

# Newsletter 15/11/24

### News

#### Happy Children in Need Day

We've had such a lovely day for Children in Need! Our children enjoyed being in nonuniform and were so proud to fill their Pudsey and Blush bear outlines. Please head over to

our Facebook group to see what else we have been up to, including a surprise visit from some very special guests! Many thanks for your support.

#### Parochial's Facebook group

We love to share photographs and news safely with you on social media, so two years ago we created the Whickham Parochial Facebook group, a closed group in which only approved members who are related to pupils of the school (and now past pupils) can see posts. Since the beginning of this academic year, the Facebook group has been our only form of social media. To keep our group secure, we will only approve requests if we can see that the rules have been agreed to and you have answered the questions, which includes letting us know which pupil you are related to. On occasions, Facebook users who have been invited by others don't get offered the questions, so we have to decline them. If this has happened to you, please go onto



Facebook and search Whickham Parochial Group – we are the group with our logo on a black background. It should then give you the questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	98.54%	97.36%	97.50%	97.71%	97.67%	97.82%	98.06%
Whole School %	97.81%						

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 children on Wonderwall this week, we're very proud of each and every one of you.

Lindisfarne won the house points and Year 5 were our TTRS winners again this week, keep it up Year 5!









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

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November Wreath Making Last few spaces remaining, deadline is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November Daisy Chain Workshop please let Mrs Baird know if you'd like to attend.
- Chore week in aid of our sponsored child, Thiago, begins on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We have sent chore charts home with your children, but editable versions are available here: <u>Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School Embedding our Values</u>

### Things to remember...

- Santa's Grotto tickets are now available at the school office information attached.
- We are looking for raffle prizes please! If you are able to donate a raffle prize to school, please drop it in to Mrs Baird.
- We are also looking for donations of Christmas gift bags and tissue paper please.
- If you're able to help set-up our Christmas Fair, or during the Fair itself, please contact Mrs Baird.
- I have attached a flyer for the Newcastle Eagles semi-final game, on the 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- If you would be interested in your child doing Forest School in the Spring term, please let Mrs Baird know.

Don't forget, you can find lots of school information on our <u>website</u> – 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 Eschools calendar.

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