



**Whitehirst Park Primary School/Bun-Sgoil Pàirc Whitehirst -**  
**Information for parents/carers**  
**August 2022**



Welcome/Fàilte to the new school session. It's lovely to see the children looking refreshed and ready for the new session. This brief information leaflet will be followed very soon by a more comprehensive newsletter for the term. I very much look forward to working with you and your family this session.

*Lynn Robertson*  
**Head Teacher**

**Staffing**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Emma Thomson (P6/7) as a newly qualified teacher this session. It is also lovely to welcome Mrs Lynsey McLaren (P3) and Miss Fiona MacDonald (P3/4 Gaelic Medium) and Miss Amy Wallace (Classroom Assistant) to our staff. We have a number of full time and part time positions, such as Classroom Assistant and Dining Hall Supervisor, either advertised or coming out soon. I

**Absence Procedures**

It would be much appreciated if you could contact the school before 9.30am if your child is absent from school. Apart from anything else, we need to know that your child is safe. Please note that it is extremely important that the school has up to contact details. A pack of administrative/medical forms will be issued soon to allow you to update your child's details as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you know of any changes, please contact the school office staff.

**Permission Slips**

**Internet Use and Photographs** ~ Please read the enclosed guidelines and return the permission slip pages within one week of receiving this newsletter.

**Local Outings/Playtrail** ~ There may be times during the session when your child has the opportunity to take part in an activity within the town e.g. walking to the library, shops, park etc. These outings are closely supervised by school staff and parent helpers. Being an ECO school we do try to cut down on the amount of paper used, therefore by signing the slips overleaf it means that you are giving permission for the school year.

**Infectious Illnesses**

We are all well aware of the ongoing current pandemic. Mitigations such as regular handwashing and ventilation are in place. We no longer notify you of Covid 19 cases in school, but we will closely monitor cases and follow national and local guidance if we have concerns. It is still helpful to let us know as soon as possible if your child has tested positive. If your child has symptoms of a respiratory infection such as coronavirus and has a high temperature, stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Your child can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature (if they had one) or until they feel better.

Additionally, as matter of great importance, I would ask that you contact the school office immediately to inform us if you are aware of any infectious illnesses such as chicken pox within your family. We have a number of children with low immunity for whom infections can be serious and therefore we must know immediately if they are being exposed to any infectious conditions. Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated.

**Home/School Communication**

We will continue to make use of Groupcall Xpressions App to communicate rather than through text messaging. This can be downloaded at the Apple App Store or Google Playstore. Teaching staff will start to use Seesaw as a means of communication. We will soon issue further information for you detailing how and when we will use this.

Our school website is in the process of being updated and our draft calendar for the year has been uploaded, but for your convenience I have attached a calendar of provisional dates for the coming year.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/whitehirstparkprimary/>

### Draft Calendar Session 2022-23

AUGUST	
Parent Council Meeting - Online	Tuesday 23rd August
P7 Inverclyde Information Session in School	Thursday 25th August
SEPTEMBER	
Homework starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
P7 at Inverclyde Residential	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
P7 at Inverclyde Residential	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
P7 at Inverclyde Residential	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September
In-Service Day for Staff	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Open Evening for all classes 5pm-7pm	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
OCTOBER	
Flu vaccination	Monday 3rd October
Last week of homework	Monday 3rd October
Harvest Service	Thursday 6th October
Sharing Learning Evening for Parents/Carers 5.30pm-6.30pm	Tuesday 11th October
Close for October Holidays 3pm	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
School Opens 9am	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Homework Starts	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Halloween Activities in Class	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
NOVEMBER	
Close for November Weekend 3pm	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
In-Service Day for Staff	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
School Opens 9am	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 1	Wednesday 23rd November
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 2	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Pantomime at the Palace Theatre Kilmarnock PM	Wednesday 30th November

**DECEMBER**

Christmas Fayre Preparation Day - Helpers needed	Friday 2nd December
Last week of homework	Monday 5th December
Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5pm	Thursday 8th December
Christmas Parties start - dates TBC	Monday 12th December
Christmas Service	Wednesday 21st December
Close for Christmas Holidays 2.30pm	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December

**JANUARY**

School Opens	Monday 9th January
Homework starts	Monday 16th January

**FEBRUARY**

Close for February weekend 3pm	Thursday 9th February
In-service Day for staff	Tuesday 14th February
School Opens	Wednesday 15th February

**MARCH**

Last week of homework	Monday 20th March
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 1	Tuesday 21st March
Parent/Teacher/Pupil Target Talks Evening 2	Wednesday 22nd March
Easter Service	Wednesday 29th March
Close for Easter Holidays 2.30pm	Friday 31st March

**APRIL**

School Opens	Monday 17th April
Homework Starts	Monday 24th April

**MAY**

Holiday	Monday 1st May
Health Fortnight	Monday 15th May
Sports Day	Wednesday 17th May
Sharing Learning Evening for Parents/Carers 5.30pm-6.30pm	Thursday 25th May
Holiday	Monday 29th May
In-service Day for Staff	Tuesday 30th May
School Opens	Wednesday 31st May

**JUNE**

Whole School Trip - TBC	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Last week of homework	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Final Reports Issued	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
P7 Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 14th June
Summer Service	Tuesday 27th June
Close for Summer Holidays 1pm	Wednesday 28th June

FOR UPDATES CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND TERMLY NEWSLETTERS

Remember meals are free for Primary 1-5. Try to order at home and discuss choices with your child each day.

**NORTH AYRSHIRE SCHOOL MENU 2022/23**

# PRiMaRY

**WEEK ONE** 18/08/2022 3/09/2022 20/09/2022 24/10/2022 14/11/2022 3/12/2022 9/01/2023 30/01/2023 20/02/2023 13/03/2023  
17/04/2023 11/05/2023 31/05/2023 19/06/2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Soup</b>	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup	Potato and leek soup	Lentil soup
<b>Main 1</b>	Sausages, baby jacket potatoes, carrots, sweetcorn	Macaroni cheese, baby jacket potatoes/garlic bread, cherry tomatoes	Cottage pie/mince & potatoes, baby jacket potatoes, green beans	Chicken goujons, potato wedges, seasonal salad, broccoli	Fish, chips, peas, seasonal salad
<b>Main 2</b>	Chilli chicken noodles, sweetcorn	Quorn dippers wrap, potato wedges, seasonal salad	Chicken curry, basmati rice, seasonal salad	Beefburger roll, seasonal salad	Pizza, baby jacket potatoes, peas, seasonal salad
<b>Main 3</b>	Baked potato & tuna, seasonal salad	Beans on toast	Tuna pasta, seasonal salad	Tomato & basil pasta garlic bread & seasonal salad	Baked potato & baked beans, seasonal salad
<b>Sandwiches</b>	Roll & sliced chicken breast, seasonal salad	Cheese sandwich, seasonal salad	Turkey sandwich, seasonal salad	Cheese sandwich, seasonal salad	Chicken sandwich, seasonal salad
<b>Puddings</b>	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, sponge & custard, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, fruit crumble & custard, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt

**WEEK TWO** 22/08/2022 12/09/2022 3/10/2022 31/10/2022 25/11/2022 13/12/2022 16/01/2023 6/02/2023 27/02/2023 20/03/2023  
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<b>Soup</b>	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup	Cream of chicken soup	Lentil soup
<b>Main 1</b>	Meatballs, baby jacket potatoes, peas & sweetcorn	Tomato pasta, garlic bread, jacket potatoes, seasonal salad	Roast chicken, yorkshire pudding, baby jackets potatoes, broccoli	Buttermilk chicken burger, jacket wedges, seasonal salad, mixed veg	Fish, chips, peas, seasonal salad
<b>Main 2</b>	Chicken or quorn fajitas, baby jacket potatoes, seasonal salad	Quorn & vegetable curry basmati rice, seasonal salad	Pork or veggie sausages, baby jacket potatoes, broccoli	Pasta bolognese, garlic bread, baby jacket potatoes, mixed veg	Pizza pasta combo, baby jacket potatoes, peas, seasonal salad
<b>Main 3</b>	Fish finger bun, seasonal salad	Beans on toast	Tuna pasta, seasonal salad	Cheese toastie, seasonal salad	Baked potato & baked beans, seasonal salad
<b>Sandwiches</b>	Roll & sliced chicken breast, seasonal salad	Cheese sandwich, seasonal salad	Turkey sandwich, seasonal salad	Cheese sandwich, seasonal salad	Chicken sandwich, seasonal salad
<b>Puddings</b>	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, fruit tart, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, fruit jelly, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt

**WEEK THREE** 29/08/2022 26/09/2022 16/10/2022 7/11/2022 28/11/2022 19/12/2022 25/01/2023 13/02/2023 6/03/2023 27/03/2023  
2/05/2023 22/05/2023 12/06/2023

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<b>Soup</b>	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup	Vegetable soup	Lentil soup
<b>Main 1</b>	Macaroni cheese, baby jacket potatoes/garlic bread, cherry tomatoes	Pizza, baby jacket potatoes, mixed veg, seasonal salad	Steak pie, roast potatoes, baby jackets, turnip	Chicken curry, basmati rice, seasonal salad	Fish, chips, peas, seasonal salad
<b>Main 2</b>	Sausage casserole, mashed potato, baby jacket potatoes, peas & sweetcorn	Southern fried veggie burger, baby jacket potatoes, mixed veg, seasonal salad	Quorn nuggets, baby jackets, coleslaw, seasonal salad	Pulled pork in finger bun, potato wedges, seasonal salad	Salmon goujons, chips, peas, seasonal salad
<b>Main 3</b>	Baked potato & tuna mayo, seasonal salad	Beans on toast	Turkey sandwich, seasonal salad	Tuna sandwich, seasonal salad	Quorn hot dog, seasonal salad
<b>Sandwiches</b>	Roll & sliced chicken breast, seasonal salad	Cheese sandwich, seasonal salad	Tuna wrap, seasonal salad	Cheese roll, seasonal salad	Chicken sandwich, seasonal salad
<b>Puddings</b>	Fruit platter, homemade shortbread biscuit, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt	Fruit platter, sponge & custard, yogurt	Fruit platter, yogurt

*Our meals are freshly prepared with local, seasonal ingredients.* We purchase local free range hen eggs, msc fresh fish, QMS and farm assured meats, organic milk, pasta and flour.

**Food for Life Soil Approved**