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PARENT'S EVENING – Years 1 - 6 – October 20th and 22nd - In light of current lockdown restrictions, and our desire to keep everyone safe and healthy, parent's evening will take place over the telephone this October. A text will be sent out shortly giving you the option to book a slot. Please be available 10 minutes before and after your slot for a phone call. The teacher will call you to discuss your child's start to the new year and their progress so far, so please have your phone at the ready. If you are unable to take the call, the teacher will try again, so do not worry if you cannot get to the phone first time. Before the meeting you will also be emailed two pieces of your child's work, which your teacher will refer to. We plan to return to our normal parents' evening format as soon as we are able to, but in the meantime we hope everyone finds this a productive alternative. In order to aid everyone further please ensure we have your current phone number. Thank you.

RECEPTION 2021 VISITS - Due to lockdown restrictions our Reception 2021 visits will take on a very different format this year, but one we hope will still give a lasting impression of a school where everyone 'achieves their best together!'

A video will shortly appear on our website giving details about our school, from both staff and children. To access it please visit www.whitchurchprimary.co.uk.

Once you have viewed the video, please make an appointment over the phone to have a tour of the school and meet with Mr Hornsby (Head teacher) and Mrs Lawson (Deputy Head teacher) on Saturday 26th September at 9am. Due to numbers we must ask that only one family member attends, and that they are wearing a mask. Thank you.

HOMEWORK - Please note your children's homework will appear on our website in the same place where home learning was placed in Term 5 and 6 last academic year. Once your child has completed their homework, please take a photograph and email to your child's teacher (firstname.lastname@whitchurchprimary.co.uk). We look forward to seeing all the great home efforts!

TIKTOK - If your child is using TikTok please discuss with them the e-safety implications around this. You may have seen in national media that some content was posted this week that has caused alarm and distress. We teach e-safety in school so the children will have an awareness of how to stay safe online, and would appreciate your help with this as always.

COVID - Thank you for your continued understanding of the changes to your child's schooling concerning coronavirus. We continue to strive to keep our school running successfully during these challenging times, which of course we have not experienced before.

Please be aware that anyone affected must stay at home if they (or their family members) have any of the following symptoms: a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste OR they have tested positive for coronavirus in the last 10 days.

Those affected must follow government stay at home guidance as follows

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infections>

For further information, please see this morning's updated risk assessment on our website. Thank you.

BREAKFAST CLUB – Breakfast club will be starting next Monday. Please pay on Parentpay, the charge is now £4 per session.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – Free school meals can be claimed using this link for persons that match the following criteria:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- **Run-on** Working Tax Credit which is *only paid for 4 weeks* after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

LITTLE REDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – This after school club, which runs with an outside provider, will start next Monday. To book please call Tina on 07470953929.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Our own after school clubs will not run until next term.

BABIES IN CARS – We have had comments of concern from parents that see babies left in cars at drop off and pick up times, please keep your children with you. Thank you.

GARDENING – The children were very excited to harvest our crop of vegetables this week that had been planted by keyworker's children in lockdown. Some of the vegetables were then used in the school kitchen.



PLAYGROUND FUN – Children enjoyed making beautiful pictures on the playground today with our new coloured chinks.



READING BOOKS – Reading books and reading diaries will be given out on Monday. Please keep them at home for the week and return on Friday for checking. Thank you.