



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 17/10/25

News

Harvest Festival

On Thursday 23rd October, it's our Harvest Festival in school. Our choir will be performing, and we have some Year 6 readers. So we'd like to invite one family member to join us, if they have a child in the choir, or with a speaking part. The Harvest Festival will start at 9:15am and should be finished by 10am, at the latest.

Foodbank Friday

It's our half-termly Foodbank Friday collection on Thursday 23rd October - please can any donations be handed in at drop off, as the People's Kitchen are coming to collect mid-morning. I have attached an 'Items we need' list, but each and every donation, is gratefully received.

I have also attached a scheme called 'Feed a Friend for a Fiver,' which is led by the People's Kitchen and helps provide a hot meal for a homeless person on Christmas Day. If you are able to donate, your support would mean everything to the most vulnerable people in our community.

Parking

We're becoming increasingly concerned that it'll take an accident to happen before people understand the importance of safe parking around the school. We're receiving daily reports from upset parents and neighbours, about parents dropping off and picking up inconsiderately and dangerously. There's sufficient parking at the Coachman's and on Broadway, there isn't any need for cars to be using the access route to the cul-de-sac of Broadway and Newmin Way. The pedestrian walkways must be kept clear at all times, ensuring our children and their families can travel to and from school safely. If you see any parking that you know is illegal, please take a photo and report it to the police, or come and see us if you'd like some support.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	92.12%	97.88%	98.36%	98.43%	98.38%	96.87%	97.41%
Whole School %	97.06%						

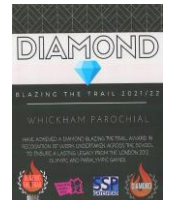
Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's Wonderwall children, we're very proud of you!

Year 6 won our TTRS trophy (again!) and Alnwick won the house points. Well done everyone!



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

- **Tuesday 21st October** – Year 4 at the Hancock Museum (consent to be emailed to Mrs Baird)
- **Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October** – Year 1's rearranged parents' evening appointments
- **Wednesday 22nd October** – Year 3 at West Boldon Lodge (consent to be emailed to Mrs Baird)
- **Wednesday 22nd October** – 'Glow Party' (tickets are £5 on ParentPay)
- **Thursday 23rd October** – Foodbank Friday and Harvest Festival
- **Friday 24th October** – Inset Day – we are closed to children.

Things to remember...

- **Parochial Performers** – Wednesday 19th November, 5.30-7pm. If your child would like to sign up, please give me a call, or drop me an email. Further information can be found in the email, sent earlier this week.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities** - Bookings for clubs after half-term are now available - I have attached the overview to the newsletter. Please remember, clubs resume the day we return to school (3rd November), but there aren't any clubs on the final week of term (15th-19th December). For KS1 music tuition, parents need to select 'KS1 Music Tuition Nov-Dec 25,' as they miss a week due to their Nativity.
- **Year 3** - Pedestrian training slips are to be returned to the school office please.
- **Christmas Fair – Can you help?**
Donations – raffle prizes, gift bags and tissue paper
Volunteer – label the tombolas (Friday 28th November, 1.15pm), set-up (Saturday 29th November, 9am-11am), run a stall (Saturday 29th November, any slot between 11am and 2pm), clear up (Saturday 29th November, 2pm)
- **Outstanding Payment Items on ParentPay –**
Year 2 – Great Fire of Gateshead
- **I have attached:** Parochial Performers poster and information, the People's Kitchen wish list, 'Feed a Friend for a Fiver' and the Autumn Term 2 extra-curricular activities information.