## Newsletter



### 7th July 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 Tuesday 11th July—Year 5 — Visit to Whitby Thursday 13th July—Year 2— Space Exhibition Day Thursday 13th July—Reception—Hesketh Farm Park Friday 14th July—Whole School—Summer Fyre Tuesday 11th July —Year 5 — Visit to Whitby Thursday 13th July —Year 2 — Space Exhibition Day Thursday 13th July —Reception — Hesketh Farm Park Friday 14th July —Whole School — Summer Fyre Monday 17th July —Rec—Year 2 — Whitecote Wonders Tuesday 18th July —Year 3—Year 6 — Whitecote Wonders Tuesday 18th July —Rec—Year 6 — 100% Attendance Tuesday 18th July —Reception — Ugly Bug Ball Party

# Dance Spectacular for Rob





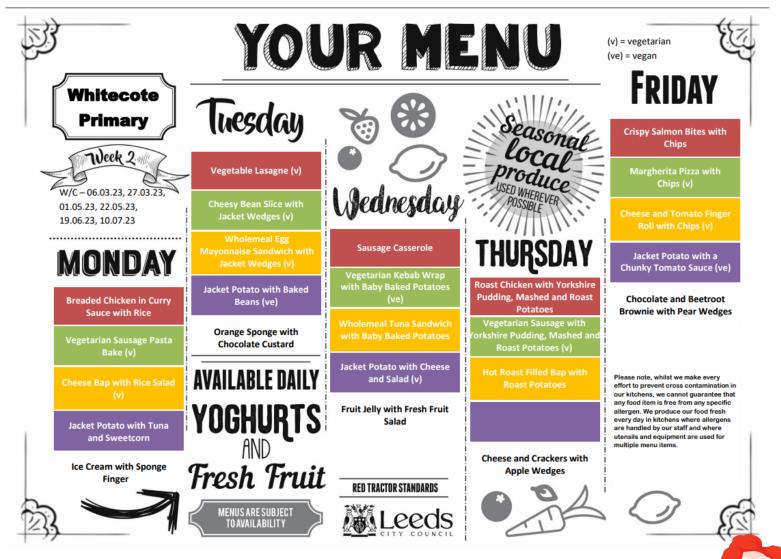
We are all very proud of our Year 6 dancers who supported Rob Burrow MBE and MND Awareness by performing before the rugby match between Leeds Rhinos and Huddersfield Giants. We would also like to thank Miss Barkerwood and Mr Saville-Gill for their dedication to teaching the dance and doing a fantastic job!



### 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 6 Lineham Farm









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## THRIVE

The Thrive Approach is a social and emotional development model that looks at children's needs and provides responses and activities to engage them with life and learning. It gives information and ide-



as to parents/carers and teaching staff on how to build connections with children, how to understand what a child's behaviour is communicating, how to support their social and emotional development and build healthy and supportive relationships together.

The Thrive Approach is based on understanding of how the brain works, how it develops and how this can influence emotions and behaviour. Watch this short video clip to find out more about the Hand Model of the Brain.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kx7PCzg0CGE

If you want to find out more about the research behind the Thrive Approach, click here:

https://www.thriveapproach.com/impact-and-research/research-behind-thrive

### INC award winners for week ending 07 July 2023: Challenge : I will set myself a goal and work towards it.

**R PEAR**— Corby C— you have been doing some excellent reading in class and you always practise at home which has built your confidence. Well done!

**R APPLE**— Brooke W — Brooke brought in a lovely picture with some writing on that she made at home. she has been working really hard in school in both her reading and writing.

**1 LAVENDER**— Serena D - You used your DT skills to make sun visors. What a great idea well done!

**1 ROSE**— Kevin S - You have been reading a lot more often at home. Well done!

**2 WILLOW**— Scarlett A— you have been writing poetry at home which has really supported your English in school!

2 HAZEL— Imanie D - You have been practising drawing tally charts at home. Well done!

**3 SPRUCE** - Mary Anne—Mary-Anne works so hard and is a true inspiration!

**3 YEW**— Tobias E—You have been reading a lot more often at home. Well done!

4 ASH— Sian M - You have been practicing your 4 times tables at home. Well done!

4 BEECH— Emma M—you researched snakes at home, well done!

**5 CHESTNUT**— Olivia Z - You have been making notes in maths and taking them home to revise.

5 ELM— Skye B - You practised maths work (by doing arithmetic tests and angles) and geography (tsunamis).

**6 CEDAR**— Bella R - You have shown insane resilience and having the battle scars to prove it, go on Bella!

**6 OAK**— All the class! - You have all pushed yourselves to try new things at Lineham Farm, bangarang!

## **Purchasing School Uniform**





#### HOW TO PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORM

(NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED)

Option 2 – Place your order online – www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk

We are a multi award winning established school uniform supplier with many years

We would like to wish all of our customers good health and we are really looking

forward to providing you with all of your school uniform this summer!

On arrival, you will be designated your very own personal shopping assistant who will help you and your family with all of your uniform requirements. Please check our websit

(VOUCHERS CAN NOT BE USED ONLINE)

On our website you will need to enter your school name in the search bar. You will then be able to locate your school uniform. Please try to order as soon as possible, to avoid not having your uniform in time for the start of term in September.

Option 1 – Visit your local Whittakers Schoolwear shop

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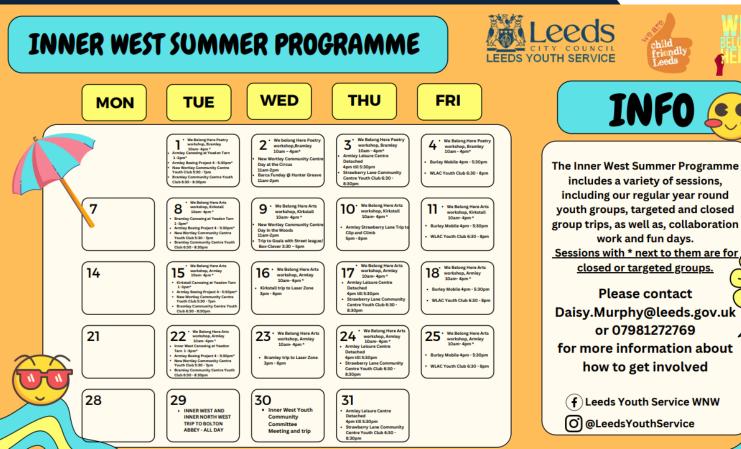
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## Inner West Summer Programme



# School Milk

### School Milk

Our school provides dairy products subsidised under the school milk scheme.

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs



Due to ongoing price increases, the charge for school milk from September 2023 will be £16 per term/£48 per year. If you have any questions regarding this change of price, please email office@whitecote.co.uk

## Sport

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We have had some information on summer camps from Leeds West, they will be at Football World and are £20 per day. If you would like to book please follow the link below. Link: <u>https://2touchfootballacademy.co</u> <u>m/book-contact/?</u> fbclid=PAAabIFCCd6GcrnZNAwBNUJCi4 Rj06Dyv0MLvI5FUwfSKOKpqvV-1nJL2Iyj4\_aem\_AWzpCetdJB9f4mmyu QOghdCG\_v7B-PHpTedeeSLdIWXpAgppi4UNKIs4Cmusa-Kq-g0





Stanningley Albion Blacks are looking for new U10 football players to join our friendly, local football team. The players would need to be current year 4 children, who are going into year 5 in September. Please contact Mark for more information on 07884488865.







# Online Safety Newsletter

### Quora

Quora should only be accessed by users that are 13+. Quora is a question-and-answer site. You do need to set up an account to see and post replies.

Due to the nature of the site, users can communicate with strangers, either through the Q&A boards, spaces or via private messages. Private messaging can be turned off in settings and users can block other users.

Quora is a platform where users can post publicly. If your child is using this site, then please ensure your child understands that they should not share personal information. As content is user generated, talk to your child about how information they read online may not be factually correct. Your child may also come across content and topics that are not age appropriate.

You can find out more about the safety and security of Quora here: https://help.quora.com/hc/enus/sections/115001205786-Safety-Security

#### Reporting to Social Media Sites

CEOP provide an overview of how to contact several different social media sites: <u>https://www.thinkuknow.c</u> <u>o.uk/parents/articles/Repo</u> rting-to-social-media-sites-

### Safe Searching

There is so much online that we would not want our child to view and even an innocent search can result in inappropriate content being seen. To make our child's online world safer, we would firstly recommend switching on Safesearch settings for the search engine your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to 'lock' Safesearch on (so users



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may be able to simply turn it off), we would encourage you to apply further parental controls.

For some search engines, for example Google, you can set up a Family management account, which will ensure that Safesearch settings cannot be switched off. We would recommend using a family management account (either Google or Microsoft) so even if your child is using a search engine that cannot be locked, there will at least be an additional level of content filtering provided.

In addition to the above, make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/accesses) for example, to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children.

Please remember that no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe, so it is important that you talk to your child about how they can stay safe online and that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they need to.

CEOP have produced an article exploring what you could do if your child sees something inappropriate online:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-childhas-seen-something-inappropriate-online/

#### **Further information**

Parent Zone have published an article to help you understand searching in more detail:

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/search-engines

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.7.23.

## Online Challenges

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous. Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them **and not consider the** 



potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them.

We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:

https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-forparents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-youngpeople/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/

TikTok have also produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks: https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/online-challenges/

## Summertime

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children our online more or having more screen time. Childnet have produced this blog, which includes how to help your child with managing their screen time: <u>https://www.childnet.com/help-and-</u> <u>advice/screen-time-boundaries-parents/</u>



You may also be looking for activities to do

with your child. Google and Parent Zone have produced some great resources that are free to download. They include a mix of online and offline activities, such as asking them to create a poster to show what they would do if they were worried about something they see online. You can access all the resources here:

https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/download

#### Vinted scams

Have you used Vinted to buy and sell used clothes? Please be aware of potential scams. Vinted have published an article highlighting how scammers might target Vinted users and how you can protect yourself. You can read the full article here:

https://www.vinted.co.uk/help/628recognise-spoof-and-phishing-messages

### Children's Online Safety Test

Virgin Media have created four different Internet Safety Tests around four key topics to help you learn more about the internet and different terms that you might come across such as catfishing. You can access them here:

https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/onli ne-safety/childrens-internet-safetytest/

### What is Virtual Reality

Did you know that many VR headsets have a minimum age rating of 13?

Childnet have produced this article detailing what virtual reality is and the considerations that you should consider <u>before using</u>:

https://www.childnet.com/blog/virtualreality-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/



### **Download the Studybugs App!**



We are moving our communication to Studybugs over the summer! The rate we are charged for text messages has increased dramatically so we will be using less texts from September. With Studybugs, staff can send messages through the app to individuals, classes or whole school for free as it is included in our app subscription. We can also send letters and newsletters too so you will always have access to up to date information! You can download the app here https://studybugs.com/about/parents

Please contact the school office if you have any questions! We also use Studybugs for attendance and our registers, you can notify us of absence or appointments through the app as well!

Studybugs 🔂





Thank you for all your donations, raffle purchases and more! We can't wait for our summer fair on Friday after school! The produce from our Enterprise week will be on sale, lots of work is going into this through the week and we can't wait to show you what the children have been working towards! The funds raised from the fair will be going towards our school project, "Make the Playground Pop!" to redevelop our key stage one and two outdoor areas!

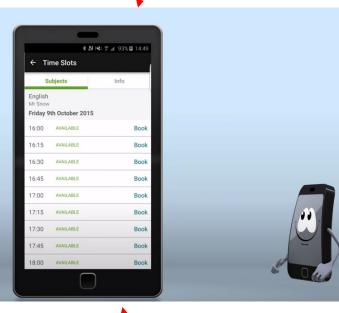
## ParentMail Payments Help Guide

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!

ParentMail Mobile App For Schools - Making Parents Lives Simpler - YouTube







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