



Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers

Reception have had fun today walking to the local Post Office to post their letters to Santa. They have enjoyed learning about how the post system works and have practised their writing and list making skills. We know the children are really excited about receiving their letter through the post from Father Christmas. The children all walked sensibly and showed their good manners - well done Reception. Thank you to Mrs Kaloghirou for supporting this little excursion.

Some Year 5 and 6 children have begun a special Art enrichment opportunity this week. They are working to produce Art for the Young Local Artists Exhibition at Warwick School early next year. The theme the school have chosen is 'birds'. The group began their first session with sketching birds and experimenting with their ideas. The groups seemed very enthusiastic about this project and enjoyed working with Mrs Gougeon.

Year 1 have visited the church this week to see Miss Curran in her new role. Miss Curran met the children and their teachers at St Margaret's Church and gave them a special talk and tour of the church. The children learnt about how Christian's worship and all about the features of a church. This means that when we visit again next week for our Carol Service the Year 1 children will have an even better understanding of the church and why Christian's go there at this special time of year.

As you are aware from the letter last week, we are intending to take all the children to the church on Thursday 19th December at 1:45pm for a Carol Service. I just want to remind all parents to return the permission slip so that we know you are happy for your children to attend.

On a similar note, all Flu Vaccination Forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible. We wouldn't want you to miss this opportunity for you to have your child vaccinated.

Don't forget our Christmas events begin next week with Reception's production and the Christmas Fair. In relation to the Christmas Fair we would be thoroughly grateful for willing volunteers to help set up and/or man a stall. Any help, no matter how small, will be welcomed. If you can help, please let us know in the office or speak to the members of the Friends of Whitnash / PTA.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Mrs Ellison - Headteacher

Achievements this Week

Holly – Anna

Anna always joins in our Guided Reading sessions with such enthusiasm. She has super ideas and enjoys sharing them in the group. Well done Anna!

Ivy – Sienna-Rose

Sienna did an amazing piece of writing this week. She sounded out the words independently and tried really hard with her letters. Well done Sienna-Rose!

Hazel – Lola-Mae

Lola has been working extremely hard in class. She has been able to remember so many features and facts about a church which we have been learning about in RE. Well done Lola!

Hawthorn – Whole Class

For super behaviour on our trip to the church. Well done Hawthorn class!

Pine – Kai

For always working so hard! Kai has been trying really hard with his handwriting too. Keep it up Kai!

Maple – Gurvi

For a brilliant report – written in a multi-modal style. Amazing work!

Sycamore – Ezekiel

For having a positive attitude towards his learning this week. Well done Zeke!

Juniper – Summer

For a great Big Write showing off her wonderful writing.

Ash – Kai

I am so proud of how well you have settled into Year 5 and how hard you are working! You are really putting 100% into your work – so keep it up! Well done!

Oak – Evie

For commitment to and achievement in her brass lessons.

Sickness

Public Health England (PHE) West Midlands has advised the council that in the last few weeks there has been an increase in outbreaks of diarrhoea and vomiting in the community in general.



Viral outbreaks of diarrhoea commonly referred to as norovirus is a common virus in the winter months which causes vomiting and diarrhoea. It spreads more easily in closed or semi-closed environments which mean that those attending schools are highly susceptible to the virus.

We would be very grateful for the support of parents in helping us reduce the spread of the infection. If your child has symptoms of diarrhoea and or vomiting, please keep them at home until at least 48 hours after they are symptom free. During this time, they should not mix with other children outside the home or visit local venues.

This has always been the case, but we are currently reviewing our Sickness Absence Policy to ensure that this is more clearly defined.

Please continue to inform the office in the morning, if your child is not going to be attending school that day.

Don't let your child miss out! Get your child to school on time.

Every Minute Counts

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your child's chances of success. Your child's SAT results could drop by one grade across all subjects.



If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could effect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.

What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure

Attendance

Attendance - 25-29 November 2019



Well Done Hazel

11	22	33	44	55
Ruhika Sam Maria Sofia	Troy Tillie Frankie Evelyn	Ameera Kyle Mika Ben	Kyle Corey Kai Daisy	Oliver Riley
66	77	88	Bronze	Silver
Dragos Darcy Andrei	Madison	Alessia- Catalina	Archie	Joseph



Act of Kindness

*Alana*Tia*Autumn*Wyatt*
*Leighton*Summer*Joel*



Maisie

Holly & Ivy Readers of the week

Libby & Ela

Temporary Cleaners Wanted

We are currently looking for two reliable individuals to carry out school cleaning at Whitnash Primary School.

10 - 15 Hours per week ~ Monday - Friday
Salary: £9.00 hour

You will be responsible for the Cleaning duties to achieve a high standard of cleanliness throughout the building.

We are looking for individuals who have the following:

- Excellent people skills and be a team player
- Passion for cleaning and customer service
- High standards and be quality driven
- Excellent organisational and communication skills
- A "can do" attitude

If you are interested please download an application form from our website:

www.whitnashprimaryschool.com/job-vacancies

Or contact the office on 01926 426773

Email: hall.j3@welearn365.com

Closing date: 12pm -16th December 2019

Interview date: 18th December 2019

Start date: Monday 6th January 2020

Everything Christmas

Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came along, you've raised another £40 for the school.

Raffle Tickets

We have lots of fantastic prizes up for grabs this Christmas, from lovely hampers to tickets for family days out and plenty in between!

You should have received a letter with two pages of raffle tickets to buy/sell. If you would like any more please ask at the school office or email us at friendsofwhitnash@gmail.com.

Stubs and money should be returned to the office in a clearly marked envelope by next Thursday 12th December. Please remember to write the name and contact number on the back of all stubs.

Tickets will also be available at the fair and winners announced at the end.



Cake!

We know there are some great bakers out there! We would be really grateful of any cake donations to sell at the fair. Please let the office know or contact us on the email above if you are able to contribute.

Volunteers needed

Please can you spare some time to help make this Christmas Fair a fantastic end to the year? All our volunteers are working really hard but we need extra people to help.

Can you spare a little time to help set up in the afternoon? Could you help run a stall for 30 minutes? Or stay a little longer to help clear away? All stalls will be closed during the carol singing part of the event so that everyone can be there to enjoy it. Please let us know if you can volunteer.

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.



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!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CHILD'S CHRISTMAS MEAL

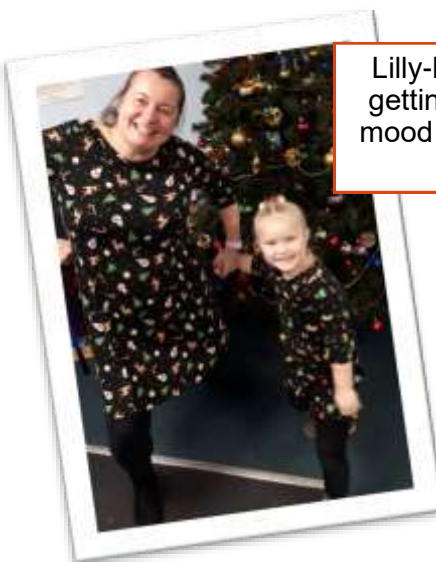


Christmas Meal

Wednesday 18th December 2019

All Christmas meals must be ordered by **Tuesday 10th December 2019.**

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.



Lilly-Mae and Miss Hall getting in the Christmas mood with their matching dresses!



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			
10	Tuesday	DAY	Closing day to order Christmas Lunch
10	Tuesday	2.00pm	Reception Dress Rehearsal –Grandparents
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	1.45pm	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 09 December 2019

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v) Vegan Country Bake Jacket Potato ~ Homemade Chocolate Cracknel	Beef Grill (v) Cheesy Pasta Bake Jacket Potato ~ Jelly with Fruit Ice Cream Tub	Roast Chicken (v) Mild Vegetable Korma Jacket Potato ~ Chocolate Cake with Hot Chocolate Sauce	Beef Chilli (v) Veggie Hot Dog Jacket Potato ~ Melting Moment Biscuit	Breaded Fish Fingers (v) Cheesy Tomato Risotto Jacket Potato ~ Fruit Muffin Ice Cream Tub

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

