



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 25/10/24

News

Happy Half Term!

Today we celebrated our harvest festival and were so grateful to you all for your generous donations to the People’s Kitchen! Well done to the Year 6 readers and to our lovely choir for their contributions.

Invacuation Plans

We have put in place a plan for the safeguarding of our children and staff in the event of an emergency that involves any danger from outside of school. Our plans are extensive and will require our staff to do regular drills to ensure that they are well prepared. We feel that it’s unnecessary for children to know the full extent of these plans, as we would like to protect their wellbeing and innocence. However, we would like our children to be prepared to ‘invacuate’ (come in from outside) quickly if necessary. In order to do this while causing the minimum of anxiety, we are going to introduce them to the idea that, just as if there is a fire inside, we move outside quickly (evacuation), if there was a nearby fire outside and the air was smoky, we might need to get inside quickly, so we will practice with this scenario in mind. In the event that anything more urgent happened, please rest assured that our plans are place and don’t feel you need to discuss this with the children unless you feel it will help.

Friends of Whickham Parochial

We have wonderful news! We have potentially found a new Chair for our lovely Friends of Whickham Parochial. More news to follow, but for now we can look forward to our Christmas Fair going ahead! Thankyou to everyone who took the time to complete our Google Form, your responses were so helpful. If you have kindly volunteered to help us in some capacity, thank you, we will be back in touch very soon.

Attendance

| Year Group | Reception | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Weekly % | 98.64% | 96.90% | 97.89% | 97.54% | 98.03% | 97.79% | 97.98% |
| Whole School % | 97.83% | | | | | | |

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWall winners – it was really tricky for our teachers to choose two people this week as we have had some lovely events and our children have made us really proud. We did our WonderWall assembly on Thursday this week due to our harvest festival tomorrow and have left our housepoints for this week (we’ll do the two accumulated weeks next Wonderwall assembly). Our TTRockstars winners were Year 5. Well done to everyone!



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Dates for your diary... (Remember, whole school dates are on our website and e-schools calendars)

- Monday 4th November – Clubs resume as normal
- Wednesday 6th November – Parochial Performers rehearsal (Please note – timings have changed, so children will need to be collected at 4pm please)
- Wednesday 13th November – Parochial Performers (doors open at 5pm, tickets are bookable on ParentPay)
- Wednesday 20th November – Wreath Making (bookable on ParentPay, deadline 13th November)
- Monday 25th November – Flu Immunisations (please remember to opt in/out online)
<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
The school code is: NB108381
- Wednesday 27th November – Daisy Chain Workshop (please let Mrs Baird know if you're coming along)
- Just so you have advance notice, here are the dates for our Christmas performances:
Reception and KS1 Nativity is on Friday 13th December at both 9:15am and 2:00pm in our school hall.
KS2 Carols and reading is on Wednesday 18th December at 2:00pm at St Mary's Church.

Things to remember...

- Poppies will be going on sale week commencing 4th November – suggested donation of 50p for a paper poppy, £1 for slap bands/key chains, £2 for an enamel poppy. There is limited amount of stock, so it will be sold on a first come, first served basis.
- A reminder that we return to school in our Winter uniform, after the half-term break.
- Club bookings are now available for after half-term, please see the attached PDF for booking information.
- Please could Years 5 and 6 return their Bikeability letters by Monday 4th November.
- Info attached for: Wreath Making, Daisy Chain Workshop, Gateshead West Uniform Exchange and Extra-Curricular Activities.

Don't forget, you can find lots of school information on our [website](#) – our letters are saved on there, you can find out about our curriculum, and we have our calendar and term dates too. If you are ever in need of information, it's a good place to start! Additionally, all dates are on our E-schools calendar.