

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NEWSLETTER 2 – JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends.

We are back to school with another busy term ahead. You can keep up to date with what's happening on our Twitter (X) page @whiteleesPS



15th January	P1 Enrolment 9.30am - 10.30am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm
17th January	P1 Enrolment 9.30am - 10.30am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm
18th January	P1 Enrolment 9.30am - 10.30am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm
1st February	Parent Council Meeting
12th February	School Holiday
13th February	School Holiday
14th February	Inset Day (children should not attend school)
16th February	Nursery Registration deadline
16th February	Latest and Best jotters to parents
29th February	Parent Council Disco (more information to come from the PC)
7th March	Parent's Night
8th March	World Book Day
15th March	Comic Relief - Dress Down Day
28th March	School closes at 2.30pm
29th March - 12th April	Easter Break
2nd May	Inset Day (children should not attend school)
6th May	May Day Holiday
24th - 27th May	May May Weekend Holiday



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Thank you to all our parents who have already signed up to Parent's Portal. If you haven't already signed up please consider doing so. This is a one stop shop where you can report an absence, top up your child's dinner card, update contact details and sign permission slips amongst other things. This will also be where your child's report card will be published when the time comes, paper copies will no longer be sent home and copies will no longer be emailed.

You can sign up through your MyGov Scotland account. If you don't already have one you can register online. If you require more information please drop us an email at enquiries-at-whitelees@northlan.org.uk

**School
App for
Parents**

If you haven't already signed up to our School App for Parents please consider doing so. Class teachers will use this for class information and the school will use it for school wide information. All you need to do is download the app to your mobile phone/tablet and choose Whitelees Primary School. If you already have the app for children at other schools you can add Whitelees by clicking on the 3 lines at the top right of the screen and choose add school and type Whitelees Primary School.

If you wish to purchase a Whitelees Hoodie these are now available from Scotcrest in Airdrie. www.scotcrestschoools.co.uk



Our Swap Shop is still open and we hope you will continue to make full use of this. We have items of school uniform, shoes, jackets, blazers and toys available. Please use the link below or the QR code above to either order items from the Swap Shop to be given to your child or arrange an appointment to visit the Swap Shop.



Our Parent's Night will take place on Thursday 7th March from 3.30pm - 8.30pm. Appointments can be booked online only. Please look out for an email coming to your inbox to inform you that online booking has opened.



As we return after the Winter break we wanted to take the opportunity to publish a few reminders:

- Please do not use the staff car park to pick up/drop off your child/ren at any time of the day, including for Breakfast Club and if they are late to school. This is for the safety of all our children, staff and parents.
- Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school each day. These can be replenished at our water fountains. Increasingly children are coming to school without water bottles and unfortunately, we are unable to continue to supply disposable cups. If you are unable to provide a water bottle for your child please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange one for them.
- Whilst we actively encourage children to walk, cycle and scoot to school we must ask that they dismount and push their bikes and scooters in the school playground. This is for the safety of all children and parents in the playground.
- Please remember to top up your child's dinner card online using Ipayimpact to ensure they have sufficient funds to pay for their lunch.

Look out for your child's Latest and Best jotter coming home for you to peruse on Friday 16th February. These should be returned on 19th February.



Primary 1 Enrolment

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2024 and 29 February 2025 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 15 January 2024. Please come along to Whitelees Primary School on one of the following dates and times to enrol your child:

Monday 15th January 2024 - 9.30am - 10.30am or 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 17th January 2024 - 9.30am - 10.30am or 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Thursday 18th January 2024 - 9.30am - 10.30am or 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Children living in the following streets **must** register at Whitelees Primary School

If you wish to send your child to a school outwith our catchment area you must still register them at Whitelees Primary school and complete a placing request online.

Almond Road	Arns Road	Ash Road
Birkenburn Court/Place/Road	Braesburn Court/Place/Road	Castburn Road
Cherry Avenue	Chestnut Avenue/Court/Place	Hornbeam Road
Lilac Avenue/Court/Hill/Place	Maple Court/Road	Pine Court/Crescent/Grove
Redburn Court/Place/Road	Roseburn Place	Whitelees Road

Birth certificates and current council tax bill **MUST** be produced.



Enrolment for nursery session 2024 - 2025 is now open. All children who will be 3 years of age before 1 March 2025 are entitled to receive up to 1140 hours statutory funded place during session 2024-2025.

The Government funding start dates are where a child's third birthday fall on or between:

- 1 March 2024 and 31 August 2024 they will be eligible for funding from August 2024 (autumn term) occurring in that year.
- 1 September and 31 December 2024 they will be eligible for funding from January 2025 (spring term) following their birthday.
- 1 January and last day of February 2025 they will be eligible for funding from April 2025 (summer term) following their birthday.

Parents/carers of a child who's funded place will start at any of these times should apply now. You can apply online using the following link:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/early-learning-and-childcare/early-learning-and-childcare-applications>

The completed application form and supporting paperwork should be emailed to your first choice provider. If we are not your first choice provider please send applications to enquiries-at-whitelees@northlan.org.uk Please note that three choices must be provided on the application. Supporting paperwork can be sent as a photo attachment if you have no access to a scanning facility. You can use the link below to obtain a copy of your current council tax bill.

[Online Revenues and Benefits Services \(northlanarkshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk)

If your child was on our waiting list for this session a new application would be required for August 2022.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 16th February 2024.**