Newsletter



7th March 2023







Dates to Remember



During week of 20th March - Y1—Now > Press > Play **Tuesday 21st March** - Whole School—Parents Evening Wednesday 22nd March - Reception—Superheo Workshop

Wednesday 22nd March - Little Doves/Nursery/ Reception—Bowland Farm Visit

Wednesday 22nd March - Whole School—Parents Evening



Red Nose Day is on Friday 17th March 2023. The Student Council have voted for everyone to wear pyjamas for the day. Please can we remind children that if they have PE on that day that they need to wear something that will allow them to still participate in the PE lesson safely. This includes year 4 who have swimming lessons on that day and will be walking to and from Bramley Baths. Also, the Student Council would like to have a toy stall where children can donate their old toys and books that they no longer want that will be sold at a set price to raise more money for the charity. The prices will be:

> £1 toy 50p cuddly toy 10p book

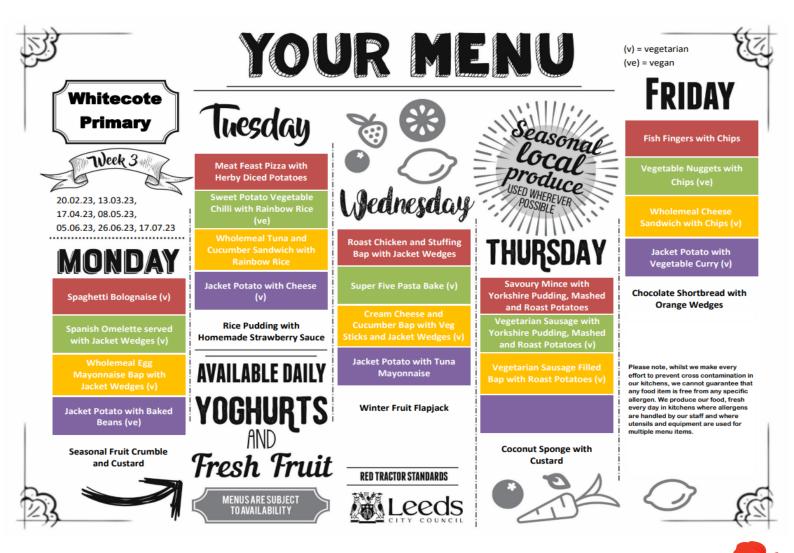
Please bring donations on the day not before!

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—Lily-Grace Regan - You are a kind friend to others. Always making sure your peers are ok and helping where you can



- **R APPLE**—Brooke Williams You have helped your friends when they have asked for it, pushing other children on the swing, helping with coats and comforting others when they are upset.
- 1 LAVENDER— Maddison Smith —You always help others when you notice that they need it,
- **1 ROSE** Isla Lavery You have been kind to others by sharing resources and making sure everyone had what they needed during maths
- **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** Kamile Dambrauskaite You are always kind and caring to everyone including adults in our class.
- **3 SPRUCE** Colby Mitchell Kind to friends in the classroom and on the playground.
- **3 YEW**—Jacob Measures —You are always helpful to others in your class and will listen to your peers. Well done!
- **4 ASH** Ruby Thornton You are always kinds to everyone and help people without being asked! Keep it up!
- **4 BEECH** Alex Brown You helped others when you noticed that they needed help.
- **5 CHESTNUT**—Jessica Arundale You have been kind to your friends and making sure you include everyone when playing on the playground
- **5 ELM**—Evie Standing—You were a good friend to lots of people in 5 Elm
- 6 CEDAR—Kobe Jones—
- **6 OAK** Kiera Stockwell You are a wonderful ray of sunshine and a thoroughly excellent human being to have in my class room, banarang!

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

UPCOMING TRIPS

Thursday 16th March

Wednesday 22nd March

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Bowland Farm visiting school



We will be adding our trip letters to the school website, please check in News and Events, Letters for further information or see the class teacher.

For clarification, the letter for the trip to Manchester Airport was late to come out so we have extended the payment date to the 28th March to give more time for parents to make the voluntary contribution.

Strike days March 15th & 16th

On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March there are NEU Strike Days. Please find below what classes are in school and which are NOT.

Classes NOT in school:

- Reception Apple
- 1 Lavender
- 1 Rose
- 2 Willow
- 3 Yew

- 4 Beech
- 4 Ash
- 5 Chestnut
- 6 Oak
- 6 Cedar

Classes in school as normal:

- Little Doves
- Nursery
- Reception Pear
- 2 Hazel

- 3 Spruce
- 5 Elm

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.



<u>ParentMail School Online Payment Collection System - YouTube</u>

