



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 06/12/24

News



Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is on Tuesday 10th December, 3.30-5.30pm. We will release every child as normal and then open our doors at 3.30pm. This year, you can enter via the main entrance and the KS2 door. As all of our staff are running a stall, we aren't able to hold onto any children at the end of the day; after-school club will still be happening, but Little Kickers is cancelled, and children will need to be collected at 3.20pm. Year 5 and 6 pupils, who have permission to walk home, will be released and if they come back into the fair, we will assume that they have had permission from a grown-up. Just a reminder that children won't be served at the bottle tombola, they must be with an adult.

If you do want to avoid the rush, the fair is open slightly longer this year, if anyone would prefer to pop home for a cup of tea and then come back. Mrs Baird has made another map this year, to make sure you don't miss out on any of the fun! We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Compassion UK – Thiago

Thank you to all the children who helped around the house, to raise money to cover the cost of another year's support for our Compassion UK child, Thiago. Service and advocacy are part of our values at Whickham Parochial; it's so lovely to see our children displaying these values and being passionate about such an important cause. If you still have sponsorship to hand in, it isn't too late! Any additional funds we receive, will be given as a Christmas gift to Thiago.

Attendance

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	96.80%	96.37%	96.83%	97.35%	97.72%	97.24%	96.32%
Whole School %	96.95%						

Celebrations

Congratulations to our amazing WonderWall pupils this week, they have certainly 'Let their light shine!'. Bamburgh took the housepoints and our TTRockstars engagement trophy went to Year 5. Well done to everyone!





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

- **Monday 9th December** – No dance after-school club (you haven't been charged for this session).
- **Monday 9th December** – Bikeability begins for Year 6.
- **Tuesday 10th December** – Dick Whittington Pantomime in school and our Christmas Fair (3.30-5.30pm).
- **Wednesday 11th December** – Footprints Christmas session at 2pm.
- **Friday 13th December** – KS1 Christmas Nativity performances at 9.15am and 2pm.
- The parent workshop to support with children's anxiety will be held on **Wednesday 15th January** from 5pm – 7pm. Please book a space by contacting Mrs Baird.

Things to remember...

- 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 £4, but the price alters when you actually go into your basket.
- I have attached the map of the Christmas fair.
- 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.
- There are still tickets for Santa's Grotto, available from Mrs Baird's office.
- We would love any donations Christmas gift bags and tissue paper, and volunteers for the Christmas fair. Thank you!
- When leaving a voicemail regarding an absence, please ensure you state the illness/symptoms, not just 'unwell/under the weather/poorly'. This is for absence monitoring purposes – thank you!
- Don't forget to use the Easyfundraising app for your online shopping at big stores including Amazon, Etsy, M&S, to name a few. Those parents who have been using it have so far raised over £400 for school! Many thanks if you have been using the app, and if you would like to start and are unsure how, just click the link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whickham-pce-prisch> or scan the QR code:



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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