# Newsletter



# 21st March 2023







## Dates to Remember

Every Monday—Hot Hub 8.45-9.30 Every Monday PM—Reception—Y2 INC/Attendance Assembly Every Tuesday PM Y3-Y6 INC/Attendance Assembly During week of 20th March - Y1—Now > Press > Play Tuesday 21st March - Whole School—Parents Evening Wednesday 22nd March - Reception—Superhero Workshop Wednesday 22nd March - Little Doves/Nursery/Reception— Bowland Farm Visit

Wednesday 22nd March - Whole School—Parents Evening Wednesday 29th March - Little Doves—Cinderella ball and end of year concert

Wednesday 29th March—Nursery—Easter egg hunt Thursday 30th March—Reception – Year 2 Whitecote Wonders

Friday 31st March—Year 3 - Year 6 Whitecote Wonders Friday 31st March—Reception – Year 6 100% Attendance £25 Amazon Voucher Draw



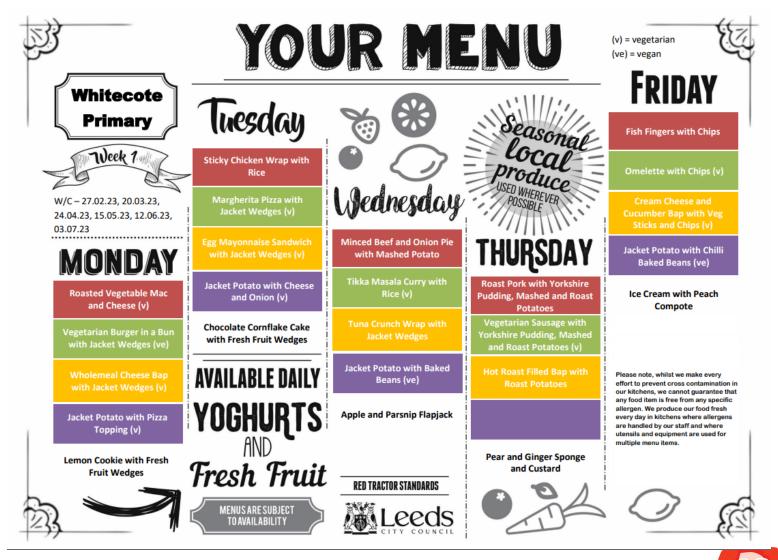
Are you able to Volunteer some time to Support Friends of Whitecote? Will you Champion our school and support what we stand for? If so we need your help!

We need volunteers to work on events and activities in and around school. We hope to continue to raise funds for school trips, year six leavers hoodies, events such as discos and Fayres. This year we are also looking at contributing towards a minibus for the school trips and hopefully renewing playground markings. All of this can be made possible by volunteering and joining Friends Of Whitecote! Find us on Facebook at New Friends Of Whitecote!

## 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.





## WRAP AROUND CARE

We are currently **full** during **Wednesday's After School Club** and spaces are low on other days. Please ring 0113 2164800 ext 4 or email wac@whitecote.co.uk if you would like your child to attend.

### Limited places available for Breakfast and After school club Rec - Year 6.

As a reminder to all parents, any child not collected by 3:10pm will be taken to After School club. The following fees will apply:

Collection by 3:45 - £3 Collection after 3:45 - £11 What you and your child can expect from us

- Happy, caring and engaging staff
- To have fun, make new friends and access lots of exciting play activities.
- We provide a varied and actionpacked programme, which considers the local community, EYFS and all needs of the children.
- We will keep your child safe and secure.

#### What we expect from you and your child

- Children must be collected on time.
  Payment of fees should be Prompt.
- If you are unable to collect your child and intend to send someone else, it is essential that you let us know and set a password.
- Your child must follow the club and school rules.

#### Snack Time

We provide a healthy breakfast or afternoon snack for children. We encourage children to be independent by assisting in preparing their own breakfast/snack. Fruit and vegetables are also available daily. Children are also encouraged to assist with tidying up.



#### **Activities**

- Music and Dance
- Construction
  - Crafts
  - Role play
- Sports and games
  - Films and TV
  - Den Making
- To name but a few...

## INC award winners for week ending 3rd March2023:

### Inspire: I will be proud of who I am and find ways to express myself.

**R PEAR**— Adrianna Gawel—You have been trying really hard with your phonics, keeping on going and not giving up... Well done!

**R APPLE**—Lianna Deba - Lianna has been working really hard in her phonics this week producing some great writing. Well done!

**1 LAVENDER**— Lottie Roberts—You have been trying hard with your Schofield and Sims work in target time and correcting your answers

**1 ROSE**— Aamir Abdulgalil— You have been working hard to improve and apply your phonics knowledge to your writing. Well done!

**2** WILLOW— Ruby Latus — You are such a kind, friendly and supportive members of the class. You are always the first person to check your class mate is ok and to give them a hug when they need it! Well done!

2 HAZEL— Kellie-Anne Charlton—You have been working hard to improve your 10 times table knowledge. Well done!

3 SPRUCE - Ivy Rose Cinti—You have worked hard in maths when you found division difficult.

**3 YEW**— Darcie-Leigh Milner—You have been working hard to improve in your spellings and trying your hardest to do this during target time and lessons. Well done!

4 ASH— Jayden Keith—You are always ready to edit your work to ensure it is the best it can be, Well done!

**4 BEECH**— Charlie Rhys Williams — You made some simple sentences better. Well done!

5 CHESTNUT—Isaac Alamutu—You have been working hard in maths correcting your workings, even in your own time

5 ELM— Skye Bradford—You were a champion at correcting your Schofield and Sims work

6 CEDAR— Holly Edwards—Your perseverance and resilience is nothing short of Herculean! Well done!

**6 OAK**— Freddy Harrison—You have shown pure grit and determination in improving you SATs scores and your hard work has paid of. Well done dude!

## Parents Evening—21st & 22nd March

Parents evening is happening this week and we encourage all parents and guardians to book appointments with their children's teachers so they can be kept up to date with their learning and progress! If anyone is having trouble with booking a session or has to cancel please do contact the school office on 01132 164800 so we can help resolve any issues.



### Nursery's Scarecrow Wedding!

The children were super excited in Nursery to come to our Scarecrow Wedding. The children helped to make our scarecrows and they came in their best clothes to come to the celebration. The children all took roles such as Father of the bride, pageboys and flower girls. We had the first dance and wedding cake to finish. It was a great day!



## PRIME AND ENERGY DRINK BOTTLE

Please do not send your child to school with Prime or other similar energy/fizzy drinks. Also, please do not use the bottles as water bottles as it may be assumed to contain the drinks which are not allowed in school. If children bring that type of bottle to school it will be replaced with a cup of water and will be given back to them at the end of the day.





## EAR PIERCING AND EARRINGS

Children need to be able to remove earrings for PE and swimming, please make use of the six week holidays for the appropriate healing time for ear piercing. Only small studs or small sleepers are allowed and still need to be taken out for PE











# 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 Online Payment collection system video guide gives a step by step tutorial on how to pay for school trips, breakfast and after school clubs, dinner money and more.



ParentMail School Online Payment Collection System - YouTube

