



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 23/5/24

News

“Let Your Light Shine” Mural

We hope you’ve had the opportunity to come to our KS2 yard to see our beautiful new mural! We are so grateful to Mrs Sarah McLaren for taking our redundant climbing wall and turning it into a work of art. Mrs McLaren worked with school councillors, who had collated ideas from their classes, so that everyone had a say in what we should include. We were given nine combinations to choose from and every child got a vote. We were so pleased with the final result and very proud that our children chose such wonderful themes of stewardship of our earth, inspirational people, diversity, and of course our school motto “Let your light shine!”. We extend our most sincere thanks to Mrs McLaren for her hard work and creativity.

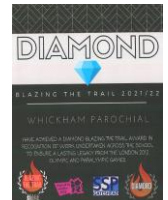


P.E. days for next half term

This is the last change! Next year, P.E. days will stay the same all year. The change around has given our children chances to work with NUFC, which has been amazing.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesday	Thursday, Friday	Thursday	Monday Thursday	Tuesday, Wednesday (Swimming)	Thursday, Friday	Monday Friday

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Sport's Day

Our sports day is due to be held on the morning of Friday 7th June between 9:15am and 11:30am. As we mentioned in our newsletter of May 10th, we are changing the format to a carousel which, in normal circumstances, could be organised on the field with plenty of space for spectators. However, the rain has not given us enough of a break to allow the field to dry out, and today it was so bad that the grounds maintenance vehicle became stuck on there! Given the forecast, we feel we are going to have to change our plans and move sports day to the two yards. Unfortunately, this means that there won't be space for spectators. I understand that you will be very disappointed about this, as we are, and we will try to ensure that many, many photographs are taken and shared with you. We are deciding this now in the hope that anyone who has requested holiday time to come and spectate will be able to change their plans, as we understand that short notice changes are not helpful for work arrangements.

We know that every grassed area locally is very wet but we feel that our field is suffering from a drainage issue, which we have been endeavouring to remedy for many years now. During the summer, we will be having a drainage issue on the KS1 yard fixed and the yard resurfaced. We hope that this may also help the field.

Dates for your diary...

- ***Just a reminder, we have our occasional day in the diary for Friday 24th May. Each school needs to choose a day for this and it's been on the calendar since September, but I know it's easy to lose track.

Things to remember...

- Raffle tickets are being sent home tonight, please ignore the typo I've made! Could all tickets please be returned by **Wednesday 19th June**, not the 28th which I've printed on the tickets!
- We are still looking for some helpers for our Summer Fair... a goalie for the 'Beat the Goalie' stall, a helper for the raffle, a floater for the garden games and a cash handler for the glitter tattoo and face painting stall. Please do get in touch if you can help with set-up, or during the event itself!
- Just a reminder that club bookings are live for after half-term, including our newest club, 'Family Fitness' on a Friday evening.
- The deadline for purchasing an academic year calendar, is Sunday 2nd June, as I will be placing the order on Monday 3rd as soon as we come back after half-term.

Have a wonderful half-term, take care, and we will see you next week!
Mrs Walton and Mrs Baird

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.