps it could be a sunset, an image from a woodland walk, or a close-up of a frosty spider's web, the possibilities are endless!

Entries can be submitted to ellison.d@welearn365.com from Wednesday **1st December** with the closing date on Thursday **9th December**.



Christmas Lunch Wednesday 15th December 2021

This year our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 15th December 2021.

A letter will be coming home shortly detailing how to order your child's Christmas meal.



Due to the great success of this, we have organised two other collections. These are:

27th June 2022
14th November 2022

Don't forget to put these in your diary, so you can start sorting out any unwanted items in plenty of time.

Thinking of Christmas Presents?



Don't forget you can buy books written by two members of our staff. These are both available on Amazon.

Stuart Hennelly

Keep Out, Be Good, and Don't Come Near

Jacqueline Hall

Grandma's Magic Blanket

Book 1 - White
Book 2 - Yellow
Book 3 - Black
Book 4 - Blue
Book 5 - Pink
Daisy's Dream
Christmas Special
Daisy's WW2
Homework



Save the Planet

The Day They Cleaned
The Ocean
The Day They Saved
The Rainforest

Mr Hennelly and Miss Hall are happy to sign their books.




Maple become Archaeologists

This week maple class have been archaeologists and have taken part in an excavation of artefacts to find out more about the stone age





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!

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 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.

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.

Help to pay your household bills

Are you, or is anyone you know, struggling to pay energy and water bills?

If you or someone you know are struggling financially and unable to afford to pay their gas, electricity or water bill, please call the Local Welfare Scheme in confidence on

0800 408 1448 before
10 December 2021.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/
localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)



This support is provided by the
Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme and
funded by the Department for Work and
Pensions Household Support Fund

The Household
Support fund can
help households
in need of support
this winter



Do you need help to access food and manage your money?

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/facinghardship

Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme

The Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme helps the most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help.

It also administers the Household Support Fund, which provides one-off financial support for people in need as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic. It can help families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals facing hardship this winter, to ensure that they have the support they need to afford food, energy, water bills and associated costs. To enquire or apply call the Local Welfare Scheme.

Visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/
localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme)
Call: 0800 408 1448
or 01926 359182



Christingle Christmas Celebration

Join us Saturday 11 December to celebrate the birth of Jesus & stay for tea afterwards! It's free but there will be a collection for the Children's Society (childrenssociety.org.uk).

11 Dec 4:30pm Christingle service

19 Dec 4:30pm All age carols

24 Dec 6:30pm Christmas eve service

25 Dec 10:30am Christmas day service

Sundays 10:30am Sunday worship

Your family is welcome at any of our services!



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MHST MHST Tips For Wellbeing Bouncing Back

Bouncing back is an expression used when things start to improve after a period of time that hasn't felt positive. For example, someone feeling better after having an operation, or someone feeling much happier after a time of feeling low. The ability to bounce back helps us to improve our resilience.

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

Practice gratitude. Taking time to think about what we are grateful for can help us to bounce back from difficult situations in our lives. Have a go at writing down 5 things that you are grateful for in your life right now.

Take one step at a time. Bouncing back can take time, and you don't need to fix everything all at once. Have a think about one thing that you would like to work on in your life at the moment, and then write down all the people and/or resources you will need to make this happen.

What's on ...		Please note that these dates are subject to change	
December 2021			
3	Friday	Day	Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper - Donations to Christmas Raffle
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
January 2022			
4	Tuesday	DAY	INSET DAY— closed to pupils
5	Wednesday	DAY	Pupils back to school
11	Tuesday	1.30-10.00pm	Young Voices
24	Monday	DAY	School Photographer

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

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



Lunch Menu - 29 November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Organic Pork Meatballs	Sausage & Bacon Omelette	Roast Beef	Chicken Pie	Breaded Fish Fillet & Chips
(v) Vegetable Sausages	(v) Quorn Korma (very mild)	(v) Veggie Bolognese & Noodles	(v) Veggie Fingers	(v) Quorn Nuggets
(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
Flapjack	Homemade Sponge	Homemade Fruit Crumble Ice Cream	Up Beet Chocolate Cake	Dinky Doughnuts

Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)