



Dates for the Diary

December

Tues 6	CASE – Mr Baird
Wed 7	CASE – Mrs Knipe
Fri 9	Christmas Dinner Day – school will finish @ 1.00/1.05pm.
Tues 13	Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Christmas Concert
Wed 14	Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 – Christmas Concert
Thurs 15	7.00pm Board of Governors
Fri 16	PTA – 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'
Mon 19	Carol Service 7.00pm
Wed 21	School finishes @ 12.00 (Y1 – Y4) & 12.05 (Y5 – Y7)

January

Thurs 5	Y3 – Y7 children return to school at the normal time
Thurs 5	Open Day for prospective Nursery & Y1 children
Fri 6	Nursery, Y1 & Y2 return to school at the normal time
Wed 18	CASE – Mr Baird
Thurs 26	7.00pm Y6 Parents – Delamont Information Evening
Thurs 26	7.45pm Y7 Parents – Completing the Transfer Forms
Tues 31	CASE – Mrs Knipe

Open Day

An Open Day for prospective Nursery & Y1 children will take place on Thursday 5 January. In order to facilitate the Open Day **OUR CURRENT NURSERY, Y1 & Y2 SHOULDN'T ATTEND SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 5 JANUARY. THEY WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 6 JANUARY.**

Christmas Dinner Day – Fri 9 Dec

We have extended the deadline for booking a Christmas Dinner on School Money to Friday 2 December, as some parents were having difficulties. Please see the note below from Mrs Lowry. Instead of wearing school uniform, the children should wear something 'Christmassy'. They could wear a Christmas jumper or even just some tinsel in their hair. Traditionally this is a great day in WPSNU as the children make Christmas hats, complete Christmas activities and get to enjoy Christmas dinner together. **School will finish at 1.00/1.05pm for all children. Y1 – Y4 will finish at 1.00pm & Y5 – Y7 will finish at 1.05pm**



PTA – 'Twas the Night before Christmas'

On Friday 16 December the children should come to school in their pyjamas (as if it 'twas the night before Christmas') for a fun filled day when they will get the chance to meet the main man himself.

In order to cover the expenditure and raise some money for PTA funds the suggested donation is **£3 per child**. Please pay on School Money (there is the facility for you to make an additional donation to PTA if you would like to, simply change the total before paying). Please see the PTA sheet below for further information.

Christmas Concert

The children are practising hard for their performances on Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 December. Tickets are available on School Money (£2.50 per ticket). Your ticket entitles you to watch all of the performances but so that we can facilitate everyone who wishes to come along, you should only plan to watch the performances which involve your children. The performances will take place at the times set out below. There will be refreshments available in the Gym Hall if you have a gap in your children's performances or when your children have finished their performance. SDS photos will also be taking photos of the children and the photos will be displayed in the Gym Hall.

9.30 - Y1

10.00 – Nursery

10.30 - Y2

11.00 - Y3



Nursery & Y1 Applications for September 2023

Once again the application process is online. **The online portal for applications goes live at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 10 January 2023 and closes at 12.00 noon on Friday 27 January.** Further information regarding this process can be found at www.eani.org.uk. On Open Day – Thursday 5 January you will be very welcome to bring your child to visit the nursery unit and/or the school. Further details of Open Day will be sent out in the next few weeks. If I can be of any help or if you would like to chat to me, don't hesitate to contact me.

Tanzania Day

Thank you so much for your support. We raised £744 meaning that we are able to sponsor 16 children once again this year. They will receive their uniform and books allowing them to go to school each day. In addition, they will receive a meal each day, possibly the only food they will have that day.

Term 2 After School Activities

Please see below the sign up sheets for the after school activities run by private companies each Monday (Coding Club & Healthy Kidz), Wednesday (Irish Dancing & Jujitsu) & Friday (Football & Hip Hop). Unfortunately, Tennis are unable to provide a coach for Term 2.

Our staff led after school activities (Tuesday & Thursday) will re-commence the week beginning Monday 16 January. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

School Development Plan (SDP)

As a result of engagement with pupils, parents, staff and governors (in the 3rd term last year) we have developed a new school development plan. Due to the impact of Covid 19 we have decided that the academic year 2022/23 will be an interim year when we as a school will complete unfinished work from our previous school development plan and that the new school development plan will begin in the academic year 2023/24. Please see below the priorities for the interim year and the subsequent 3 year plan.

Interim Year 2022/23	SDP Year 1 2023/24	SDP Year 2 2024/25	SDP Year 3 2025/26
Curricular Priorities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Education Literacy (Writing) Special Educational Needs The introduction of PLPs - Personal Learning Plans to replace IEPs - Individual Education Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numeracy The Arts with a focus on Art ICT with a focus on internet safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy (Reading) Personal Development and Mutual Understanding Special Educational Needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Around Us Play & Activity Based Learning ICT
Policy Priorities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Positive Behaviour Management Anti-Bullying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning, teaching & assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationships and Sexuality Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be confirmed

Parking

Can I please remind everyone, that every time you park on the double yellow lines at the front of school you place our children in danger! **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES.** I have also noticed parents allowing their children to jump out of the car while they are waiting for the crossing patrol lady to let parents and children cross the road. **Please park before letting your children out of the car.**

At WPSNU we don't have any excuse, as there is car parking available by the play park. It does make me cross that some parents are still prepared to risk the safety of our children just to get a little bit closer to the school. I know that it makes others cross too but I would ask you **NOT** to engage with other parents at the front of school if someone is parking in such a way as to put the children at risk. This can result in a verbal exchange which is inappropriate and can upset the children present. If you are concerned about how a parent is parking, please speak to me and I will engage with the parent in order to resolve the issue.

AS YOU ARE DROPPING YOUR CHILDREN OFF AND COLLECTING THEM FROM SCHOOL; PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR CHILDREN YOUR NUMBER 1 PRIORITY!



Whitehead

Primary School
& Nursery Unit

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

25 November 2022

Dear Parent

I would like to remind you that Christmas Dinner Day is on Friday, 9 December 2022. Children will leave school at 1.00 pm/1.05 pm on that day.

We have extended the cut off date for booking your child's Christmas Dinner. If you would like to book, please log on to School Money on or before Wednesday, 30 November and choose dinners for w/c 5 December 2022. You can book any day your child wishes to have dinners that week including Friday, 9 December (Christmas Dinner Day).

If your child is entitled to free school meals, please log on and book as normal – payment will not be requested.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Lowry in the school office.

Kind regards

J LOUGHINS
Principal

Whitehead Primary PTA presents...

T'was The Night before Christmas...

(during school hours!)

Friday 16th December

£8 per child
(suggested donation)

Storytime with Mrs Claus

An audience with Santa Claus

Festive movie in the classroom

Every pupil receives a gift!

**Dress
code:
PJs!**





WHITEHEAD PS

*£32 FOR 10 WEEKS
COMMENCING
9TH JANUARY 2023*

Monday

P1-P2 Sports Club 1:50PM – 2:50PM

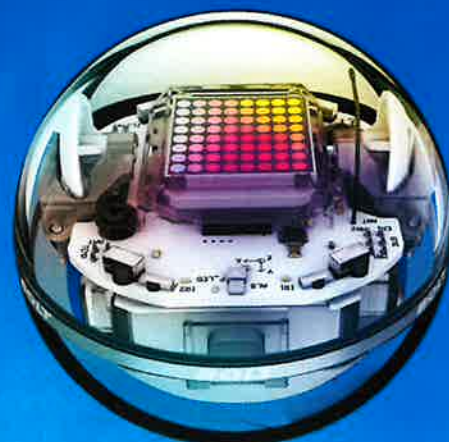
P3-P7 Sports Club 2:50PM – 3:50PM

Book via

www.healthy-kidz.com/afterschools

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CODING



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Scan the code to see the dates and times
for your school and to make a booking.

www.max-go.co.uk





Gozen Ju-Jitsu Clubs

Experience and Learn Ju-jitsu this year



*Ever wanted your
child to learn self-
defense in the form
of martial Arts?*



After- school lessons for children
P2 and above on Wednesday
afternoons.

*Want to improve
your child's fitness
and confidence?*



**Classes restart on Wednesday 11th
January 1.50-3pm for term 2.**

**Classes are paid monthly at class
or online. (Classes are £5 per
session)**



For more information or to book
your child's place please email:
alisonmcneilly@aol.com or text
[Alison on 07753267187](tel:07753267187)

www.jujitsuireland.com

Jordan Academy Irish Dance



Whitehead Primary After School Club

WEDNESDAYS
1:50-2:50pm

10 weeks

DATES:

11th, 18th, 25th Jan

1st, 22nd Feb

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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STEVENSON KS

Select Account | 65254079 | 98-04-00



**Pe shoes or
trainers
required**

**Price £40
(£4 per class)**

Contact Kerry
07999859139

Please send a
message and
payment to secure
your space.



Football



Dear Parent/Guardian

We are delighted to announce that Burns Skills School are running one of their fantastic afterschool programmes within the school grounds this year. The programme will consist of 9 weeks which will entail age appropriate educational sessions that will have a main focus of fun whilst improving each child's technical ability.

Dates of programme:

Friday 13th Jan
Friday 20th Jan
Friday 27th Jan
Friday 3rd Feb
Friday 24th Feb
Friday 3rd Mar
Friday 10th Mar
Friday 17th Mar
Friday 24th Mar



Primary 1 - Primary 3 (1.50pm-2.50pm each week) **Primary 4 - Primary 7** (2.50pm-3.50pm each week)

To secure a place for your child you must enrol online via www.burnsskillsschool.co.uk This is very easy and straightforward. Click 'secure your place' at the top of the website. Then scroll down to find your child's school and the correct activity to enrol. **Cost: £36.00.**

Benefits of programme:

- Improves technical ability
- Enhances physical, mental and social attributes (confidence building)
- Professional coaching
- Controlled and structured physical activity
- Teaches respect for one and all
- Make new friends

Deadline for payment is **Monday 9th January**. This is a great opportunity for your child and certainly one not to be missed. When in attendance we would advise that all children wear appropriate clothing with a pair of trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor.

Payment options: PayPal

Thanks

Aaron & Andrew

Burns Skills School



Hip Hop

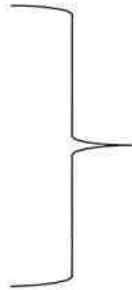


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