Newsletter



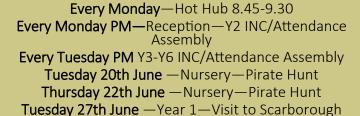
16th June 2023







Dates to Remember



Wednesday 28th June — Nursery — Sports Day

Thursday 29th June — Year 5 & 6 — Sports Day
Friday 30th June — Reception, Year 2 & Year 5 —
Wonderdome Workshop
Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July — Year 6 —
Lineham Farm residential

Tuesday 4th July — Year 1 & 2 — Sports Day Wednesday 5th July — Year 3 & 4 — Sports Day Wednesday 5th July — Reception — Sports Day



Bike-ability with Year 1

















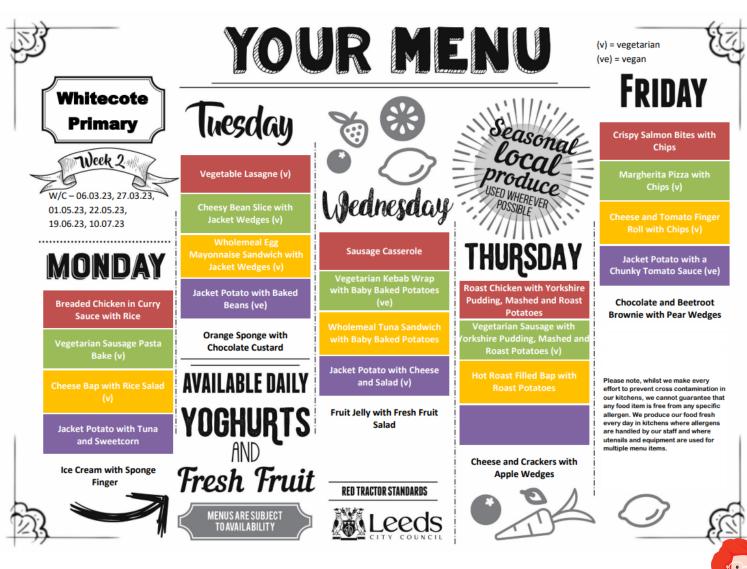


School Lunch Menu and Late Arrivals



Our cook and catering staff work incredibly hard to provide hundreds of meals each day from reception to year six, and often for staff too! With that amount of lunches, timely preparation is key! Up until now, children who are late for school would be allocated a green lunch choice so that the lunch staff can increase on one option rather than four options and it is manageable in the short time they have to make all our lunches!

We have improved our system which means that lead time is now less than it was, children can now choose from the full menu up to 9.30am. After 9.30am a school lunch choice would be a green choice. Our menu is below for next week, our full menu is on the website.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are continually supporting children and families to improve attendance for our children, if you are struggling with attendance or punctuality please contact our pastoral and attendance team who will be able to provide guidance and support. If you need to report your child absent, there are three ways you can do this to avoid reminders or unnecessary phone calls from attendance.

- Use the Studybugs App
- Call the attendance team on 01132164800 (option one)
- Email attendance@whitecote.co.uk

Please do not pass messages through classroom staff as they will not be able to share that until lunchtime due to being in class teaching.

Study Bugs is a fantastic app and we encourage you to sign up for it!







EARLY PICK UP

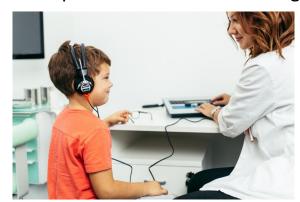
Picking children up early is disruptive to them, and their class and/or assembly group.

The children may be finishing a piece of work that then remains incomplete, may miss instructions and information regarding the following day and may feel unsettled. Medical appointments that are unavoidable are understandable but we do ask for proof of that appointment.

Year 1 Hearing Checks in school

Year one parents should have received a letter from the Leeds Community Audiology team in early September, to inform you of your child's routine hearing check in school and give you the opportunity to opt-out of the service.

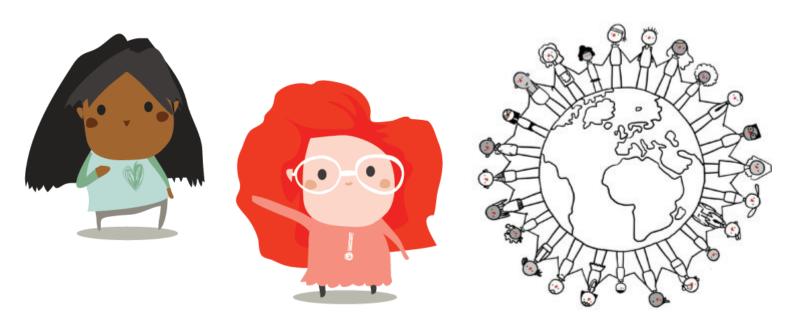
The school hearing check team will be attending school on Thursday 22nd June. If you do not wish for your child to have a hearing check, or your child has a VP shunt fitted, please contact the audiology team on 07949794636 as soon as possible.





Humanist Visiting Year 5 & 6

We have a humanist coming to visit year 5 and year 6 this Monday. They will be here to explain what humanism is and give an in-depth talk about caring for one another, animals and the environment. Humanists' ethos revolves around making sense of the world through logic, reason and evidence, and always seek to treat those around us with warmth, understanding and respect.



THRIVE





As a school, we adopt a Thrive© led approach which means we offer a bespoke approach to helping pupils with their social and emotional development. Thrive teaches us to understand the impact that our early experiences have had on our brain development and how this affects our behaviour. Thrive improves all children's emotional wellbeing and social skills and enables them to feel safe, to concentrate, to be curious or to work collaboratively. It helps them to develop a way to regulate their emotions and gives them positive experiences and strategies for recognising and managing their feelings. In addition to our whole school Thrive work, we also have two fully trained Thrive Practitioners, Mrs Cockrem and Miss Booth, who run sessions for small groups or individuals. We already have our amazing core values of INSPIRE, NURTURE and CHALLENGE running throughout every aspect of school life and are looking forward to seeing how our work with Thrive can strengthen this even further.

Please look out for a new section on the school website dedicated to Thrive in the new academic year.

INC award winners for week ending 09th June 2023: Inspire: I will different ways to help me remember things



- **R PEAR** Harry R You impressed me this week with your super independent writing. Well done Harry!
- **R APPLE** Lianna D You are always reflecting on your work and seek feedback form an adult to improve, well done!
- **1 LAVENDER**—Freddie B You have used different ways to help you to remember all the different phonics codes.
- **1 ROSE** Maisie W You used your DT skills to make sun visors. What a great idea well done!
- **2 WILLOW** Hollie Coleman You have used different ways to help you learn in every subject. You have put in 100% effort in your learning this week keep it up! Well done, Hollie.
- **2 HAZEL** James W You have used different strategies to help you remember your times tables. Well done!
- **3 SPRUCE** Logan B Logan has been choosing books to read at home linked to the learning we are doing at school.
- **3 YEW** Lara K Lara has used different strategies to help her remember and learn!
- **4 ASH** Max V You have used different ways to help you remember things in maths, well done!
- **4 BEECH** Emma M You have used different strategies to help you learn across all lessons.
- **5 CHESTNUT** Ethan F You have been using different methods in maths and grammar to help you revise for our assessments
- **5 ELM** Dexter K You used different strategies to do brilliantly in your SPAG test and to learn about volcanoes.
- 6 CEDAR Marwa A You used creative illustration and jottings to help remember the names and functions of organs
- **6 OAK** Preston M You have been working hard on different ways of remembering your lines from the Year 6 production, well done dude!

Online Safety



RAINBOW FRIENDS - ROBLOX

We would like to draw your attention to a Roblox game called Rainbow Friends which several of our younger children are aware of. It is described as 'a Roblox horror experience which turns a seemingly friendly environment into a horrifying nightmare'. In addition to playing the game on Roblox, there are multiple videos available on Youtube, including a song, which younger children are watching/singing and these are not always filtered out by your child settings due to the name of the game being made deliberately 'child friendly'. We are aware that children are frightened by it, whether they are playing the game itself, watching the Youtube videos or hearing the song. According to Roblox, the game has an age rating of 10+ due to disturbing content - the player is a child who has been kidnapped and taken to a terrifying environment where the 'Rainbow Friends' repeatedly try and kill them. We would advise it is not suitable for Primary-aged children, and would urge you to exercise caution with Roblox as well due to the age ratings and wider issues associated with young children and online gaming.

The most important thing is to open up conversations with your children around their digital activities - ask them which games they're playing, who they are talking to, monitor device use, set appropriate filters, consider why certain games and Apps have particular age ratings and talk to them about how to keep themselves safe online and to talk to you, or a trusted adult at school, if they see or experience anything that makes them feel worried or afraid - just as you would talk to them about 'stranger danger' in the real world or what to do if they saw or heard something that upset them.

We will be sending out some parent/carer guides on various aspects of online safety over the coming weeks which will hopefully be useful in answering some questions you may have - we appreciate it is difficult navigating the digital world with your children so if you have any concerns please arrange to speak to the class teacher or one of the safeguarding team (Mrs Burling, Mrs Tweed, Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Cockrem.) Thank you!



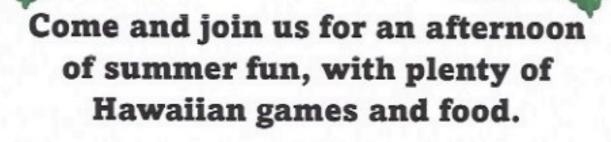




Aire View Care Home Hawaiian Summer Fair & Open

Day





Including a selection of stalls;

- Tombola

Guess the name of the teddy



Pineapple bowling

- Lucky lolly sticks

And much more..

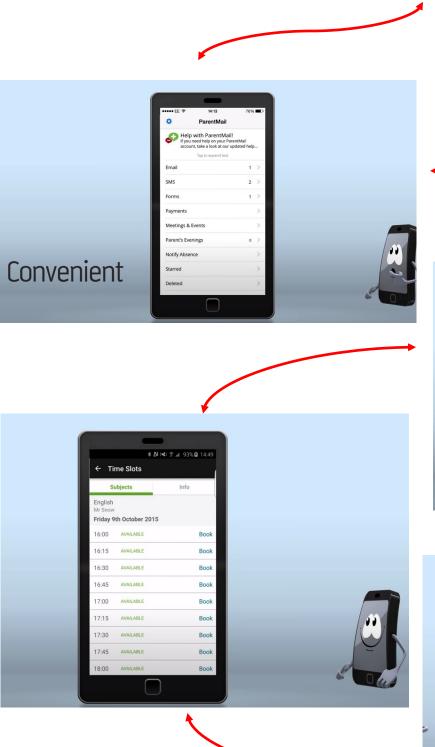
ParentMail Payments Help Guide

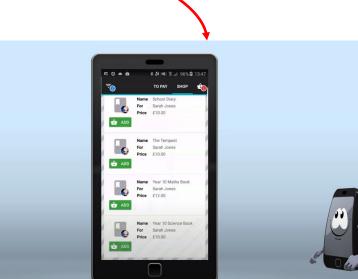


We use ParentMail for payments, consents, forms and booking appointments for parents' evening, so it's really important to get connected if you aren't already. Email office@whitecote.co.uk and we'll arrange for an activation link to be sent. We have some video tutorial links below that can help you navigate the app.

This Making Parents Lives Simpler video guide gives tutorials on how to access forms, Book parents evening and pay for school trips, breakfast and after school clubs, dinner money and more. If you have any more questions do come to the office where we can help!

<u>ParentMail Mobile App For Schools - Making Parents Lives Simpler - YouTube</u>







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