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School Newsletter

Newsletter 1 - October 2024

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the 2024/2025 session. We hope you find it informative and helpful.

All children have settled well into the routines of school and our new primary 1 children are also settling into class.

You can keep up to date with everything going on within the school on our website www.whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk. Here you will find our school calendar, information about our Parent Council, PE and much more! Keep informed on Twitter @WhiteleesPS where you can keep up to date with what's happening in your child's class.



After our Parent Council AGM in August our new Parent Council is as follows:

Chairperson	Kim Bell	Members	Emily Sands
Vice Chairperson	Dawn Macpherson		Kirsty Mackenzie
Secretary	Eve Tennant		Fiona Kerr
Treasurer	Elaine Stewart		Danielle Scott
Vice Treasurer	Susan Graham		Deborah Brass
			Aileen Lewis
			Kirsty Bowman
			Katie McGarvie
			Lynsey Wright
			Sandi Rankin

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our members of the Parent Council both old and new and look forward to working in partnership with them over the course of the next school year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our former members of the Parent Council for their hard work over the last year, some of whom have been with us for a significant number of years. Your input has been invaluable and your team desire to support the work of the school and all our pupils is an example to all Parent Councils.



Huge congratulations to our Team Captains for this year. All applicants did an amazing job of their application and presentation but only one person from each team could be chosen. Our Captains are as follows:



Team Air
Olivia N



Team Earth
Caitlyn



Team Fire
Olivia W



Team Water
Logan

We look forward to working with our Team Captains over the course of this year.



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 MyGovScot 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

**SWAP
SHOP**

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 call our school office if you would like to arrange an appointment to visit the Swap Shop.





REMINDER

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.



Please remember to top up your child's dinner card online using Ipayimpact to ensure they have sufficient funds to pay for their lunch and breakfast (if they attend Breakfast Club). The cost of a school lunch is £3.25.



If you haven't already completed all of our online forms for Medical and Dental Consent and ICT Acceptable Use for your child please do so using the links below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/hv5rdxwm7c>

<https://forms.office.com/e/ajs0YWMVGK>

If you haven't already returned your child's Annual Data Check and EV5 form distributed in August could you please make arrangements to return these? The Annual data Check will ensure we have the most up to date contact details for your child and the EV5 form will ensure we have permission to take your child on trips out with the school building. If you require these to be re-issued please contact our school office who will be happy to help.



Our Pantomime for P4 - P7 still remains open for payment on Ipayimpact. Thank you to those who have paid in full, this is greatly appreciated as we will have to pay the theatre in full at the end of October. If you haven't already paid, this fund will be open until 31st October. If you will be unable to make payment in full by this date please contact our school office who will be happy to make alternative arrangements for you.



Please do not use the staff car park to pick up/drop off your child at any time. This is for the safety of all our children, parents and staff. If you have no option but to use the car park please do not block our bin area as North Lanarkshire Council require access to these at all times. Increasingly we have parents/visitors with blue badges. We respectfully ask that the disabled spaces are kept free for these visitors/parents. If you are using the disabled space please display your blue badge.



Please be reminded that we are a **nut free** school. We have several children with severe nut allergies who could suffer a life threatening reaction.



Look out for your child's Latest and Best jotter coming home to you on Friday 22nd November. These should be returned on Monday 25th November.



Save THE Date

October

- 30th October - Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm In school
- 30th October - P1 Homework Launch 5.00pm (**P1 parents only**)

November

- 1st November - Halloween Dress Up or Dress Down
- 14th November - Parent Council Disco
- 15th November - Children In Need Day
- 18th November - In Service Day
- 22nd November - Latest and Best Jotters to parents
- 25th November - Latest and Best jotters returned to school
- 26th November - Flu Immunisation
- 30th November - Christmas Fayre
- 28th November - Cumbernauld Academy Christmas Fayre

December

- 6th December - In School Panto (Nursery - P3)
- 6th December - Panto (P4 - P7)
- 6th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th December - Afternoon Nativity Show 1.30pm
- 12th December - Evening Nativity Show 6.30pm
- 13th December - Nursery Show and Nursery Party
- 17th December - P6 and P7 Christmas Party
- 18th December - P4 and P5 Christmas Party
- 19th December - P1 - P3 Christmas Party
- 20th December - Christmas Sparkle Day
- 20th December - School closes at 2.30pm
- 23rd December - 3rd January (inclusive) - Christmas Break
- 6th January - Return to school

