

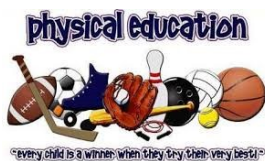


Newsletter - April 2021

Here we are at the start of our final term of a very challenging year! We are delighted to have everyone back in our school building and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our pupils and parents for their patience, understanding and support over this school year so far. It's been a very different year for everyone but we hope we've managed to engage all our children in their digital learning and kept the lines of communication and support open for all our parents. We look forward to a more settled final term.

Please remember if your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms or is being tested for Covid-19 the household should self isolate until you receive the results. Please keep the school informed so we can follow the appropriate protocols. If your child tests positive please contact the school as soon as you find out. If this is outwith normal school hours please email us as soon as possible on enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk.

Please be assured we continue to follow all guidelines to ensure the safety of all children in our care.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to reply to our recent survey about PE hoodies. We had a great response and the overwhelming majority of parents said they would be happy to purchase one. We have sent an email containing the order form if you would like to purchase one for your child. These should be paid for through Ipayimpact before we place the order with the supplier. Orders should be placed by **Friday 7th May** to enable us to have them ordered, received and distributed before the Summer holidays.

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Important Dates

3 May	May Day Holiday
6 May	In Service Day
28 May	May Weekend
31 May	May Weekend
10 June	P1—P3 POLO Day
11 June	P4—P7 POLO Day
15 June	P1—P3 Awards
16 June	P4—P6 Awards
17 June	P1—P3 Sports Day
18 June	P4—P7 Sports Day
18 June	Reports issued
22 June	P7 Leavers Assembly
24 June	School Closes 1.00pm



Welcome to the Parent Council

Although we can't meet in person we have still been holding our Parent Council meetings virtually. Our parent Forum are always welcome to join our meetings. Our final scheduled meeting will take place on Thursday 27th May at 7.00pm. If you would like to participate please let us know by sending an email to: enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk and we will send you the link.



Please note our school office will be closed each day between 1.30pm and 2.00pm to enable our office staff to have their lunch break. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to log their interest in school photographs. The overwhelming majority of parents chose photographs for the whole school. We will arrange dates with the photographer and will let you know once these have been organised. Thank you again for your input.



We would like to remind parents that the cost of a school lunch has increased to £3.10 from 1st April as per the letter sent prior to the Easter break. Could parents please ensure their children have enough funds on their card to pay for their school lunch? Many thanks for your co-operation on this matter.





As we do every year we will still be having our Power Off and Learn Outdoors (POLO) Days. These have been arranged as follows:

Thursday 10th June P1—P3

Friday 11th June P4—P7

On these days your child will require to come to school prepared to spend all day in the outdoor area. Children therefore need to wear **appropriate outdoor clothing, jacket and shoes** (preferably Wellington boots). **The days will go ahead unless weather conditions are extreme.** Some rain will not keep us indoors, for example.



Sadly school trips are still not allowed however, we intend to arrange an activity week of some description for our primary 7's to try to ensure they are not missing out on all the privileges that being a primary 7 brings. We will, of course, follow all current guidelines to ensure we keep our pupils and staff safe. The Teachers are consulting with the children to come up with some ideas! We will let you know what has been arranged in due course.

We will hold our P7 Leavers Assembly which will be filmed and our P7 teachers will let you know the date of filming via Dojo. Unfortunately parents will be unable to attend due to current restrictions but we wanted to make sure we give our primary 7 pupils the send off they deserve! The assembly will be available for P7 parents to view at home on 23rd June.



SHOWCASE

As we are still unable to have parents in the school we aren't able to put on our usual Summer show however, each class will be doing their own performance similar to our Christmas show which will be available for you to view online. We will keep you updated with when this will be available for you to watch in the comfort of your own home.





We love to celebrate achievements at Whitelees and will be holding our annual Awards Ceremonies for all of our children although sadly, we will be unable to invite parents along to be a part of it. Class awards will be held at separate times during the day and we will celebrate all achievements over this last challenging school year! Photographs of your child with their awards will be sent to parents via Dojo as we did with Santa photos at Christmas. Ceremonies will be held as follows:

Tuesday 15th June P1—P3 Awards

Wednesday 16th June P4—P6 Awards



We will be holding our Sports day over two days this year to ensure we adhere to all guidelines. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend. Children can come to school dressed in their PE kit on their own Sports Day. Sports days will be held on the following days:

17th June Nursery and P1—P3

18th June P4—P7



Report cards will be issued on Friday 18th

June.

