



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 23

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Love, Learn, Share, Care - We are God's children doing God's work

Our Christian Value for this half term is FORGIVENESS

Easter Break

Just a reminder that school closes for the Easter Break tomorrow, Friday, 26th March 2021 at 1.30pm. Pickup times for each year group will be as follows.

Reception	1.10pm	Year 3	1.20pm
Year 1	1.20pm	Year 4	1.25pm
Year 2	1.25pm	Year 5	1.15pm
		Year 6	1.15pm

Nursery will finish at 3.40pm.

There will be no After School Club on Friday, 26th March, 2021.

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who had a clear out of unwanted clothing. We had an amazing amount of bags this morning. The Bags2School van came and, after some time later of weighing and loading, we managed to receive a fantastic sum of £190.50.

Red Nose Day 2021

Thank you also to those who donated for Red Nose Day 2021. So far we have managed to raise **£78.50**. Donations for this should be made by the ParentPay link below. We would like to thank those parents who have donated already, but donations this year have been significantly lower than in previous years. We realise that this year has been a difficult year, but donations can still be made up until and including the 30th March, 2021. Thank you in advance for this extremely worthy cause.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2569>

School Dinners

Due to lockdown each child's balance for school dinners will be different. If you pay for school dinners, please log on to ParentPay this weekend to find out your up-to-date balance. Please could payments be made before we return on the 12th April, 2021.

School Dinners for the half term after Easter (12.4.21 - 28.5.21) will be £78.20. Payments by ParentPay please.

Class Photographs

Wednesday, 21st April

Clarks Shoes - Appointment System

We have been contacted by a representative from Clarks Shoes. As it is getting closer to shops re-opening, we have been asked to attach information to this newsletter with regards to their new booking system.

Reminder of Drop Off and Pick Up Times for After Easter

Children should arrive in the same staggered manner using all the gates: Main Gate, Car Park and the Field Gate.

Nursery	Field Gate	8:55-11:55am, 12:40-3:40pm, 7:45am-5:30pm for wrap around days
Reception Class	Field Gate	8:45 am/3:10pm
Year 1	Field Gate	9:00am/3:20pm
Year 2	Main Gate	8:55am/3:25pm
Year 3	Main Gate	8:50am/3:20pm
Year 4	Car Park Gate	8:55am/3:25pm
Year 5	Main Gate	8:45am/3:15pm
Year 6	Car Park Gate	8:45am/3:15pm



Please could we ask that children arrive promptly as time slots are every 5 minutes. If you miss your allocated time, we must ask that parents wait with their child until all children have come into school. It is important that adults and children line up in single file to enable others to use the pavement.

Breakfast Club (from 7:45am) and After School Club (5:30pm close) will operate for pupils who have long standing bookings. At this point, no new places will be issued, if they have not already been agreed.

Staff Vaccinations

We have been very fortunate this week to have been contacted by Preston Medical Centre who have arranged appointments for all our staff to receive their Covid vaccine. All staff in school will have received their first vaccine before Easter.

Advice to parents if your child or any family member is unwell

'Get a covid test to protect yourself and your loved ones'

We have attached the above information again which has been sent through from Lancashire County Council. Please take time to read this information, which explains that it is better to be cautious and book a test or do a Lateral Flow Test, if anyone in the family is unwell but does not display classic symptoms of a temperature, persistent cough and loss of taste or smell.

Boxes of Lateral Flow Testing Kits can be obtained, for families of primary school children, from the Woodlands Centre near Parklands High School.

Positive Covid Tests

Please remember that we would be grateful if you could email head@whittle-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk if you or a family member has a POSITIVE covid test over the Easter holidays.

As we finish tomorrow for Easter, I would like to thank everyone in our school community for being vigilant and keeping our school safe in very difficult times. We have done so well with no popped bubbles this term, unlike other schools. The staff would all agree that the children have been so happy to be back in school over the last few weeks, and it has been lovely to see them smiling and happy to be amongst their friends and teachers. Please keep safe and have a lovely Easter.

SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER EASTER ON MONDAY, 12TH APRIL, 2021