



Whitecross Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an incredibly busy month in school and nursery. As always I am so incredibly proud of all our children. It has been great to see so many of our school improvements having an impact on our children's learning. This term we have been focusing on engagement in learning. We have been using our children's interests to plan a variety of different learning activities to develop their skills and help them to apply their learning in different contexts.

Outdoor Clothing

As our weather is still very cold can I ask that you encourage your child to bring a warm jacket to school and nursery. Hat and gloves would be great too. If you need any help to provide a jacket or any of these things please let us know and we can help you out!

Magic Breakfast

Our magic breakfast launch has gone very well with all children in our nursery and school being offered breakfast. When our children arrive at school at 9am as part of their soft start they can choose to have breakfast with their friends. In Nursery our children are always offered snack when they arrive as part of their routine. The items that children will be able to choose from are:-

Toast with butter/jam/beans

Crumpets with butter/jam

Bagels with butter/jam

Cereals – Weetabix/Cornflakes/Quaker Oat Crisp/Crunchy Bran

Porridge – Original/apple/strawberry

Water/Milk to drink

Fresh Fruit



Amy, our magic breakfast representative came for a visit and was very impressed with our set up and our children. She was really impressed by how good our children are at getting everything ready and tidying up at the end. Our P7/6/5 class have shown a real interest in cooking and have started to find recipes and have been developing their cooking skills. I was really impressed by their noodle stir fry! We plan to invite our Parents and families to join us for a special World Book Day family breakfast – all parents are invited to join us on Thursday 6th March at 9am to have a family breakfast in the classroom. You are also welcome to visit the hall with your child to take part in a book swap. We hope to see you there!





Morning Sports Clubs

Our Sports Leaders have worked very hard with Jen from Active Schools and are now ready to run their own clubs. More information will follow with sign up letters for each activity.

PE Days

Over the next 4 weeks there may be changes to our PE days as Mrs Walsh our PE teacher from Graeme High School is still covering another post in the school so we will have different cover instead and I will keep you updated weekly on any changes.



Big Winter Wander

A huge thank you to all our families who were able to come along and participate in our big winter walk. A huge thanks to Mrs Heggie and our Green Ambassadors for organising this amazing event. The panda biscuits at the end were fabby! We raised £34 for WWF. Thank you to you all for your continued support.

Whitecross Glee-ers



I am so incredibly proud of our Glee Choir, they were exceptional. The event organisers have commented on how well behaved, polite and supportive our children were, not just of each other, but of other choirs in the competition. A huge thank you to all our families for coming to support us at the competition but also to Mrs Thomson and Mrs Leckie, our Glee Choir leaders for working so hard with all our children.



Dalguise P7 Cluster Residential Trip

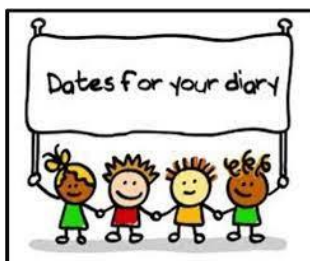


Our P7 pupils will be heading to Dalguise on Wednesday 19th March. You will have received a discount voucher for Mountain Warehouse, this can only be used this weekend. Please get in touch if your child will require any medication whilst away! Remember all medication must be handed into school before leaving for Dalguise and given to a member of staff. Children must not bring any medication themselves in their bags. Children are allowed a maximum of £10 spending

money, this should be handed to a staff member as it will be kept safe until we visit the shop. Please get in touch if you have any other questions.

M&M Productions – The Railway Children

We had M&M theatre Production Company in doing the classic tale of The Railway Children. It was an amazing performance and many of our children spoke about how much they had enjoyed it and learning about what it was like for children during this time.



Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day Dress in Pyjamas and bring a teddy

Tuesday 18th March – Cross Country Competition for P5-7 pupils in the Cross Country Club

Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st March Dalguise Cluster Residential for P7 pupils

Wednesday 26th March – Athletics for P6 pupils

Friday 28th March – Dress down day - £1 donation

Monday 31st March – Family Breakfast in Nursery

Friday 4th April – Staff Development Day (school and nursery closed to all pupils)

Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April – School and Nursery Closed Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April – School and nursery Open to pupils Term 3 Begins.

Friday 25th April – Dress Down Day - £1 donation

Wednesday 30th April – Cross Country Competition for P5-7 pupils in the Cross Country Club

Monday 5th May – School and Nursery Closed – Holiday

Mrs Leckie booked us a fantastic workshop with Generation Science. Our P4-7 children were able to attend on Wednesday. This was an interactive workshop where our children were able to learn about colour changes and solutions. They created and explored chemical reactions. The Scientists were very impressed by our children's behaviour and excellent listening skills and commented on what a delight it had been to visit our school.



We need your help!

We are looking to develop our pond area and looking for any volunteers who would be able to help to dig out our pond to make it bigger. We want to be able to do pond dipping activities and for our children to enjoy exploring this space. Please get in touch if you have any free time to help us.

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