

THE WHITEFIELD POST

COVID-19 update—we have a number of positive covid-19 cases throughout school and a large number of children awaiting the results of PCR tests. All of these cases have been identified via a positive PCR test however some children have not shown symptoms (and been tested due to a friend or family member being positive) and some have shown symptoms and had a negative lateral flow test. None of us are able to say whether our child has or doesn't have covid-19 so if they are displaying symptoms you **MUST** ensure they take a PCR test. This is the Whitefield message and also the LCC message. We understand this may impact on school and work however the number of cases we have in school is a concern. Please do not be offended if the teacher or the office staff tell you a PCR test is needed for your child. On the plus side, at least we don't have to close bubbles when we get positive cases.

NEED A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022?

It has been lovely showing prospective parents around our school over the last four weeks. It makes us all so proud to be able to show Whitefield to others.

If you haven't booked your tour, call the office to book in. And if you have friends looking for school places, tell them to give us a call.

PARKING AND ENGINES—When Whitefield was first built, they had 60 children increasing to 210 and we now have just short of 400 children at our school which means lots more cars! *Please park further away from school and walk to our gates—you may not be parking illegally but some people are not parking safely.*

Also, remember if you are waiting in your cars your engines should be switched off. So, as it is getting colder, remember your scarf and gloves!

IS YOUR CHILD IN RECEPTION OR YEAR 1? We need your help!

We have noticed a few things during the first month in school that we need you to help with at home.

Firstly, despite trying really hard, you can't eat a jacket potato with a spoon or no cutlery at all so please make sure your children are accessing cutlery and are taught how to use them to cut food at home.

If your child has packed lunches, make sure they can open all the packaging you give to them—we don't have enough staff to open all their yogurts, bars, biscuits etc.

There are also still a number of children who can not put their coats on and zip/button them up—please get your child to do this at home so it helps us in school. Thanks in advance!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

High school applications need to be in by **31st October 2021**.

Primary applications need to be in by **15th January 2022**.

Complete the forms and find more advice at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

The Friends of Whitefield PTFA have booked in their first meeting for Monday 11th October, 6.30pm at the Brown Hare—why not come and join us, meet new people and help us to plan our calendar of events for the year.

PARENTS' EVENING—we will be holding our first parents evening of the academic year on **Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October 2021**. This year we will be offering you the option of a zoom meeting with the teacher (which many of you said was really helpful in the last year as both parents could zoom in from work **OR** a face to face meeting—more information will be out next week.

THEME FOR THE WEEKS

We really enjoyed our Harvest Festival celebration this week. Thank you for your kind donations.

In classes this week we have been talking about our 'right to learn', ensuring our behaviours in class allow all the right to learn.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH—OCTOBER 2021

We are really excited to be working with one of our ex-Whitefield dads Adrian Murrell, who is helping us with our content for Black History Month.

It's getting cold—don't forget your coat! If you bring gloves, scarves and hats please name them!