



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 22/11/24

News

Chore Week

We have heard lovely things from our children this week about the jobs they have been doing in the house to raise money for Thiago, and lots of them have been making cards and pictures for him - they're making us very proud! If any money they raise can be brought in on Monday 25th November we can sort out Thiago's sponsorship and arrange for anything the children have made for him to be posted to Compassion UK, who will make sure he receives them.

Weather

It has turned so cold in the last week and after the unseasonably mild October, it feels like a real shock to the system! The children benefit so much from being outside so we will keep our usual outdoor times, but could we make sure children are well prepared with gloves, hats and scarfs, and that each item is labelled. We will support the children as much as we can with taking the correct items home, but if they arrive with anything unfamiliar, please pop it back in their bag for the next day. Many thanks!

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	98.33%	97.27%	96.89%	97.67%	97.77%	97.54%	98.11%
Whole School %	97.66%						

Just a reminder, we will be sending letters using our new assessment system "A-Star", to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance. These letters are not intended as a criticism, we are keeping you informed as we are asked to do so in guidance from the LA and DfE.

Celebrations

Well done to this weeks Wonderwall superstars! They've made their class teachers very proud. Our housepoint winners were Lindisfarne and the Times Table Rock Starts winners were Year 5, again! This week they won with 100% - well done Year 5!





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

- **Friday 22nd November** – Christmas Card deadline
- **Monday 25th November** – Flu Vaccinations (please ensure you have signed up using the details in the previous emails)
- **Monday 25th November** – Crazy Creatures in Year 1 (payable on ParentPay)
- **Tuesday 26th November** – Year 3 at West Boldon Lodge (payable on ParentPay)
- **Wednesday 27th November** – Daisy Chain Workshop 5-7pm (sign up with Mrs Baird)

Things to remember...

- Please remember to let Mrs Baird know if your child would like a turkey Christmas dinner, or a veggie Christmas dinner, or if they'll be bringing a packed lunch.
- Nativity tickets for KS1 are on sale on ParentPay, and two tickets per family are available for each performance. Please be careful when adding them to your basket; the price jumps to £3, but the price alters when you actually go into your basket.
- If you're a parent of a child in Footprints, please let me know if you're able to come along to our Footprints Christmas session, on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm.
- Unfortunately, we didn't have enough interest for our forest school ASC to go ahead. We may try again next year.
- There are still tickets for Santa's Grotto, available from Mrs Baird's office.
- Please return all raffle tickets, sold and unsold, back to Mrs Baird.
- We would love any donations of raffle prizes, Christmas gift bags and tissue paper, and volunteers for the Christmas fair. Thank you!

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.

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