



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers

We apologise for sending this Newsletter slightly late. As you will be aware from the previous newsletter, we had a new ICT server last week so our normal access to the internet and the school software was disrupted. What is pleasing is the new server was installed without issue and we are back up and working! The purpose of the change was to ensure the school is fully able to support the new Windows 10 software moving forward. We thank you for your cooperation. As promised, we are providing last week's newsletter today.

As to be expected, there are a lot of planned events coming up relating to Christmas. The dates for these events are on the back of this newsletter. The biggest change this year to bring to your attention is the Key Stage 2 performance. The decision has been taken to combine this event with the school Christmas Fair to reduce the amount of school commitments parents have this year, and to respond to the issue we now have with fitting our growing school into the local church for an evening performance. The Key Stage 2 'Carols by Candle Light' will be held at school this year on Friday 13th December, and will be supported by the Friends of Whitnash / PTA Christmas Fair. It is expected that all Key Stage 2 children attend. We are hoping that families will enjoy this very festive double event. A letter has been sent out today to explain, more fully, the rationale for the change and provide more specific details.



It was brought to my attention last week that there is a growing and persistent issue with dog mess on Masters and Langley Road. This has been reported by residents and the school to the council. They are investigating the installation of a sign to remind dog owners of their legal responsibility to pick up after their dogs. However, in the meantime we appeal to all local dog owners to take care to clean up after their furry friends. As we all know dog mess poses a risk to young children and it is important that we keep our streets clean.

On the matter of the council, we are pleased to inform you of a meeting we held at school today. This meeting was relating to the on-going issues posed by the traffic and parking on Masters and Langley Road. The meeting was attended by representatives of the council, and provided details of measures the council are planning to alleviate some of this issue. It was a very positive meeting and was a meaningful step forward. We continue to express our thanks to all of you for your efforts in recognising this issue and making safer choices when parking your cars and/or walking to school.



If you have been into school in recent days, you may well have noticed a new face at the school office window. We want to welcome Mr Aston to our school. Mr Aston has joined us and comes with a wealth of experience, both within a school office and from his career, which the school are delighted to be benefiting from. We are certain that you will all join us in welcoming Mr Aston to Whitnash Primary School. Mr Aston will be working with us on a Monday to Thursday, and replaces Mrs Reading in this capacity. We thank you all for your patience in recent weeks, where the efficiency of the office has been impacted.

Wishing you all a great week.

Mrs Ellison, Headteacher

Children's Academic Books

It is our school's intention that academic books will be sent home with children at the end of the year, or beginning of the new academic year.

Last year's books are being sent home this week from 2018/19. As you may be aware, a text has been sent out asking for parents to send their child into school with a carrier bag to enable this.

However, for the purposes of external inspection and curriculum auditing it is important for the school to retain some example books. If your child's books are selected for this purpose, you will be receive a letter to indicate this. It is the intention that these books will then be sent home at the end of the year.

Applying for Free School Meals

We have been informed by The Free Schools Meals team at the Local Authority that they no longer have the capacity to process paper applications and this manual method of applying is likely to result in a delay for parents to receive an outcome to their request.

Therefore, parents/carers now need to apply online using the following link
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
or by phone via the customer service centre on 01926 359189.

These methods of application are quick, easy and allow parents to utilise their existing account set up initially to apply for a school place.

Currently the nationwide scheme of 'Universal Free School Meals' means that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals, regardless of income or eligibility for benefits.

However, if you are in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance or Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) you are entitled to be placed on our Free School Meals register which means that the school receives extra money. The purpose of this extra money is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances. If you think you qualify for this, please apply using the details above.

We have a laptop in school for parents to use and if you need any assistant, we are there to help.

Why fork out for Free School Meals?

If your child is in primary school in Warwick district, you can check to see if you are getting your full entitlement by using the Warwickshire Welfare Rights Advice Service.

Get in touch with WWRAS

Email: info@wwras.org.uk

Phone: 02476372069

www.warwickdc.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

As the weather is now getting increasingly colder, please can you make sure your child has their coats, gloves and hats in school, as they will still play outside if it isn't raining.



Many thanks.

PLEASE ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT

82% activated. 46 pupils to go!

Please can you 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.



Attendance

Attendance - 18-22 November 2019



Christmas Meal

Wednesday 18th December 2019

All Christmas meals must be ordered by

Monday 9th December 2019.



Letters will be coming out this week via email/printed with the menu and the order form.

Please remember that if you do not order a Christmas lunch, your child will not be able to have a cooked lunch on this day and will need to bring in sandwiches from home.

Christmas Cards



Whitnash Post Service has started. Please post your cards in the post box by the school office.

If you need a list of children's first names in your child's class for Christmas cards, please ask your teacher for a list.

Non Uniform Day - Friday 6th December

It is a non uniform day on Friday 6th December in return for a donation to our Christmas Fair Tombola. Please can your child bring in a donation of bottles or sweet treats to help make our tombola a success.

Thank you!

Fairy Lights

Do you have any indoor or outdoor Fairy Lights we could borrow for one day to use at the Christmas Fair?

We want to make it as magical as possible for your children. If you can help please let the office know or email us at friendsofwhitnash@gmail.com



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Wreath Workshop. It went really well, everyone loved it and we made £125 profit for the school.



Calling all bakers!

We'd be really grateful for some extra donations for the cake stall at this year's Christmas Fair. If you will have time to rustle up some sweet treats for 13th December, please let us know via email: friendsofwhitnash@gmail.com



*Santa's sleigh
has arrived!*

Mission Christmas is here...

Help us join in with Free Radio 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 are now taking donations of new and unwrapped gifts in our entrance hall again. Santa's sleigh has arrived to help collect these gifts!

Save the Children.
100 YEARS

Christmas Fair
The Pump Rooms
Saturday 7 December
10am-4pm
Sunday 8 December
11am - 5pm
Admission Free

- * 60 Craft and Gift stalls * Christmas cards *
- * Giant Tombola * Raffle * Refreshments *

This year's Christmas Productions

Date	Day	Time	Production
11th December 2019	Wednesday	2.00pm	Reception
13th December 2019	Friday	4.00pm during the Christmas Fair	KS2—Years 3,4,5,6
16th December 2019	Monday	2.00pm	KS1—Years 1,2
17th December 2019	Tuesday	5.45pm	KS1—Years 1,2

What's on ...			Please note that these dates are subject to change
December 2019			
4	Wednesday	DAY	Music event
4	Wednesday	PM	Year 1 visit to St Margaret's Church
5	Thursday	3.30-5.00pm	Christmas Bingo
6	Friday	DAY	Non Uniform—Donation for Christmas tombola
9	Monday	DAY	Closing day to order Christmas Lunch
11	Wednesday	2.00pm	Reception Christmas Performance to Parents
13	Friday	Day	Flu immunisations Rec-Year 6
13	Friday	3.30pm	Christmas Fair to include KS2 concert
16	Monday	2.00pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
17	Tuesday	5.45pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
18	Wednesday	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
19	Thursday	9.00am	Visit to St Margaret's Church
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 02 December 2019

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Pork Sausages (v) Chinese Quorn with Noodles Jacket Potato ~ Strawberry Swirl Mousse Cheese, crackers & Apple	BBQ Chicken Fillet Wrap (v) Omelette Jacket Potato ~ Iced Mandarin Sponge	Roast Pork/ Gammon (v) Vegetable Toad in the Hole Jacket Potato ~ Fruit Crumble & Custard Ice Cream Tub	Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake (v) Cheese & Tomato Pizza Jacket Potato ~ Creamy Whip with Fruit in Juice Homemade Ginger Cookie	Salmon Fish Fillet (v) Not Too Spicy Vegetable Burrito Jacket Potato ~ Mini Doughnut

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/

