



Y6 Delamont Information Evening

I would encourage all the parents **and the children** who will be going to Delamont to come along **tomorrow evening at 7.30pm**. Mrs Knipe who is leading the residential will provide information on the activities that the children will be taking part in and also the clothing they will require for the trip. Delamont is a wonderful centre that I have used with school groups on several occasions down through the years. The children are in for a great trip.

Y7 Transfer Information

The portal for online Post Primary applications opens on Tuesday 30 January @ 12 noon and closes on Thursday 22 February @ 12.00 noon. It is vital that you complete the application form correctly and accurately ensuring that you include all relevant information, particularly in relation to each school's specific admissions criteria. **Tomorrow evening at 8.15pm** Y7 parents are invited to an information evening when we consider the application form and the transfer process over the next few months, highlighting key dates.

Nursery & Y1 Applications for September 2024

The online portal for applications closes at 12.00 noon on Friday 26 January. Further information regarding this process can be found at www.eani.org.uk. If I can be of any help with your application don't hesitate to contact me.

Dates for the Diary

February

Thurs 1	Intergenerational Project – R6
Mon 5 – Thurs 8	Y7 Transfer Interviews (with Y7 teacher & Mr Loughins)
Mon 5 – Thurs 8	P/T Consultations (2.00 – 4.00pm)
Fri 9	PTA Bun Sale & Coffee Morning
Fri 9	School will finish for Y1 – Y4 @ 1.45 & Y5 – Y7 @ 1.50
Mon 19	School starts again at the normal time
Thurs 22	Intergenerational Project – R6
Thurs 22	7.30 BoG
Mon 26 & Tues 27	School Photographer (Individuals & Family Groups)
Thursday 29	7.30 PTA

March

Mon 4 – Wed 6	Y6 Residential @ Delamont
Tues 5 – Fri 8	Book Fair
Wed 6	World Book Day
Thurs 14	Intergenerational Project – R8
Thurs 21	7.30pm Manchester Residential Meeting for Y7s
Thurs 21	8.15pm Transfer Meeting for Y6 Parents
Thurs 28	End of Term (Y1 – Y4 12.00noon, Y5 – Y7 12.05pm)

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultations will take place from Monday 5 February to Thursday 8 February. **In order to facilitate the consultations, school will finish for all children at the following times:**

1.45pm Y1 – Y4

1.50pm Y5 – Y7

PTA Half Term Fundraiser

PTA have organised a 'Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar' and a Build-a-Bear Raffle. From **Monday 29 January** children will be able to guess the number of sweets (50p a guess) or buy a strip of raffle tickets (£1). PTA are also going to have a **bake sale for the children** and a **coffee morning for the parents, grandparents etc on Friday 9 February**. Please see the information sheets below.

In order that the bake sale is a success we need everyone to bake some buns and send them into school on Thursday 8 February. If baking isn't 'your thing' then you could maybe buy some buns to send into school. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANYTHING INTO SCHOOL WHICH CONTAINS NUTS AS WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN FOR WHOM THIS COULD BE LIFE THREATENING.**

Classroom Assistant

We require a temporary classroom assistant (February – June) for 20 hours per week. If you would be interested, please forward your CV to Mrs Lowry (elowry738@c2kni.net) by Friday 2 February.

Mrs Lowry

Mrs Lowry has been our Senior Clerical Officer in school for 17 years and I'm sure you would agree that she has been an absolutely wonderful asset to WPSNU. Sadly for us, but very happily for her, she has decided to retire in August 2024. She will be a great loss to WPSNU. Mrs Lowry's job will be advertised publicly through the Education Authority within the next month.

School Milk

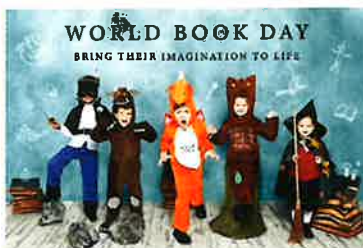
School milk for Years 1-7 will start again on Monday 19 February 2024. If you would like your child to receive milk everyday, from Monday 19 February to Friday 28 June the cost will be £16.59.

Payment will go live on the School Money system on Monday 29 January 2024 and should be made by Friday 2 February to enable the order to be sent through to Dale Farm. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

School Photographer



The school photographer will be in school on Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 February to photograph the children as individuals and also as siblings. Further information will be sent home after half term.



World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Wednesday 6 March and the theme this year is 'Read Your Way'. As part of this day, we encourage the children to dress up as their favourite book character. We can't wait to see their creativity and imagination on the day!

Y1 Medicals

Y1 Medicals will take place in school in March on the dates outlined below. Over the next couple of weeks Y1 parents will receive information letters from the School Nurse.

Monday 4, Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6, Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 & Wednesday 27 March

Progress Tests in Mathematics (PTM) & English (PTE)

Each year the children in Y3 – Y7 complete progress tests in Mathematics & English. The tests will be completed over a 2 week period (Monday 4 – Friday 15 March) and we would encourage all children (as far as possible) to be in school during this period.

Matilda

Rehearsals are well under way for our performance of Matilda. More details will follow after half term regarding tickets etc. The key dates are:

Wednesday 20 March @ 9.30am Dress Rehearsal
Monday 25 March @ 9.30am Morning Performance
Tuesday 26 March @ 7.00pm Evening Performance
Wednesday 27 March @ 7.00pm Evening Performance



School Holidays 2024/25

Please see below the draft holiday list for 2024/25. I am hopeful that the holiday list will be confirmed by the end of February, and I wouldn't anticipate any major changes. As always, I would strongly recommend that all holidays are planned during the school holidays.



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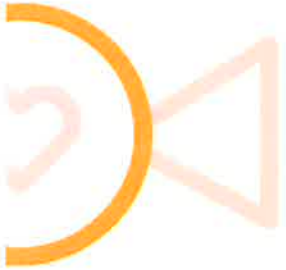
Primary School
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HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2024-25

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SCHOOL BEGINS	SCHOOL CLOSES	HOLIDAY (dates are inclusive)
Monday, 26 August 2024	Friday, 25 October 2024	Halloween Half Term Monday, 28 October - Friday, 1 November 2024 (4 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 4 November 2024	Friday, 20 December 2024 No school dinners	Christmas Monday, 23 December 2024 – Friday, 3 January 2025 (10 days)
Monday, 6 January 2025	Friday, 7 February 2025	Winter Half Term Monday, 10 February – Friday, 14 February 2025 (4 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 17 February 2025	Friday, 11 April 2025 No school dinners	Easter Monday, 14 April – Friday 25 April 2025 (9 days + 1 staff training day)
Monday, 28 April 2025	Friday, 2 May 2025	May Day Monday, 5 May 2025 (1 day)
Tuesday, 6 May 2025	Friday, 23 May 2025	Spring Half Term Monday, 26 May – Friday, 30 May 2025 (2 days + 1 report writing day + 2 staff training days)
Monday, 2 June 2025	Monday, 30 June 2025 No school dinners	Summer Holiday 2025



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Half term Bake Sale

Friday 9th February

PLEASE SEND IN BUN & TRAY BAKE
DONATIONS ON THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

All pupils will visit the Bake Sale on Friday
and be able to purchase a bun. All buns will
be priced between 20p and 50p.



Coffee Morning

**WHITEHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
9:30AM - 11:00AM**

Come along to the Assembly Hall in Whitehead Primary School for our Coffee Morning!

£2.50 - tea/coffee and a bun of your choice

