

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NEWSLETTER 1 – OCTOBER 2023

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the 2023/2024 session. We hope you find it informative and helpful. You can keep up to date with everything going on within the school on our website

www.whitelees.n-lanarkshire.sch.uk. Here you will find all correspondence which has been issued, our school calendar, information about our Parent Council, PE and much more! Keep informed on Twitter where you can keep up to date with what's happening in your child's class.

Welcome to the
Parent Council

Our new Parent Council for the 2023-2024 session is as follows:

Chairperson	Lindsay Wingate
Vice Chairperson	Sarah Bradley
Secretary	Donna Waddell
Treasurer	Elaine Stewart
Vice Treasurer	Debbie Welsford

Members

Fiona Kerr
Kim Bell
Danielle Scot
Kirsty MacKenzie
Dawn Macpherson
Laura Ridley
Eve Tennant
Emily Sands
Deborah Brass



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 former members of the Parent Council for all their hard work over the last year. Your input has been invaluable. Your team spirit and desire to support the work of the school is an example to all Parent Councils.

You can keep up to date with all the Parent Council news on our website where the Meeting Minutes and Agendas are posted.



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



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.



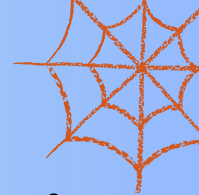
If you wish to purchase a Whitelees Hoodie these are now available from Scotcrest in Airdrie. www.scotcrestschoools.co.uk



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 Primary 7 annual trip to Strathclyde Park will take place from Monday 30th October until Friday 3rd November. The total cost of this trip is £120.00 which can only be paid online through Ipayimpact. This will be open until 30th October and payment in full should be made by this date. If you will be unable to make payment in full by this date please call our school office who will be happy to make alternative arrangements for you. We're sure they will all have a fantastic week!



As we return after the October 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 remember that Breakfast Club starts at 8.15am. There is no supervision for any child dropped off before this time.
- 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 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 24th November. These should be returned on 27th November.



If you haven't already returned your child's Annual Data Check and EV5 form distributed at the start of the year 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 haven't completed 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/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4WjOKVQTctawUZKVe1p75WX_JNlyrSz4PMbs1UMFo1RVA1Q0FKS1JJTOwwSOVXR0FaUVBCNi4u

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October

30th October - 3rd November - P7 Strathclyde Park Trip

November

2nd - Parent Council Meeting - Online

9th - Parent Council Disco

13th - Inset Day - children should not attend

17th - Children in Need - Crazy Hair/Dress Down/Tombola Donation

24th - Latest and Best jotters sent home to parents - to be returned 27th November

25th - Whitelees Christmas Fayre

December

8th - Christmas Jumper Day for P4 - P7

8th - P4 - P7 Panto - Lanternhouse Theatre, Cumbernauld

12th - Flu Immunisation

13th - Afternoon Performance of Christmas Nativity - 1.30pm

14th - Evening Performance of Christmas Nativity - 6.30pm

15th Nursery Christmas Singalong - 9.30am

15th - School Christmas Lunch

18th - Nursery - P3 in school Panto

18th - Christmas Jumper Day for Nursery - P3

19th - P6, P6/7 and P7 Christmas Party

20th - P4, P4/P5 and P5/6 Christmas Party

21st - P1, P1/2, P2 and P3 Christmas Party

22nd - Nursery Christmas Party/Christmas Sparkle Day (whole school dress down)

22nd - School closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas holidays

School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024

Please note the dates above are subject to change