



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

As the Autumn Term 2020 closes and we look forward to the beginning of the new year, our school is full of pride for what has been accomplished under challenging circumstances. We are immensely proud of our children and what they have achieved so far this academic year. Despite having to adapt to a new way of working, and interruption to school created by lockdown, we are thoroughly impressed by the positive attitudes to learning, progress and exemplary behaviour around school. Well done children!

We are of course all looking forward to a more 'normal' 2021, but we want to reassure you all that no matter what happens, our school will continue to be ready to respond positively to whatever challenge we face. We have navigated and ridden a storm this year with you all on board, and we are humbled and blessed to be working in a school where there is such support from the parents, and dedication from our staff to ensure the best possible education and care for our children.

A letter was sent out via email earlier this week to inform all parents that the school will be continuing with the highly successful Quad Pod system. This approach to containing, tracking, tracing and pupil interactions has served us all very well so far. Our school is proud that only 16 pupils have been impacted by bubble closures resulting from positive COVID cases. We are keen to maintain this record as best as we possibly can, as we know keeping children safe in education is of the utmost importance. The Quad Pods will be adjusted slightly to refresh children's social interactions and ensure the pods respond to individual educational needs. We would welcome parents reminding children of this before their return to prevent any upset. We will be rearranging these pods again at Easter if the virus continues to impact our lives.

Please keep in touch via ellison.d@welearn365.com during the Christmas period if your child develops symptoms and/or tests positive. It is vital that school are informed as we may need to notify other families to help contain any spread. In particular it is vital school are informed of any positive tests or COVID symptoms this side of Christmas day. I will be checking emails daily to ensure that we are still actively doing all we can to keep you all safe. Also, if your child is experiencing symptoms or unwell before the return to school, please let us know.

We want to express our thanks to all parents who have shared their kind words and thanks to our staff. Whether you have shared a smile, expressed your thanks verbally or in a card or sent a gift to staff members - thank you!

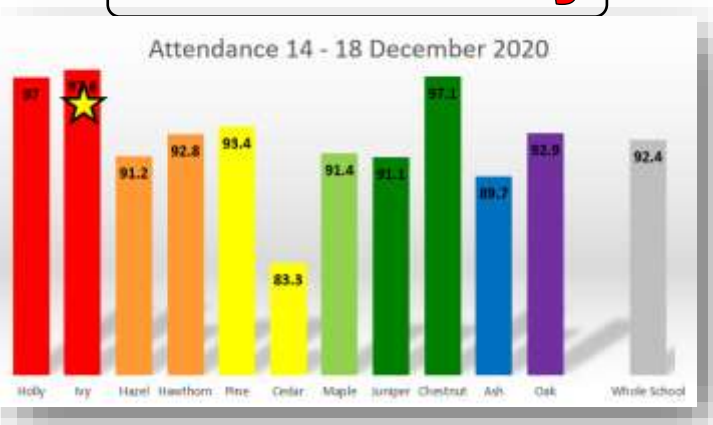
Please keep safe everyone, stick to the government guidance and have a safe and happy Christmas.

With best wishes.

Mrs Donna Ellison
Headteacher



Well Done Ivy



Happy Christmas
from
Whitnash Primary
School

Pupils back on Tuesday 5th January 2021

Word Count

Class	TOTAL	Words read this week
Hazel	3,365	+14,884
Pine	180,970	+19,120
Cedar	87,800	+8,889
Maple	399,768	+51,429
Juniper	2,429,719	+319,818
Chestnut	1,802,574	+129,700
Ash	5,025,236	+280,858
Oak	3,491,826	+286,010
TOTAL	13,421,258	1,083,379

So, the winners are.....**JUNIPER!** A fantastic total, well done! Another class has also achieved their next million words. Well done to **ASH** for reaching 5,000,000! Fantastic!

Support for families at Christmas | Warwickshire | Family Lives, WSHWBS

Warwickshire parents who need support with their child's health, wellbeing or behaviour can get help this Christmas.

www.compass-uk.org



We are aware that after a year of upheaval and uncertainty, lots of parents/carers are trying to support their children with issues including challenging behaviour, difficult emotions, sleep disorders and many others.

We would like to reiterate that help is available for Warwickshire families, and have posted this blog article

www.compass-uk.org/news/parents/help-at-christmas/

to inform parents/carers of how they can seek advice from our service and Family Lives, an organisation we are working with to provide a wider level of support. The article also contains useful websites, other local services and self-help resources.



Vivaan's winning poster in all it's glory outside St Margaret's Church!

The Family Support Line

The Family Support Line - 01926 412412 will continue to operate during the festive period offering advice, support and guidance for parents, carers and professionals.

Mon 21 December - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
 Tue 22 December - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
 Wed 23 December - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
 Thu 24 December - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Christmas Day - closed

Boxing Day - closed

Mon 28 December - closed

Tue 29 December - closed

Wed 30 December - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Thu 31 December - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Fri 1 January 2021 - closed

Mon 4 January 2021 - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

The team are planning a comprehensive range of parenting programmes for delivery during 2021 which will be advertised on the Warwickshire website and can be booked through Eventbrite:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/parenting-courses



What's on ...			Please note that these dates are subject to change
January 2021			
4	Monday	DAY	INSET—closed to pupils
5	Tuesday	DAY	Pupils back at school

Holidays 2020/21	
26.10.20 - 30.10.20	Half Term
21.12.20 - 01.01.21	Christmas Holiday
15.02.21 - 19.02.21	Half Term
02.04.21 - 16.04.21	Easter Holiday
03.05.21	May Day
31.05.21 - 04.06.21	Half Term
20.07.21	Summer Holidays

INSET DAYS
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 22nd February 2021
Wednesday 21st July 2021



Change of Contact Details

Please can you let the office know immediately if you change any emergency contact numbers or email addresses.

If you do change your email address, please do not forget to change it on Parent Pay as our system does not update the Parent Pay system.



Many thanks

PE Day!

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



Lunch Menu - Week 1 - 04 January 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fishy Friday
Tuna Mayo Sandwich Hot Dog (v) Veggie Hot Dog <small>(for vegetarians only)</small> (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese Cheese, Crackers and Apple Juice Carton	Turkey Soft Bap (v) Margarita Pizza (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese Iced Mandarin Sponge Milkshake	(v) Cheese Soft Bap Beef burger in a Bap (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese Ice Cream Tub Juice Carton	Cheese Sandwich Quorn Nuggets with Wedges (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (v) Veggie Fingers <small>(for vegetarians only)</small> Homemade Crunch Cookie Fresh Fruit Milkshake	(v) Pizza Fish Fillet Finger Bap Criss Cross Potatoes & Veg Sticks (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese Sticky Ginger Cake Fresh Fruit

All deli bags are served with either vegetable sticks or salad. Ketchup is offered with the hot bap of the day.

Please note that the colour of meal is the colour that is ordered with the kitchen.
Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)