

# THE WHITEFIELD POST



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**AMAZING** to have you all back in school this week. My face hurts from smiling! I cannot wait to welcome our new Reception children to school next week, starting Wednesday. We also welcomed 11 new children to school this week in years 1-6 and we have 4 more children joining our family on Monday.

All we need is a bit of September sunshine...

## PACKED LUNCHES

We are currently all having packed lunches at school due to having to eat our lunches in our classrooms rather than the hall.

Paula in the kitchen is providing lots of packed lunches for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as those children who access free school meal support —these are all free of charge so if you would like one of these rather than sending in your own, let your child's class teacher know. We can offer these packed lunches to children in Years 3-6 too at a cost of £2.30.

Over the last three days, Paula and her team have provided sandwiches and a drink as well as samosas, sausage rolls, spring rolls, various fruit and veg bites and crisps on different days.

Remember, if your child brings a packed lunch from home there should be a good range of items for them to enjoy however there must not be any fizzy drinks or chocolate bars. There also needs to be a limit on pastry products and overly sweet items.

**It is vital we do not have any nut or egg products in school as we have children with severe allergies.** We realise that it is difficult with egg products as it can be in many items we don't realise but please check the items in your child's packed lunch.

We also need your help in sending in items that do not require adult intervention for opening, or teach your child how to open the packets in their lunchbox.

**COATS**—*don't forget them (like Mrs Foster did on Wednesday) and make sure your child can zip them up!*

## PARKING

Reports already in school of inconsiderate parking around the Oaklands Drive and Chestnut Avenue corner. It may be legal to park there but are you putting others at risk by doing so? Our flexible drop offs and picks up should go some way to alleviating this problem. Do the right thing drivers.

## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

*Thank you so much for making our morning drop offs work so well. It was a bit busy on Wednesday with it being the first day but much better on Thursday and Friday. We have noticed it makes the start of the day in school much calmer and relaxed.*

*Some parents have asked if they can leave the children at the gates in KS2 and let them walk to class on their own. The answer is YES of course, this will help with easing any congestion too.*

*Pick up times are working well —remember though we are not opening our doors until 3pm for pick up. If your child is walking home make sure you send in a letter of permission to the class teacher. Any children in Years 3-6 not picked up from the classroom door by 3.30 will be walked round to the playground for pick up.*

*It is a bit difficult at the moment for parents to have conversations with the teachers in the morning, apart from quick messages. If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, contact the school office on [admin@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitefield-pri.lancs.sch.uk) and they will be in touch to arrange a day and time.*

## THEME FOR THE WEEK

In our first assembly on Wednesday, Mrs Foster talked to the children via Zoom about geese! We learnt about how geese are the best example of a team; how they support each other and if one of them is struggling, others go back to support and help them get back in to the pack. We are all going to be geese and support each other through this weird back to school time and also support and show the new children in school how Team Whitefield works, acts and behaves in line with our vision of HEALTHY HEARTS, HEALTHY BODIES, HEALTHY MINDS.

Next week we are looking at how we can be kind to each other.