



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 11/9/26

News

Parents' Evening

Our parents' evening appointments will take place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October, for all year groups. Booking for individual appointments can be made on ParentPay from 11am today. If you're struggling with how to book, there's a great demo included in the link of the booking information, on ParentPay.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There are a few spaces in Game Karate on a Thursday morning, for Years 1 and 2 and booking can be made by contacting Ross at Kensho Karate: ross@kenshokarate.net

There are also a few spaces in Violin and Keyboard for Years 3-6, please get in touch with Mrs Baird.

Tennis has availability for Years 1-6, on a Wednesday morning and bookings can be made using the details in the poster attached.

Bikes

We have had a number of concerned residents contact us about children riding unsafely on their bikes, to and from school. If your child brings their bike to school, please have a chat to them about road safety, to ensure everyone is kept safe.

Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate

We have decided to push back the Colour Run until the Summer, for the weather to be more reliable and the nights to be lighter. Instead, we will be having a 'Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate' stand after school on Friday 25th September, from 3.30-4.30pm. Cash and card will be accepted!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	100%	96.19%	96.67%	90.24%	98.33%	96.43%	89.66%
Whole School %	95.15%						

Celebrations

Well done to our Wonderwall winners this week – you have made us very proud!

Chillingham took the house point trophy, with Year 5 awarded the TTRS trophy – keep up the good work!





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

- **Tuesday 22nd September** – Year 6 @ Beamish Museum (payment to be made on ParentPay and consent to be emailed to Mrs Baird for FSM children)
 - **Wednesday 23rd September** – Reception New Starters Meeting @ 5.30pm
 - **Friday 25th September** – Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate, 3.30-4.30pm, KS1 Yard
- Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop in Year 2 (payment to be made on ParentPay)
- **Tuesday 29th September** – Cross Country for selected pupils at Watergate Country Park (more information to follow)

Things to remember...

- Information regarding the upcoming **flu immunisations** was sent home before the school holidays - please remember to either opt in, or out, using the instructions enclosed in the letter attached. Our school code is **NB108381**. Please note – the date is yet to be confirmed.
- **I have attached:** flu immunisation information, Year 6's trip letter for Beamish, Relax Kids poster (1:1 support to help with mindfulness and relaxation, as well as group sessions to support sleep and concentration), 'Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate' poster and an attendance expectations letter.
- We would appreciate any donations of tissues - it's a particularly snotty time of year!
- **Outstanding payment items on ParentPay:**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead Workshop
Year 4 – Swimming
Year 6 – Beamish Museum

- **A message from Mr Warren:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our Parochial community for the warm welcome and kindness I have received since joining the school as Head Teacher. The special sense of belonging and community that I remember from my own time as a pupil here remains at the very heart of our wonderful school today.

I look forward to getting to know more of our families over the coming months and seeing you on the school gates each day. Please be assured that my door is always open should you ever wish to get in touch.

It has been a fantastic start to the school year, and I have been delighted to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and year groups. Their enthusiasm, confidence and positive attitude have made it a real pleasure to witness.

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.