



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another successful week at school with children responding brilliantly to the new arrangements. I have been able to visit each class, maintaining a social distance so not to breach our Quad Pods, and held an assembly with each class. We discussed their experiences during lock down, who they could talk to if they needed support and why the school is the way it is for now. Their level of understanding and maturity was astounding from Year 1 all the way to Year 6!

Homework Learning Logs have been sent out today with a letter about our normal homework arrangements. The menus can also be found on the school website under the 'Curriculum' tab, then 'Home Learning'. We will ensure that from next week, the website contains work that can be accessed by all children in the event of school absence due to COVID-19.



I want to thank parents this week for your understanding of what we are trying so hard to achieve at Whitnash during this COVID-19 pandemic. As you are aware the national R-rate is a continual battle for us all to contend with. Our ambition through our tight measures is that Whitnash will be able to remain open and we can consistently be able to maintain education for all pupils in school. However, to do this we need to ensure our Quad Pods remain as consistent as possible. In school this is working well, which provides us with the confidence that if a child tests positive, we will be able to track and trace their contacts in school easily. However to make this really meaningful it requires parents and school to be working together.

In the mornings we have had reports from residents and other parents, that children are not waiting with their parents. They are leaving their parents side and mixing with children that are not in their Quad Pod. This creates an issues as it is a point of transition for the virus. Whilst, I appreciate that school cannot influence what social arrangements are being made by families, the most ideal is that children socially distance wherever possible. We know that other schools and regions are having to close schools again due to teachers becoming infected and children testing positive. We are trying to ensure that this is not the outcome in our school. Please do all you can to support us in this mission.

Our greatest fear is that children are not socially distancing and our staff may become unwell. Whilst we know that the virus is mild in children or asymptomatic, we know that it is not necessarily the same for all adults. Please help us to protect our staff and your children's education.



We wish you all a safe weekend.

Kindest regards.

Mrs D Ellison  
Headteacher

## **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 of just 22p per day.



### **What you need to do:**

Visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://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](mailto:customerservices@coolmilk.com).

## **PARENT PAY**

Thank you to everyone who has activated their Parent Pay account. Even though we have minor problems now and then, this has proved to be an invaluable system which makes us able to process payment in a totally secure way.

**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**

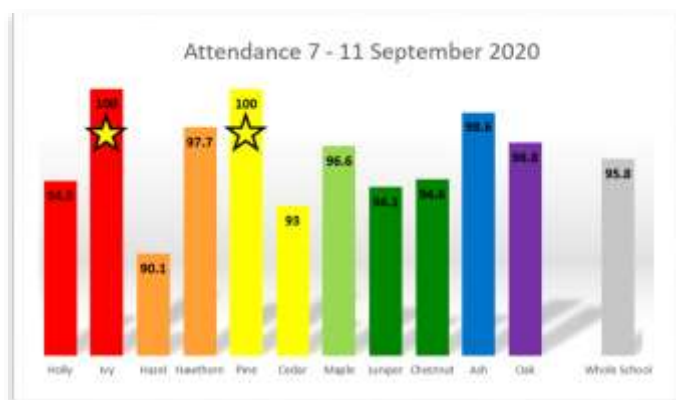
If you have not already done so can you please activate your Parent Pay account. You won't need to register a payment card and no bank details are requested. This is only asked for when you make a payment. However, you can pay cash at any store showing the PayPoint Logo.

If you need your Parent Pay activation details, please contact the school office.

### **New Reception**

You will now have received an email from us with your activation details. Please go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and activate your account.

## **Well Done Ivy & Pine**



## **Don't Forget your PE days!**

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



# Breakfast Club

If you have not had confirmation of a place in Breakfast Club, please **do not** send your child as, unfortunately they will be turned away.

If you do need Breakfast Club provision please speak to the office staff to see if we have any availability.

## Process in the morning dropping of your children

A video will shortly be placed on our Facebook page to explain the process of the morning drop off. This will be through the gates and at the side door where the steps are.



**Please ensure you have paid for August 1 half-term Breakfast Club by the end of Friday 11th September 2020.**



## HOLLY & IVY CLASSES

Thank you to those who have brought in your forms.

If you have not already done so, please can you bring in the following completed forms:

### **Admission form**

This form is very important as it contains information should be need it in an emergency. Also we need to know what allergies or dietary requirements your child may have.

### **Consent for the Recording and Use of Images**

We use a lot of photographs of children on our website and in newsletters to show parents what has been going on in school. Therefore, it is essential that we know if we have consent to use your child's photo.

### **Consent for Data Sharing with Third Parties**

In order to enhance and improve our pupils' educational experience, we share personal information with external web-based learning resources. In order for us to continue to do this, we need you to read and sign this form.

Holidays 2020/21	
26.10.20 - 22.10.20	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

Breakfast Club starts on Monday  
14th September 2020

### **INSET DAYS**

Friday 23rd October 2020  
Monday 4th January 2021  
Monday 22nd February 2021  
Wednesday 21st July 2021



## 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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals)

For menu information go to: [www.educaterers.co.uk](http://www.educaterers.co.uk)



## Lunch Menu - Week 3 - 14th September 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 (v) Cheese Sandwich <b>Chicken Fillet Wrap</b> (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese Chocolate Cracknel Juice Carton	 Sliced Turkey Wrap (v) Margarita Pizza (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese Yoghurt Raisin Box Juice Carton	 Tuna Mayo Soft Bap <b>Beef burger in a Bap</b> (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (v) Veggie Fingers in a Bap (for vegetarians only) Beet Chocolate Cake Fresh Fruit Milkshake	 Roast Chicken Soft Bap <b>Hot Dog</b> (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese (v) Veggie Hot Dog (for vegetarians only) Orange Cookie Fresh Fruit Milkshake	 (v) Cheese Wrap <b>Fish Fillet Finger Bap</b> (v) Jacket Potato with Cheese Fruit Muffin Juice Carton

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)