

Whitwell Primary School

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Thursday 18th April

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Summer Term!

Everyone in school looks forward to this term and all the varied opportunities that it brings for outdoor learning, outdoor PE, trips and visits and continued learning as the children get ready to progress to their next year groups; especially for Y6 who will start to look forward to their secondary school visits and transition.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club provision continues each morning in the hall. It is run by our own school staff.

Please walk your children down the driveway to the hall doors and sign them in. It can be paid for using our new online payment system for the week or the days that you use the provision.

Prices are:

£3.00 from 8am or £2.50 from 8am if your child is entitled to free school meals.

£3.50 from 7.45am or £3.00 from 7.45am if your child is entitled to free school meals.

Children are provided with cereals, fruit, toast and a drink of juice, milk or water. They are then encouraged to play with friends, take part in crafts, take part in simple activities, games etc.

After School Childcare Provision

Thank you to all who completed the FORMS questionnaire about paid for after-school childcare.

There has generally been a very positive response from parents. There is an almost equal split of parents who definitely want a childcare provision and those who definitely don't! However, we intend to implement a new arrangement from September for children in school, after their 5th birthday. There will be a letter sent specifically about this soon.

Uniform

Can I please ask you to check that all jumpers and cardigans are named. This is the term where children start taking layers off and leaving them around school. We always return named clothing to individuals, however plain navy jumpers and cardigans are difficult to identify. We appreciate that school uniforms are costly and so it will help everyone if we can return items easily and it will reduce the amount of lost property. We do have small amounts of uniform available that you can buy at a reduced cost, please speak to your child's teacher if this is something you are interested in.





For PE once the weather improves, children can wear plain black or navy shorts for school on PE days. Please remember they should be wearing a plain white or blue t-shirt only for PE. No labels, pictures or designs. They should also wear trainers that are suitable for running around on the field and playgrounds.

On non-PE days all children should be in school uniform, including sensible school shoes that support their feet. Only stud earrings and a watch should be worn. Other jewellery must be removed for Health and Safety reasons.

Mobile Phones and personal belongings.

There is a lot in the news about children and phones in schools. The Department for Education are advising schools to prohibit the use of mobile phones due to safeguarding risks.

Most of the children in school do not bring a mobile phone. Please can you continue to ensure your child **does not bring** a device into school. On the rare occasions where they may need a phone these must be switched off and handed in to the class teacher at the start of the day. They must not be turned back on again until the child is off-site. If a child is seen with a phone out during the day that hasn't been handed in, staff will contact you, and ask parents to collect this from us.

More and more children are bringing personal items from home: toys, jewellery, make-up etc. and the children are swapping things with their friends. Some items have been brought to the attention of teaching staff and they are clearly belongings of adults, not children. Please can you check that nothing is being brought into school as we do not want to encourage this behaviour and it is very hard for staff to know which item belongs to which child or what they may be bringing in that you do not know about!

WOW Assemblies

Our school is very full! Those of you who have been into school recently will know that when the whole school is in the hall it is a squeeze – particularly for WOW assemblies. Please can we ask that no more than 2 members of the family attend per child. There is room for 2 rows of adult chairs at the back of the hall, which is enough for each WOW child to have 2 visitors to see them. WOW assemblies are something to celebrate, but it needs to remain safe and manageable.

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Family First

Family First is a free publication that covers everything you and your family need in order to build a happier and healthier lifestyle. Family First is a quarterly magazine specifically designed to improve the health of over 6,000,000 families across England, Scotland & Wales. Working alongside major sporting governing bodies, Public Health England, leading food & drink brands, sportswear giants, and local authorities, Family First is helping to combat childhood obesity. The aim is simple: to get children & young adults active, playing more sport, exercising regularly, and eating healthily.

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue2-24>

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to the office staff, chat to class teachers or myself outside in the morning or after school or make an appointment to see me directly.

Kind regards

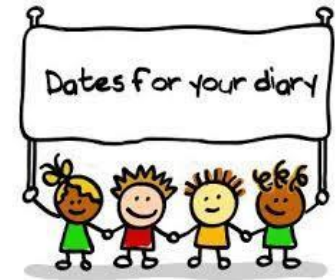
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Mrs Sarah Tomlinson, Headteacher



Dates Updated for 2024

Mon 15th Apr	Back to School
Tues 23rd Apr	Swimming restarts
Thurs 25 th Apr	Y4 Bikeability
	No Y6 Booster after school
Fri 26 th Apr	Y4 Bikeability & Y5 Bike Pre-tests
Mon 29 th Apr	FS2 Balance Bikes
Tues 30 th Apr	Y1 Balance Bikes
Thurs 2 nd May	Y3/4 Victorian Day
Mon 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thurs 9 th May	Last Y6 Booster after school
Week starting 13th May	Y6 SATS
	Y2 Assessments start for 2 weeks
Tues 14th May	Y2 and Y6 Fire Safety talk
Fri 17 th May	Reception children to Summer Fun at Shirebrook Academy – letter to follow
Mon 20 th May	Half of Y3 to Outdoor and Adventurous at Pleasley Vale – letter to follow
Thurs 23rd May	Half of Y3 to Outdoor and Adventurous at Pleasley Vale – letter to follow
	Nursery Visit to Tiny Town
	Last day of term for children
Fri 24th May	INSET
Mon 3rd June	Back to School
	KS1 Active Storytelling
Mon 3rd – Fri 7th	Y6 Residential to the Isle of Wight
Week starting 3rd Jun	Y4 Multiplication Check
Weds 5 th June	Y6 – those not on the Isle of Wight - Event at English Institute of Sport
Fri 7 th June	Y5 Bikeability
Week starting 10th Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Tues 11 th June	Class photographs
Thurs 20 th June	Power Maths open morning – come and learn with your children!
	10am – 1045am Reception, Y1, Y2
	11am – 1145am Y3 – Y6
Mon 24 th June	Y1 and Y2 trip to The Deep
Wed 26 th June	Sports Day
Thurs 27 th June	Sports Day (Reserve)
Mon 1 st July	KS1 Play Festival



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Tues 2 nd July	Nursery Sports Day Y6 Netherthorpe Transition Day
Wed 3 rd July	Nursery Sports Day (Reserve) Y6 Netherthorpe Transition Day
Thurs 4 th July	Whole School Team Building Day – Sports Partnership
Mon 8 th July	Y5/6 Production for Parents 1.45pm and 6pm – letter to follow
Weds 10 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Thurs 11 th July	FS2 to Chatsworth
Fri 12 th July	Y6 last day at Whitwell Primary School (Heritage Students) Summer Picnic Lunch at school
Mon 15 th – Tues 23 rd	Y6 attend Heritage High School
Mon 15 th July	Y3/4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Weds 17 th – Fri 19 th	School Transition Days
Fri 19 th July	Whole School Reading Event 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Tues 23 rd July	End of Year – Last day at school; school closes 3.20pm
Weds 4 th September	School re-opens for staff
Thurs 5 th September	School re-opens for pupils

INSET DAYS for 2024-2025

Weds 4th September 2024
Mon 4th November 2024
Fri 14th February 2025
Fri 23rd May 2025
Fri 27th June 2025

