



Newsletter

Issue No 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

The start to this school year has been unlike any other and we are delighted with the way the children seem to be taking everything in their stride. There are so many smiling faces around school.

Thank you for all your support over the weeks and months since March, it has been so valuable to the whole Whitley Team that we all work together and always have the best interests of the children at heart.

Equipment needed for school:

- **Indoor shoes** (PE pumps are perfect) so that on the days when they have been on the muddy field they can change their shoes.
- **A waterproof coat** as we are going to have to go outside at breaks and lunchtimes whenever possible and children need to be comfortable. The children are also doing lots of outdoor learning and a bit of drizzle won't stop us!
- **A filled water bottle** which comes home daily, drinks fountains are currently closed due to Covid19 but children need to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Government Guidance relating to COVID

We are following all Government Guidance relating to COVID-19 and ask that you support us in not sending any children who have symptoms of COVID or are generally unwell to school.

How to check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.



Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

This information has been taken from: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Jules Hall

Headteacher



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England

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JAGUAR LANDROVER**

A reminder of our revised drop off and collection times:

Drop off 8.30 am	Pick up 3.00pm 2pm on Friday
Drop off 8.40 am	Pick up 3.10 pm 2.10pm Friday
Drop off 8.50 am	Pick up 3.20pm 2.20pm Friday
Drop off 9.00am	Pick up 3.30pm 2.30pm Friday

Mother's Day Tickets

Sadly we had to cancel last year's Mother's Day breakfast event. Unfortunately, in the current climate, we do not have any plans to rearrange the event. If you would like a refund, please send your tickets in to school, clearly labelled with your child's name and class and we will arrange for your money to be sent home. Any unclaimed money we have remaining at the end of November will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you for your understanding.

Parking

We realise parking can be an issue at busy times but please put our pupils safety and community relations first by not parking in areas where you shouldn't.

Home time arrangements

If you need to make changes to your usual home time arrangements, please can we ask that you call or email before lunchtime so that we can let your child's teacher know in advance.

School Menu

Please be advised that from Monday 14th September we will be adding the option of a filled jacket potato to our usual menu choices. The menu is available to view on our website.



We have an exciting new opportunity for you to join our new Parent Forum.

What is a Parent Forum?

The **Parent Forum** is a partnership between **parents** and the **school**. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. The aim of any **Parent Forum** will be to: · work together to improve the education provided for our children.

As part of the Parent Forum you would:

- have the opportunity to influence change in school
- support whole school improvement
- be the voice of other parents

How does it work?

You would attend monthly Parent Forum meetings, with Miss Carter, Deputy Headteacher, to discuss key issues. You would be the contact person for other parents within your child’s year group. It is likely that during these times all meetings will be held remotely.

If you think that this role would interest you, please express your interest below.

Name Name of Child

Class of Child

I would like to get involved in The Whitley Abbey Parents Forum and am happy for my email address to be shared with the other parents of children in my child’s form

Signed Date