



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Despite the ups and downs presented by COVID this half term has ended well. There has been plenty of exciting learning taking place, from children enjoying PE lessons supported by our new PE curriculum and PE facilitators to a monster ball and an Egyptian tomb.

The school are currently quickly developing plans to address issues relating to lunch provision. On our return to school after the October break we will be returning to a full hot menu for the winter. Some parents have flagged issues with some of the portion size of some of the Deli menu days, which we have been keen to address at the earliest opportunity.

We do know that food waste increases on the hot meal days, but we also know that many parents are keen to know that their children are eating a hot meal and more vegetables at school. It is therefore important that we work in partnership with you to encourage all children to eat their meals and try vegetables etc. We have talked in the recent Harvest assembly about the environmental cost of food waste and will continue to educate children about the importance to their health too. We would be grateful if parents can also continue to reinforce these important messages at home.



The return to full hot menus presents some difficulties. As you know from our previous correspondence on this topic, serving hot meals in classrooms is problematic. Transporting plated meals, dealings with clearing waste and dirty plates/cutlery from multiple classrooms around the school is logistically challenging and impractical. We therefore opted for the hot boxes for Years 3 to 6 to overcome this issue. However, the boxes carry quite a hefty cost, which we have only been able to manage not to pass that cost onto parents by balancing the meals with the Deli bags. If we abandon the Deli bags the costs of meals will have to increase. Given the economic climate we are keen to avoid passing extra expense onto our families.

A solution would be to have all children return to the hall to eat their meals. However, we are concerned that we are not able to seat the school in the hall, even with staggered lunch times. This is because we need to maintain the tight hygiene regime of thoroughly cleaning chairs and tables between each sitting. Our pupil numbers have grown in the last few years which also means that the lunch window is not long enough to accommodate the multiple seating times needed. We are also conscious that we do not want to mix year groups on mass in the hall given the precarious COVID situation. Therefore, another solution is needed.

We have decided to develop another serving station in Upper Key Stage 2 for school meals.

To do this we will need to purchase a new hotplate serving station so meals can be transported, along with equipment to allow us to centrally gather waste and dirty plates away from the hall. We are hopeful this will overcome the barriers we have described and allow us to return to the normal, plated meals many of you want for your children. This is not a quick solution. Therefore, for first 3 weeks we will move to full hot meals but serve in hot boxes for Year 3 to 6, and in the hall on plates for Reception to Year 2. The school will absorb the additional costs incurred temporarily until the new serving arrangement can begin.

Continued ...

Headteacher's message continued ...

With regard to wider COVID measures, the school will maintain pods for after half term and review fortnightly. Given the mass outbreaks in many other local schools, it is felt like we have a measure that can prevent mass disruption. We would welcome parents' opinion on this and happy to hear your views so feel free to email at ellison.d@welearn365.com if you wish to express your thoughts on the school's approach.



We know that Reception have had such a wonderful time this week with their Monster Ball. We hope you enjoy seeing what they got up to in the rest of this newsletter. Year 5 also got to enjoy cooking this week.

We were so impressed this week by the huge participation we had in the Halloween competition. We had 97 pumpkin entries and nearly 50 poems. This is the largest participation we have had in a competition in years, and it was great to see so many children getting involved. The efforts from all families and children were amazing. The pumpkins were so creative and the children had clearly spent a long time on them. The poems were also of a high standard and time was taken to write beautifully and with great imagination. Well done to you all! The winners and photos are included in this newsletter for you all to see.



We hope you all have a safe and restful half term.

Mrs Donna Ellison
Headteacher

Achievements this Week

Holly – Brooke

Wow Brooke what a super start to your phonics sessions you have made! You are trying really hard to correctly form letters, and you are great at sounding out and blending simple words when we use the magnetic letters and boards.

Ivy – Layla Rose

For making brilliant progress with her phonics learning. Layla has been working hard at home and at school on learning and practising her letter sounds. Well Done Layla!

Hazel – Jacob

Jacob has had a great week this week. He is trying really hard with his writing, keeping his letters small and sitting on the line. Well done Jacob, keep it up!

Hawthorn – Roman

Roman has been working so hard this week with his writing. He has been trying really hard to write an amazing autumn poem. Well done Roman.

Pine – Alfie

For a fantastic week! Alfie has worked hard to complete everything that has been asked of him and he has tried his best. Well done Alfie, keep it up!

Cedar – Denis

For outstanding effort in maths this week despite being poorly at the start of the week. Great focus and progress - Well done Denis.

Maple – Lillie

For trying really hard in all of her work and working well with all the other students! Especially completing a great non chron report in English.

Sycamore – Lucas

Lucas has produced an excellent non-fiction report about the Stone Age this week. He has worked incredibly hard and has shown great enthusiasm.

Juniper – Cassie

For returning to school with a positive attitude to learning and always trying her hardest. Cassie has demonstrated resilience, positivity and strength. Cassie's friends are delighted to have her back

Ash – Jasmine

Jasmin, you are a ray of sunshine in our classroom. You are always smiling and displaying a very positive attitude to your learning and to others. Thank you for being you!

Elm – Phoebe-Mae

For excellent efforts in maths and English. She has taken her role as school councillor very seriously which is recognised by her peers.

Oak – Lucas

Well done on a fabulous week of learning! You have put in 100% effort and produced great work! Keep it up!

11	22	33	44	55
Emeli Sienna- Rose	Amelia- Lily	Sabin Jack	Gursher	Leanna Hing Yip

66	88	99	Bronze
Freddie Sinead Zaynah Hing Yip	Maisie	Joshua Madison	Caitlin Andrei

**Maths
Club**



Word Count

Class	TOTAL	Words read
Pine	46,968	6,525
Cedar	42,519	4,392
Maple	70,439	34,662
Sycamore	104,094	32,909
Juniper	15,263	4,265
Ash	984,423	216,738
Elm	1,702,082	467,862
Oak	3,462,956	323,894
TOTAL	6,428,744	1,091,247

So, word count winners this week are ...

ELM

What a total !!

Keep reading! Mrs Norris



PLEASE NOTE

As from 1st November
Pine and Cedar will both
have PE on Tuesdays and
Wednesdays

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

'Marble Keepy Uppy' Competition

Can you be a winner?

All Whitnash Primary children are invited to take part in this STEM Science Competition. You can work alone or in a team to build a marble run which keeps a marble moving for as long as possible along a home built track. The device must keep a solid glass marble in continuous motion for as long as possible before reaching the floor.

Entries will be judged on:

- Length of time that the rolling marble takes to reach the ground.
- The creativity, originality and inventiveness of the design.

Design and make your marble run, then film it in action. Sadly, we can't allow all the marble runs into school for judging, so we would very much like to see videos of your marble run, filmed at home, but ensuring we can clearly time the run.

Please send your entries to sciencewpr@welearn365.com so that they can be judged.

Closing date is **Friday 12th November**.
Winners will be announced, and prizes awarded the following week.

A letter with ideas and support has been sent out, if you require further information please contact us on sciencewpr@welearn365.com

Good luck all you super scientists!





Spooky Competition RESULTS

Pumpkin winners

Eva - Reception
Billy - Year 1
Delia - Year 2
William - Year 3
Eloise - Year 4
Lillie-Anne - Year 5
Christos - year 6
Finnley-Shae - Year 6
Ryan - Year 6

Poetry Winners

Eduard - Reception
Jaxon - Year 1
Arav - Year 3
Sophie - Year 3
Olivia - Year 3
Florence - Year 4
Vlad - Year 5
Daro - Year 5
Rishi - Year 5
Joel - Year 6



Well Done
Everyone!



Holly & Ivy Have a MONSTER of a Time

Holly and Ivy children had a ROAR-SOME time at our monster party! They have really enjoyed the stories 'The Colour Monster,' 'The Worrysaurus,' and 'Monsters Not Allowed' this half term.



At the party they played monster themed dancing games, pin the eyes on the monster and even had a monster eyeball and spoon race! The party snacks, including the biscuits decorated in the morning, were soon gobbled up by our hungry little monsters.



School Admissions — Important Closing Dates

Senior School

The deadline for Year 6 2022 secondary school applications is **31st October 2021**.

If you do not get your applications by the deadline you will be less likely to be offered one of your preferred schools.

Families will need to submit their application through their home authority (who they pay their council tax to).

Reception 2022

Closing date for applications
15 January 2022

National Offer Day
19 April 2022

Deadline for accepting offer
3 May 2022

Warwickshire residents can find further information, as well as the link to submit their application through our online parent portal:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions



Persistence is about not giving up. This might mean not giving up on a skill you are trying to learn (for example, a dance move, or a football skill), or it might be related to school work (for example, asking for help when you are stuck instead of giving up). Being persistent can help us to achieve our goals, which can boost our self-esteem.

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

Think of a time when you faced a tricky situation and overcame it, or a time you achieved something you didn't think you could. Make a list of all the things that got you through this and remind yourself how great you are.

Think of a song, book, film scene or sports person, where the lyric, quote or scene inspires you. Perhaps you could write the quote down and keep it somewhere visible, or make a point of playing the song, watching the film, or reading the book.

Roman has made his very own axe based on stone age tools that we have been looking at in topic. He made the spear head from clay, the handle from peeling away bark from a stick and tied leather to join it all together.

Well done Roman, that is so good.



Wonderful 'Mode of Transport' homework from Maily



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.



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.



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

INSET DAYS

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 28th February 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

RISE Something exciting is coming to your school... #ThanksKids

Help us celebrate World Children's Day with a week full of activities hand-picked by us at RISE based on our values of Notice, Learn, Connect, Give and Be Active

Monday 15th November— Friday 19th November

Closer to the time, we will send your school a letter including an activity plan and resources for the week

The pictures below might give you some clues...



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!

01/11/21	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Oak
08/11/21	Cheesy Bonfire Bead	Hazel
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





RISE & Shine Fest

A festival for emotional wellbeing for children and young people across Coventry and Warwickshire

- Animal fun with the Horse and People Project
- Mindfulness work-outs
- Twitter take-overs
- Library Events
- Help and advice for young people
- Support for parents and carers

Click on the below link:
<https://coventry.com/ribe-shine-fest/>
 to see the full Festival Programme

October Half-Term
 25th - 30th October 2021



What's on ...			<i>Please note that these dates are subject to change</i>
October 2021			
25-29	Week	Week	Half Term
November 2021			
2	Tuesday	DAY	Health Assessments Rec and Year 6
3	Wednesday	3.30pm-5.30pm	Parents' Evening
4	Thursday	3.30pm-6.00pm	Parents' Evening
11	Thursday	Day	Remembrance Day
12	Friday	Day	Children In Need
15-19	Week	Week	Anti-Bullying Week
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

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 - 01 November 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausages	BBQ Chicken Fillet Wrap	Roast Pork or Gammon	Pasta Bolognese	Crispy Fishcake
(v) Chinese Style Quorn Noodles	(v) Farmhouse Omelette	(v) Vegetarian Korma	(v) Cheese & Potato Pie	(v) Pizza
(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
(v) Strawberry Swirl Mousse Cheese, Crackers and Apple	Homemade Iced Mandarin Sponge	Apple Pie Ice Cream Tub	Chocolate Mousse Homemade Crunch Cookie	Homemade Sticky Ginger Cake

Any vegetarian dishes are display with a (v)