



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 14/6/24

News

Open Afternoons for Parents

As last summer, we would like to invite parents to come and visit their children in their classes, so that they can look through books together and explore the learning environment. The open afternoons will take place on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July from 1:20pm**. During the two afternoons, we will set up games and puzzles for the children to do and you will be invited to come in and see them in their classrooms. Due to space restrictions, we can only offer this opportunity to one parent unless there are very special circumstances, and we'll need to restrict numbers each day to 15 adults. There will be half of the class whose parents are not attending on the afternoon that you visit, so their class teacher will be engaging with those children, so they won't be in a position to do much more than welcome you into the classroom. If you have any questions and they aren't free to talk, please feel free to contact us afterwards. If you would like to take your child with you when you leave, please make sure that you sign them out at the office, if it is before 3:20pm. You can sign up for this on E-schools from Monday 17th June at 9.30am.



Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	95.13%	95.45%	96.28%	95.91%	95.85%	96.82%	94%
Whole School %	95.65%						

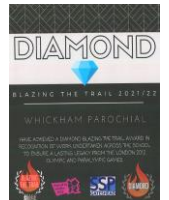
Just a reminder, we will be sending letters using our new assessment system "A-Star", to let you know if your child has dipped below 95% or into the 'persistent absentee' realms of 90% or below. Please come and see us if we can be of any help with attendance. These letters are not intended as a criticism,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

Celebrations

Well done to our WonderWall winners – they have made us very proud with their excellent attitudes to learning and to each other. Our housepoint winners were Dunstanburgh and the TTRockstars engagement winners were Year 5 and Reception won the Numbots robot.



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Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 18th June - Year 3 Trip to the Discovery Museum
- Friday 21st June – Picnic Lunch, please remember to send your choice to Mrs Baird!
- Friday 21st June – Non-Uniform Day (KS1 sweet donations and KS2 bottle donations please)
- Monday 24th June - Year 1 Parent Workshop 9:15 – 10:30am 'Baby Bear's Chair'
- Tuesday 25th June – 3.30-5pm – Summer Fair!
- Thursday 27th June – Rainbow Day celebrating our diversity and our unique selves
- Friday 28th June - Year 2 Parent Workshop 1:30 – 2:20pm 'Making Puppets'
- Friday 28th June - Athletics Festival
- Tuesday 2nd July - Year 3 Parent Workshop 1:30 – 2:30pm 'Egyptian Collars'
- Thursday 4th July - Year 4 Trip to Boldon Lodge
- Friday 12th July – Chill-out day – the second of our school council organised days, for which we will raise money for Dog's Trust
- Monday 15th July - Year 6 and Reception Trip to Washington Wildlife Trust
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
- Friday 19th July - Last Day of the school year.

Things to remember...

- Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets and return all sold and unsold tickets to the school office, by Wednesday 19th June! There are lots of wonderful prizes to be won!
- Tonight, for Doughnuts with Dad, please collect your child as normal at 3.20pm and then make your way around to the main entrance. We will open the doors at 3.30pm.
- If you're around to assist in anyway to help with our Summer Fair, either labelling the tombola on Friday 21st PM, setting up on the day, or volunteering on a stall, please do let me know!

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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