



Whitelees Primary News

December 2015

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Dear Parents/Carers,

And just like that...It's December! Here we are almost half way through the school year and I am delighted as always to be reporting to you on the many successes of our pupils. We have indeed had a very busy term and it is set to continue right up to our last day on the **22nd**. Remember to keep up to date with what is going on by checking our notice boards, displayed outside the main entrance and infant doors or check out our website. Classes continue to blog and love sharing what is going on with you! Our DoJo system is proving a huge success with parent feedback being very positive and supportive. Please remember that our teachers will not always read or respond to messages received through class dojo so if you need to speak about something that you feel is important then contact us in the usual way.

In the meantime, I wish you all a Christmas that is blessed with peace and joy!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bernadette Hunter



Once again our Christmas Fayre was a resounding success! It was lovely to see so many families come along to support the children and the school especially as it was such a miserable day. These events would not be successful without your continued support so thank you once again. Check out our website for an update on the final total raised! Thank you to our Parent Council and everyone involved in the Christmas Fayre.



Look out for Interim Report Cards in children's bags before the Christmas holiday.



We had a massively successful fundraising day for Children in Need with our Cute and Cuddly Day and Coffee Afternoon. We raised a massive £770.31! The Charity Council decided as we raised such a huge amount, that we should spread the happiness and help children more locally as well as Children In Need. They decided to donate £370.31 to Children In Need with the remaining £400 going to Yorkhill Children's Charity as lots of our boys and girls regularly attend Yorkhill. Congratulations to the Charity Council for arranging such a successful fundraiser and once again thank you all for your continued support.

If you wish to contact the school and feel that an email is appropriate please use our enquiries email address which is checked on a daily basis. Our address is enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk.



Whole School Panto

The whole school had a fantastic trip to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on 1st December kicking off our Christmas festivities!



Author Visit

We had a special visitor to our school in November. Badger the Mystical Mutt came along to one of our assemblies with his authors to read to us from one of their books. It was a great experience and the story telling was fantastic as was Badger! We hope the children who bought books enjoy reading them!



World War II

Primary 7's World War II topic culminated in a World War II coffee afternoon which was greatly supported. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed hosting this event and showing all our visitors what they had learned about World War II. Once again thank you for your support of this event.



Kilbowie April 2016

Our Primary 7 pupils are off on their annual outing to Kilbowie Outdoor Centre in April 2016. Payment cards have now been issued and you can make payments of any amount at any time suitable to you.



Christmas Show

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Show "Bells Ring Out" on 8th, 9th and 10th December. Tickets are limited to **three per family** in the first instance and order forms have been issued. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale on Thursday 3rd December on a first come first served basis.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 10th December. Order forms have already been issued and should have been returned to the school to enable the kitchen to place their food order. The cost of the lunch is £1.80 and will be paid using the dinner cards as normal. Free lunch entitlement is the same as usual.



School Choir

Our school choir have been invited to sing at Abronhill Parish Church Guild of Friendship on 3rd December 2015. All parents of children in the choir should have received a letter explaining this in further detail.



Parking

Despite numerous reminders parents still continue to use the car park to drop children off. Please note that the school car park is for staff use only and should not be used as a drop off point for Breakfast Club or any other occasion. This request is made with our pupils' safety at the core and not to inconvenience you in any way.

Sadly, we continue to receive a number of complaints from local residents about the dangerous way in which cars are parked during drop off and pick up times for school. This is a serious issue and I feel compelled to remind you of the importance of ensuring the safety of all pupils in the school. Road safety is a priority for a reason and we rely upon your good judgement and desire to stay within the law. Please, please listen.



Whitelees Website

Our website is now fully operational. You can keep up-to-date with everything that is happening in Whitelees and see what your child's class is up to. It would be great to establish a routine of checking the website regularly to ensure you are kept fully informed!



Primary 5/6 and 6 had a fantastic trip to the Rural Museum in East Kilbride where they had a tour of a working farm and took part in various workshops. They never let the good old Scottish weather dampen their enthusiasm and they all had a great time!

Primary 2 are off to visit Summerlee as part of their topic "Entertainment in the Victoria Ages". We're sure they'll have a fun filled, educational trip.



Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties will be held week commencing 14th December. Primary 6 and 7 will be on 14th December, Primary 4 and 5 will be on 15th December, Primary 2 and 3 will be on 16th December and Primary 1 will be on 17th December. All parties will be held in the afternoon. Children should come to school in their uniform and can bring their party clothes to school to change into at lunchtime. Alternatively, they can go home for lunch and get changed. If children are going home they will be dismissed at the office door at 12.00pm to return at 1.00pm.



Christmas Jumper Day

We will be having a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December to round off a busy, fun filled week of Christmas Shows. Children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy! There will be a cost of £1 per child for this.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Garey to our Primary 6 class. Mrs Garey has settled in well and is building relationships with the children in the class.



Christmas Holidays

School will close at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22nd December for the Christmas holidays. I hope you have a wonderful, peaceful break. School re-opens on Wednesday 6th January at 9.00am.



Parent Council

13.1.16	7.00-9.00
11.2.16	7.00-9.00
20.4.16	7.00-9.00

Julie McQuade - Chairperson
Angela Mason - Vice Chairperson
Donna Waddell - Secretary
Natalie Quinn - Treasurer
Michelle Chambers

1.6.16	7.00-9.00

Debbie Welsford
Alexandra Merrick
Ishah Imran
Davina Duffy
Alan Carroll - Co-opted Member



Email

Emails are coming in expressing an interest in receiving correspondence via email. The set up of this is still ongoing and we ask that you bear with us whilst this procedure is put into place. If you haven't already done so and would like to receive correspondence via email please send an email to enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk with your child's name and class.

Some dates for your diary...

1.12.15 Whole School Panto	8.12.15 School Nativity (afternoon)	9.12.15 School Nativity (afternoon)	10.12.15 School Nativity (Evening)
11.12.15 Christmas Jumper Day	14.12.15 P6 & P7 Christmas Party	15.12.15 P4 & P5 Christmas Party	16.12.15 P2 & P3 Christmas Party
17.12.15 P1 Christmas Party	21.12.15 Christmas Service		

