



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We are hoping you all had a fabulous Christmas. The children have returned excited to tell us all about their Christmas holiday and the presents they received from Santa. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children and parents who gave myself and other staff gifts for Christmas. It was extremely kind and generous and greatly appreciated—thank you xx

The children have come back excited about the new year and have settled straight into their exciting learning activities. Year 3 for example have thoroughly enjoyed their first week with Bayleaf Cookery and their art lessons on their volcano topic, whilst Year 5 have enjoyed an introduction to their Tudor topic with a creation of a 3D Tudor banquet in art. Year 6 have investigated the human heart and the effect of exercise in their science lessons. The school is looking forward to further exciting curriculum developments as the year progresses.

The teachers had an INSET day on Monday focused on the development of reading provision at Whitnash. This day enabled us to explore lots of ideas about how we can take our reading curriculum from good to great. We are again looking forward to sharing this with you as 2019 gets underway.

Could I please offer a reminder to parents, carers and children about healthy school meals. Some lunchboxes continue to contain too many non-nutritious items without a sufficient balance. The school are not suggesting that a chocolate biscuit, along with a sandwich and fruit is any issue at all. However, it appears that some children's boxes are only containing sweet, snack like foods. For the importance of promoting health and well-being, I need to highlight that school cannot stand-by and let children consume all the content of these boxes, as it is not in their best interests. I hope parents and carers can acknowledge and appreciate our concern and we thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you all a wonder weekend,

Mrs Donna Ellison  
Headteacher

## This Week's Achievements

### Holly - Veer

Veer has had a great start to the term. He has been fantastic in PE this week – following and listening to instructions. Well done – keep it up!

### Ivy - Zaiden

For settling really well back into school routines after Christmas.

### Hazel - Amelie

For a great attitude to her work – always trying her best. Keep it up Amelie.

### Pine - Vlad

Vlad has been trying so hard with his reading. He has made brilliant progress since the start of year 2 and is thoroughly enjoying longer books such as A diary of a Wimpy Kid. Well done Vlad!

### Cedar - Maisie

For excellent effort in our reading sessions. Maisie always listens carefully and answers questions accurately. Well done Maisie.

### Maple – Finnley Shae

For outstanding attitude and approach to writing. Finnley goes above and beyond what is expected of him.

### Juniper – Jacques

For being very sensible and thoughtful during RE this week. Jacques was sensible in his responses and shared lots of useful information about events in peoples lives.

### Ash – Rose

For starting the term with the same magical enthusiasm! Your infectious personality and wonderful creativity are a joy each and every day!

### Oak – Esin

Well done for working really hard this week and trying your best. Keep it up!

### Tyler

You have worked extremely hard in Science this week – Well done and keep it up!

Attendance - 17-21 December 2018



Well Done Hazel

22	55	66
Isabelle	Harry Remy	Leighton



## Reception tell the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff

We have been learning to retell the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' using actions.



We have also been acting the story out in our role play Theatre.



## Hazel & Ash - Visit from the Fire Service Tuesday 15th January 2019

The aim of the visit is to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of fire safety behaviour and to provide them with survival skills in the event of a fire.

The sessions are delivered by firefighters from the local fire station and are interactive and use a variety of resources and visual aids. Pupil booklets are also left with staff at the end of the visit to enable follow up work and to reinforce the learning objectives of fire safety.

The fire safety education programme is for pupils in year 1 and year 5; the content of each session is designed to meet the needs of each age group.





# Book of the Week



## KS1 The Wishing Chair Collection

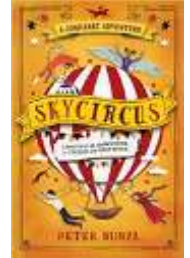
One of the adventures of the Wishing-Chair: When Mollie and Peter go to buy their mother a birthday present, they discover the most extraordinary thing: a chair that can fly and grant wishes! The Wishing-Chair takes them on some marvellous adventures – to a castle where they narrowly escape from a giant and rescue Binky the pixie, to the Land of Dreams, and to a disappearing island!

Short chapters and illustrations make The Wishing Chair Adventures perfect bedtime reading for children aged five and up. For grandparents and parents it is a chance to introduce Blyton to the next generation.



## KS2 SkyCircus

When a travelling skycircus arrives in Brackenbridge, Lily and Robert can't wait to step aboard... But there's something sinister about the hybrid children who appear as part of the act. And before Lily and Robert can do anything, they're captured by shadowy figures and whisked off in the mysterious flying circus to somewhere far, far away... Treachery, tight-ropes and trickery combine in this incredible third Coghart adventure...



# Maths Problem of the Week



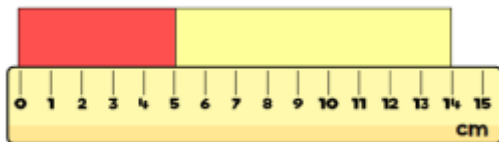
## KS1

- Apples are sold in bags of 5. Tim buys 6 bags of apples.  
Tim uses 8 apples to make a pie.

How many apples does Tim have left?



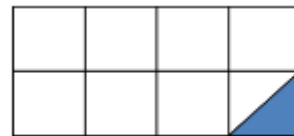
- Two strips of paper are placed end to end.  
How much longer is the yellow strip than the red strip?



## KS2

- Mo and his four friends eat a meal. They each pay for part of the meal: Mo pays £5.20. Each of his friends pay £3.80.  
How much did the meal cost in total?

- What fraction of the shape is shaded?



- A fish tank holds 30 litres of water. The fish tank is  $\frac{3}{5}$  full.  
How much more water is needed to fill the tank?



## IMPORTANT NOTICE SCHOOL UNIFORM

As from 12th February 2019 the Tesco School Uniform Embroidery service will close.

However, an alternative service has been set up called **My Clothing**. They will still support our school through its donation scheme.

<https://schooladmin.myclothing.com/#/uniform>



## \*\* IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\*

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Due to the high demand for Breakfast Club, and the funding for our FREE Breakfast Club coming to an end in the new year, we have to make a change to our Breakfast Club arrangements early in the new year.

We will still provide Breakfast Club. However, we will have little choice but to charge a fee per day.

A further letter will be sent in shortly with the details for implementation after February half-term.

Many thanks for your patience on this matter.





What's on ...			Please note that these dates are subject to change
<b>January 2019</b>			
15	Tuesday	DAY	Closing date for Reception 2109 applications
15	Tuesday	2pm	Hazel & Ash—Visit from the Fire Service
17	Thursday	Lunch	American Diner Lunch Menu
<b>February 2019</b>			
15	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for half term
18-22	Week	Week	Half Term
25	Monday	DAY	INSET day—school closed to pupils
26	Tuesday	DAY	Pupils back to school
<b>March 2019</b>			
1	Friday	DAY	Secondary places offered to parents/carers
<b>April 2019</b>			
12	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for Easter Holidays
15-26	2 Weeks	2 Weeks	Easter Holidays
16	Tuesday	DAY	Reception places offered to parents/carers
29	Monday	DAY	Pupils back to school
<b>May 2019</b>			
6	Monday	DAY	Bank Holiday
24	Friday	3.15pm	Break up for half term
27-31	Week	Week	Half term



## Lunch Menu 14 January 2019



<b>Monday</b> <b>Organic Beef Grill</b> (v) Vegetable & Lentil Korma Jacket Potato ~ Creamy Whip with Fruit Homemade Cookie
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<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Chicken Pie</b> (v) Vegetarian Hot Dog Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Fruit Muffin Traybake Ice Cream Tub
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<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Roast Pork/ Gammon</b> (v) Cheesy Pasta Bake Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Up Beet Chocolate Cake
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<b>Thursday</b> <b>Chicago Deep Pan</b> <b>Pizza-various topping</b> <b>inc (v)</b> <b>New York Hot Dog</b> Potato Wedges, Fresh Salad, Corn on the Cob ~ Jello with Fruit in Juice (v) Homemade Chocolate Brownie
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<b>Friday</b> <b>Seaside Fish</b> <b>Fillet</b> (v) Homemade Quiche Jacket Potato ~ Cheddar Cheese, Crackers & Apple Wedge Jelly with Peaches
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**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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

