Newsletter



30th June 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 Friday 30th June —Reception, Year 2 & Year 5 — Wonderdome Workshop Monday 3rd July - Friday 7th July —Year 6 — Lineham Farm residential Tuesday 4th July —Year 1 & 2 — Sports Day Wednesday 5th July — Year 3 & 4 — Sports Day Wednesday 5th July — Reception — Sports Day Wednesday 5th July — Nursery — Magician Visiting to celebrate Graduation Party. 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

Scarborough with Year 1











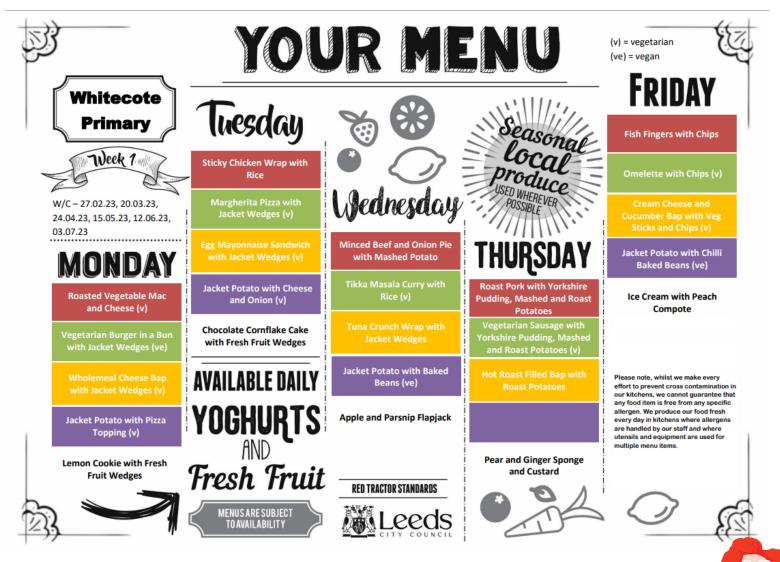




School Lunch Menu and Late Arrivals

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.



Nursery Sports Day









Nursery had a fantastic Sports Day this week! Even the parents got stuck in and had a race of their own!



School Security

This week, we have had upgrades completed to our site security to include video to our gate access system. Please press the button on the gate to enter, and on exit press the bell on the fence post on the right as you come up to the gate. We are really pleased with this update as it is important that we can see who is coming and going in order to keep our school community safe and our site secure.





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 30 June 2023: Challenge : I will set myself a goal and work towards it.

R PEAR— Adrianna G - You have been trying really hard with your reading. You are now reading much more confidently, well done. Keep it up!

R APPLE— Luca B - You have worked really hard in your sports day practice and have followed instructions well.

1 LAVENDER— Jayce T - you connected our learning about quarters in maths to making and cutting sandwiches in our English lesson

1 ROSE— Milo C - You set yourself the goal of concentrating more on your work so you do your best writing. Well done!

2 WILLOW— Bonnie-Leigh H - You set yourself the goal of getting a writing pen and you achieved it. You have worked so hard, well done!

2 HAZEL— Gabby D - You have been working really hard to improve your letter formation and using finger spaces. Well done!

3 SPRUCE - Alexander C - You have been working really hard to use the word that instead of what!

3 YEW— Dalton J - You have worked so hard with concentrating more on your maths work. Well done!

4 ASH— Jayden H - You set yourself a goal this week to get onto diamond on the pyramid and you achieved it, well done!

4 BEECH— Robert C - You focused on kicking with your legs in swimming, well done!

5 CHESTNUT— Jayden W - You set yourself a goal of achieving a medal at Sports Day!

5 ELM— Ariana M - You set yourself a goal of learning at home and produced four pieces!

6 CEDAR— Nevaeh-Jo M - You have really pushed yourself to learn all your lines and rehearse without the script.

6 OAK— Elsa M - You have worked incredibly hard on your delivery as part of our Year six production, bangarang!

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Wrap Around Care 2023/2024

Dear Parents

As of September 2023, we will be changing the way Breakfast and After School Club are run.

Breakfast Club: We will be asking for payment in advance. Children can still attend breakfast club on an ad hoc basis, but we will expect payment in advance or on the day if unplanned.

After School Club: We will also be asking for payment in advance. Children will need to be booked in advance, if they are regular attendees please email to confirm the days you require, in an emergency a call or an email to school before 3pm - <u>wac@whitecote.co.uk</u> or 0113 2164800 option 4.

We hope to have an online booking system in place shortly.

PM Late Collection: This will no longer be available.

We offered this service in light of the cost-of-living crisis to provide a cheaper alternative for parents who don't need childcare for longer than 45mins. Unfortunately, this has been at a detrimental cost to After School Club. We have had to withdraw this option or risk having to close After School Club.

To ensure school is a responsible lender we will only be able to offer a place in WAC for families without arrears, allowing arrears to build can become unmanageable and result in legal action.

The school's budget is extremely stretched this year and is not able to subsidise WAC. We have looked for every possible option to avoid these changes but regretfully we have found nothing. We would like to assure parents that for the 5th year running we will not be increasing our fees, they will remain - £3 for Breakfast club and £11 for After School Club.

We are sending this letter out now, enabling parents two months to clear any arrears or find alternative childcare options.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Frances Stead Head Teacher Ms Andrea Gillard Wrap Around Care Coordinator













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30th June 2023

Aire View Care Home Hawaiian Summer Fair & Open

Day

Friday 7th July 1:30pm- 3:30pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of summer fun, with plenty of Hawaiian games and food.

Including a selection of stalls;

- Tombola - Guess the name of the teddy bear - Pineapple bowling - Lucky lolly sticks

And much more...

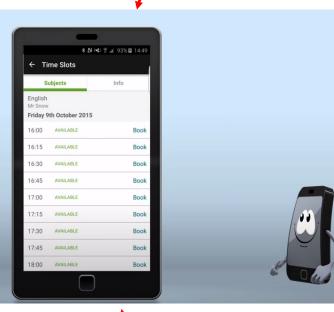
ParentMail Payments Help Guide

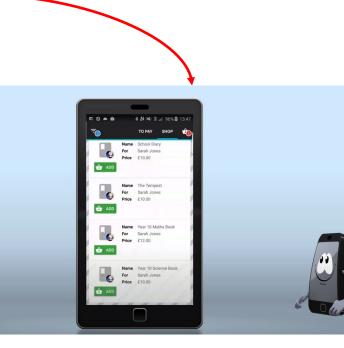
We use ParentMail for payments, consents, forms and booking appointments for parents' evening, so it's really important to get connected if you aren't already. Email office@whitecote.co.uk and we'll arrange for an activation link to be sent. We have some video tutorial links below that can help you navigate 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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