Newsletter



7th 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

Monday 6th March Y5 Macbeth performance Tuesday 07 March—Y1 Manchester Airport Trip Wednesday 08 March Y3 Yew Trip to Bagshaw Thursday 09 March Y3 Spruce Trip to Bagshaw Friday 17th March—Whole School—RED NOSE DAY During week of 13th March - Whole School—Science Week Thursday 16th March—Y2 Visit to Leeds Art Museum 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



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:

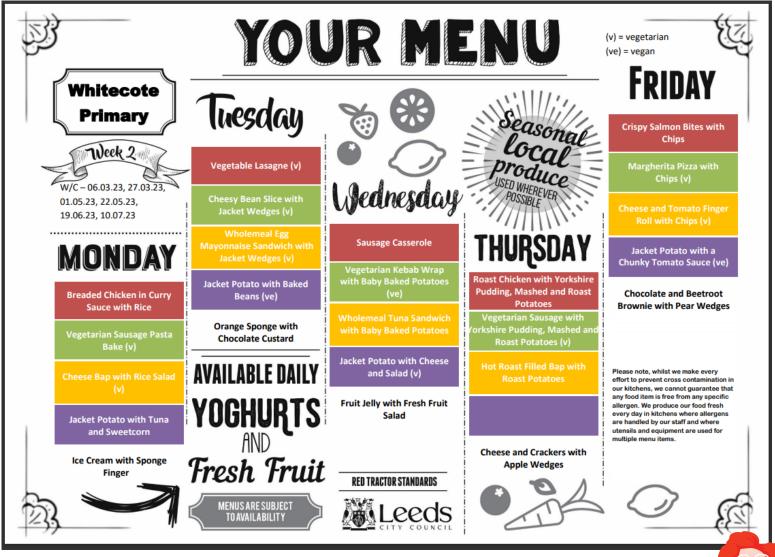
£1 toy 50p cuddly toy 10p book

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.





WORLD BOOK DAY 2023



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—Liliyah-—You have grown in confidence using your phonics when reading. Well Done!

R APPLE—Orla —Orla has been joining in with all of her lessons, especially in her phonics. Well done!

1 LAVENDER—Lachlan —I will believe in myself as a learner

1 ROSE— Reggie — You have been working hard in lessons and have begun to have a much better attitude to your learning!

2 WILLOW—Daisy —You have worked really hard and your confidence has grown in the last few weeks

2 HAZEL—Kallie-Rae — You have worked hard in all the assessments we have done this week. Well done Kallie-Rae

3 SPRUCE - Darcie-Rae—You have participated in class discussions and worked hard in PE doing the Egyptian dance.

3 YEW—Annabelle —You have been working so hard in your learning when it comes to spellings and handwriting. Well done!

4 ASH—Tommy —You believed that your team could win the multi-sports event and you did! Hard work pays off.

4 BEECH—Connor — You believed your team could win the multi-sports event and encouraged the other team members . You Won! Well done!

5 CEDAR—Alfie—You have approached your learning with determination and resilience and made huge progress as a result.

5 ELM—

6 CEDAR—Alflie H—You have approached your learning with determination and resilience and made huge progress as a result.

6 OAK— Keziah—You are showing increasing confidence in your reading and writing and it shows in your excellently thought-out answers, bangarang!

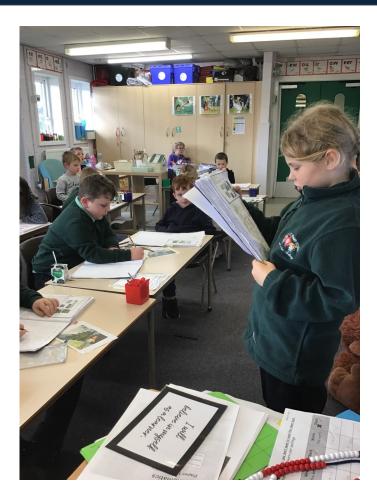


PENTATHLON AT ARMLEY LEISURE CENTRE

Some of our Key Stage 2 children participated in a Pentathlon at Armley Leisure centre and won first place out of all of the schools! This win means they will represent Leeds in the Yorkshire final in June! Huge congratulations!



Story Telling week



Year 2 have had a story telling week where they have shared their own written stories with the class. Full of imagination and fun!







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

Monday 6 th March	Year 5	All Day	MacBeth performance at Carriageworks	
Tuesday 7 th March	Year 1	All Day	Visit to Manchester Airport Runway	
Wednesday 8 th March	3 Yew	All day	Visit to Bagshaw Museum to support Egypt topic	
Thursday 9th March	3 Spruce	All day	Visit to Bagshaw Museum to support Egypt topic	
Thursday 16 th March	Year 2	All Day	Visit to Leeds Art Museum	

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.

Year 2 & 3 Visit from Tong Garden Centre



Everyone had a great time learning the right way to plant seeds and seeing what they could turn into! We hope to see what will grow in the future!



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.



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