



Dates to Remember



Wednesday 01 March—WORLD BOOK DAY—NURSERY

Thursday 02 March—WORLD BOOK DAY RECP-Y6

World book day—dress up as favourite book character, voluntary donation of 50p and if you haven't ordered a school lunch, please bring a packed lunch

Monday 06 March onwards—Eggs arrive in nursery and will stay with us while they hatch!

Friday 31 March—Last day of school for Easter holidays

Every Monday—Hot Hub 8.45-9.30

Every Monday PM—Reception—Y2 INC/Attendance Assembly

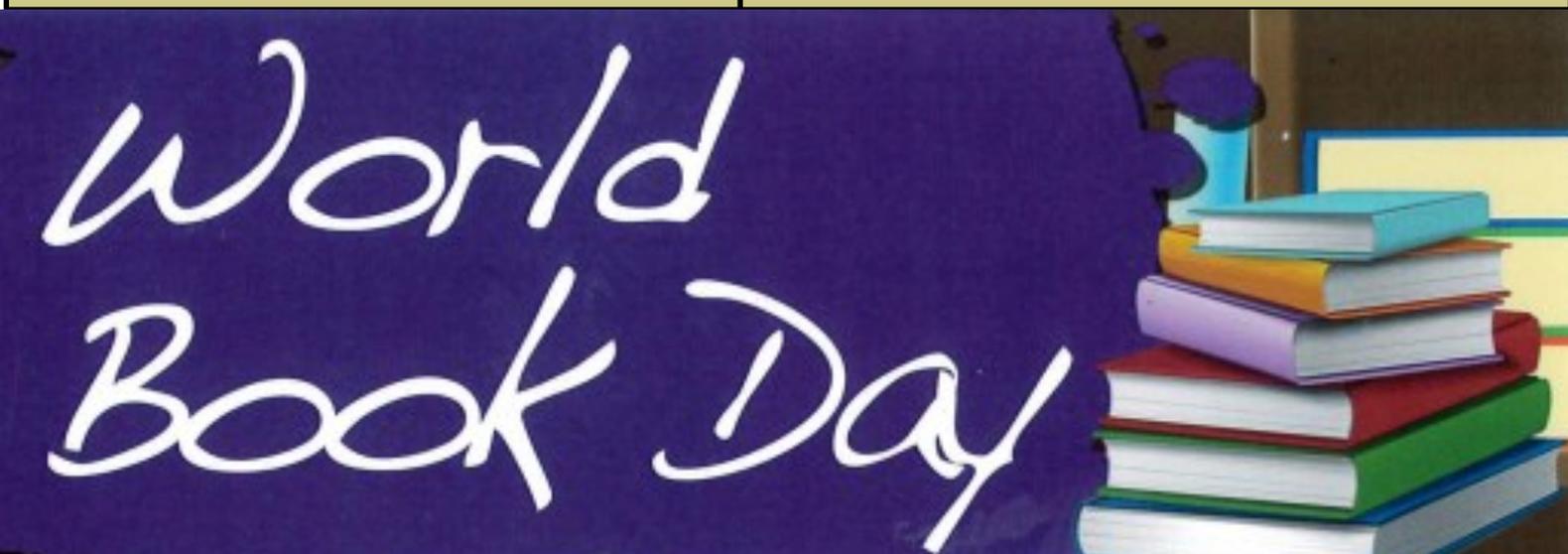
Every Tuesday PM Y3-Y6 INC/Attendance Assembly

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

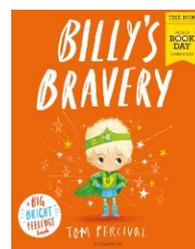
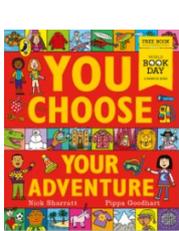


WORLD BOOK DAY - 02 MARCH 2023 Reception to Year 6, 01 March 2023 for Nursery

For Reception to Year Six children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite BOOK character, or they can come in none uniform. For Nursery, we are doing this on Wednesday 01 March so that all children can join in. Nursery children can come to school in their PJ's and bring their favourite book to school. There is no obligation for children to participate!

We are asking children to bring in a book from home, but we have plenty available in school if not. A voluntary contribution of 50p would go towards activities through the day.

If you have not ordered a school lunch, even if your child normally has a school lunch, you will need to bring a packed lunch on the 02 March as the kitchen has had to prepare their orders in advance.



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.

YOUR MENU

(v) = vegetarian
(ve) = vegan

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers with Chips
Omelette with Chips (v)
Cream Cheese and Cucumber Bap with Veg Sticks and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato with Chilli Baked Beans (ve)

Ice Cream with Peach Compote

Please note, whilst we make every effort to prevent cross contamination in our kitchens, we cannot guarantee that any food item is free from any specific allergen. We produce our food fresh every day in kitchens where allergens are handled by our staff and where utensils and equipment are used for multiple menu items.

Whitecote Primary

Week 1

W/C – 27.02.23, 20.03.23,
24.04.23, 15.05.23, 12.06.23,
03.07.23

MONDAY

Roasted Vegetable Mac and Cheese (v)
Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Jacket Wedges (ve)
Wholemeal Cheese Bap with Jacket Wedges (v)
Jacket Potato with Pizza Topping (v)

Lemon Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges

Tuesday

Sticky Chicken Wrap with Rice
Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (v)
Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich with Jacket Wedges (v)
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Onion (v)
Chocolate Cornflake Cake with Fresh Fruit Wedges

AVAILABLE DAILY

YOGHURTS AND

Fresh Fruit

MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY



Wednesday

Minced Beef and Onion Pie with Mashed Potato
Tikka Masala Curry with Rice (v)
Tuna Crunch Wrap with Jacket Wedges
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (ve)
Apple and Parsnip Flapjack



THURSDAY

Roast Pork with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes
Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed and Roast Potatoes (v)
Hot Roast Filled Bap with Roast Potatoes
Pear and Ginger Sponge and Custard



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.

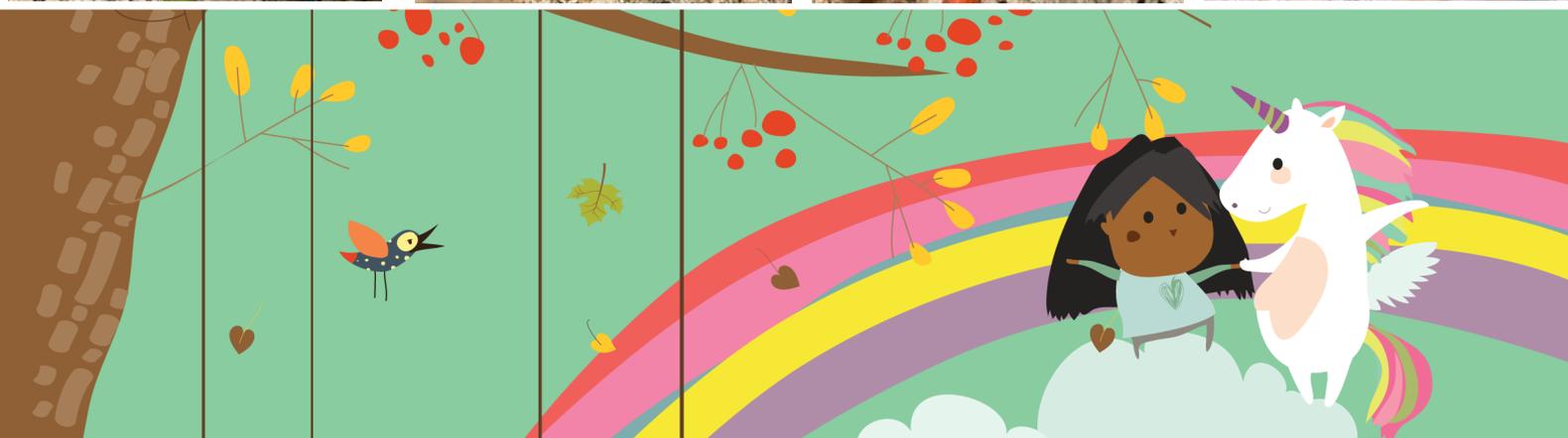
The children may be finishing a piece of work that then remains incomplete, may miss instructions and information regarding the following day and may feel unsettled. Medical appointments that are unavoidable are understandable but we do ask for proof of that appointment.



New Additions to our Pastoral Team!

Welcome to Whitecote!

Our guinea pigs are a fantastic part of our Whitecote family, and we are pleased to share some lovely news, we have more new arrivals and are now up to five babies and are up to 18 guinea pigs!



INC award winners for week ending 6 February 2023:

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

R Apple— Reggie— Reggie has been doing lots of reading at home as well as practicing his helpful words, which has helped him make excellent progress in his reading. Well done!

R Pear— Medina— you have worked hard in your phonics and transferred this knowledge to other areas of your learning, well done!

1 Rose— Alexander you did a great job using your phonics to write your rhyming poem.

1 Lavender— Ellis You have been applying your phonic skills to help you think of rhyming words whilst writing poems.

2 Hazel- Georgia—you asked lots of questions related to the current topic about the Arctic whilst on a school trip.

2 Willow— Erica You have worked really hard at home and practiced your maths, English and reading. This has helped you improve all of you learning in school. Well done! .

3 Spruce— Elias you have challenged your self all week and worked very hard in maths!

3 Yew— Edith—You have been learning about the Egyptians and finding out more information during your holiday to Egypt in the half term break! Well done!

4 Beech— Isabella you have been learning division and using the bus stop method, well done Isabella!

4 Ash— Franky-James You are not afraid to be yourself and express your amazing personality in a variety of ways!

5 Chestnut— Ethan You have been reading at home and this has helped you to answer comprehension questions in class.

5 Elm— Scarlet-You went home and found out more about our book "The Secret Garden".

6 Cedar— Alice You could not be working harder and I love how you write notes on your learning to study at home! What a queen!

6 Oak— Ava - You have been taking excellent notes in lesson time and used them to help you with your learning, bangarang!

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 9 th 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.

Pancake Day in Reception



The children had lots of fun making pancakes in reception!



Welcome to the Whitecote Family!



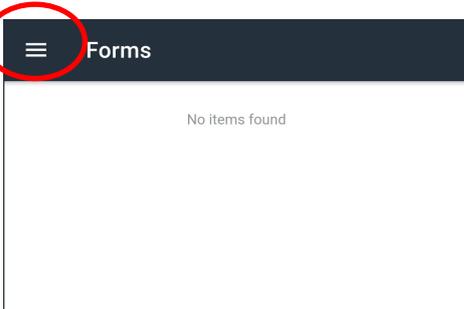
Welcome to our new members of staff this half term! We have Miss McGowan who is a teaching assistant working in Year One, Mr Saville-Gill who will be supporting our school office and Miss Owen who will be starting next week as a teaching assistant in Nursery. The children and staff have already made them feel so welcome!



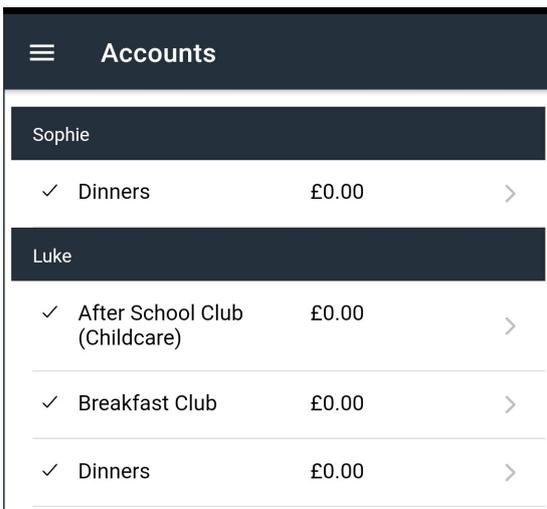
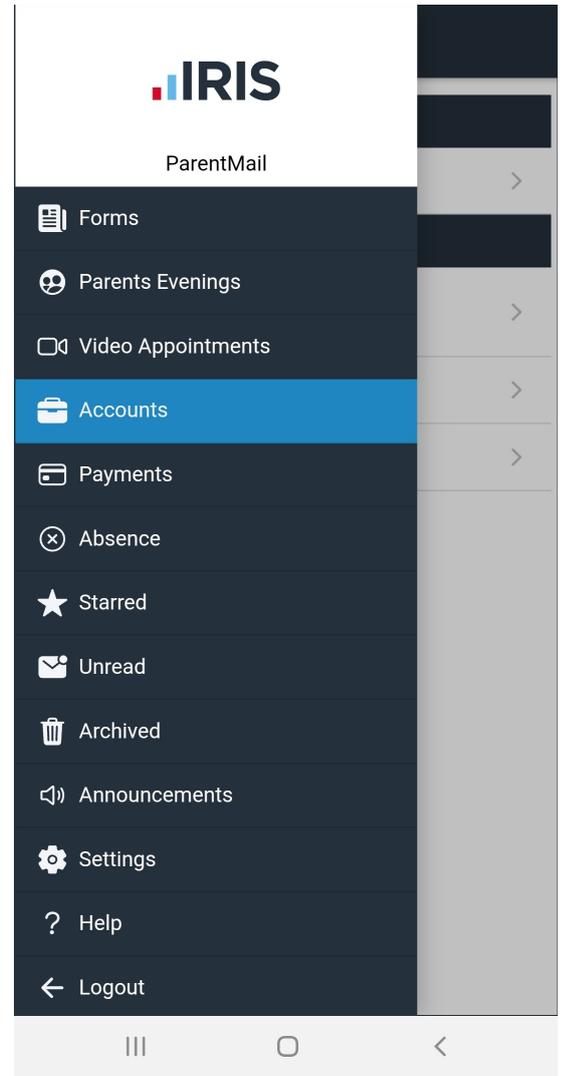
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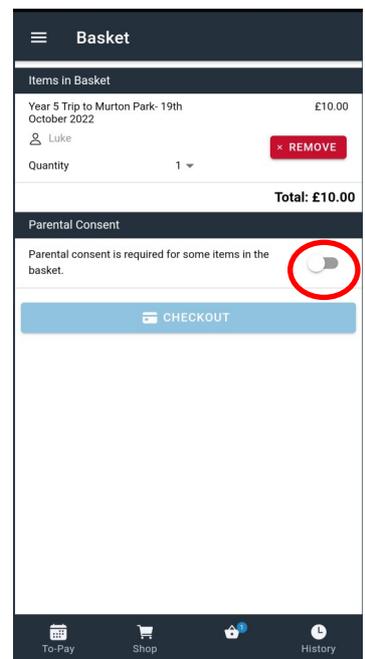
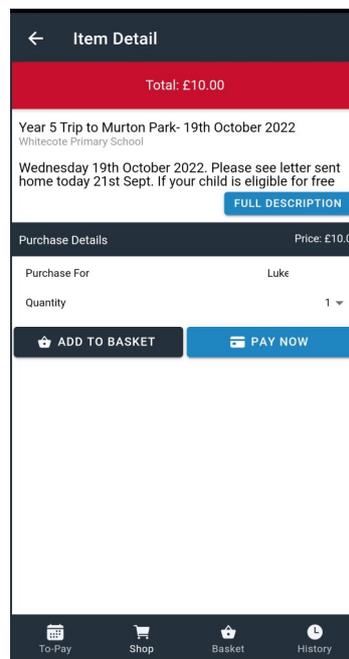
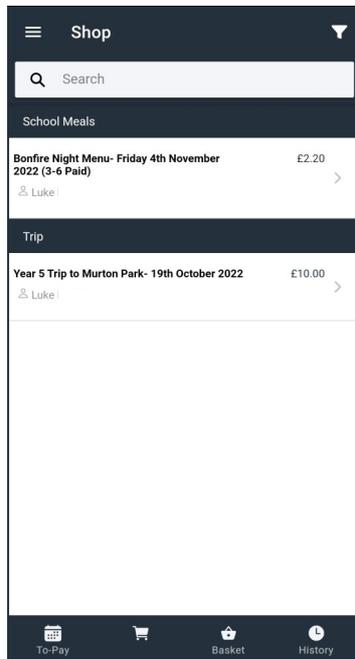
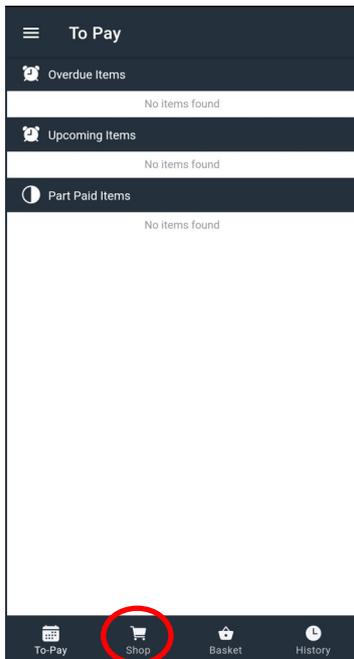
We use ParentMail for payments, consents, forms and booking appointments for parents evening, so it's really important to get connected if you aren't already. Email office@whitecote.co.uk and we'll arrange for an activation link to be sent. We've added a quick guide to payments below, if you have ParentMail but struggle to use it.



To access the main menu, use the three lines to the left hand side of the app or webpage. You will then have access to the menu as shown on the right.



In the Accounts section you will be able to make payment towards school meals, Breakfast Club and After School Club (childcare) simply click on the relevant child account, and select the top up button, enter the amount you wish to top up, add to basket then check out as you would with any online shopping.



To pay for one off special school meals, school trips and milk, use the Payments section from the main menu. You will then need to select the Shop tab at the bottom of the screen.

Once in the shop tab you will see all items available for purchase. Click on the item to see more info and pay.

Choose to add to basket (if you have multiple items/multiple children to add items for) or pay now to be taken straight to checkout.

Some items, such as trips require you to give consent before you can checkout. To do this click the parental consent slide button. From the basket/ pay now option you can then check out as you would online shopping.