



Whickham Parochial Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine!

Newsletter 10/01/25

News

Happy New Year!

It has been so lovely welcoming our children back into school this week - we have loved hearing about the time they've spent with their families and friends.

The children have settled back into school wonderfully, showing us how conscientious and eager they are to learn. This half-term is going to be fun-filled and action-packed, keep an eye out on our Facebook page to see what we're up to!

Parent support

Our next support group will be held on Wednesday 15th January from 5pm – 7pm and will be focused on supporting children with anxiety – and providing support for parents who are dealing with this issue. Our guest speaker will be Karen Richardson from Toucan Education, who will provide tapping scripts to help regulate and calm both anxious children and worried parents. We will also provide resources and websites to help. Our previous workshop helped parents set up a little support network, which can be very helpful when situations are tricky.

Please call or email Mrs Baird to book a place.



Attendance

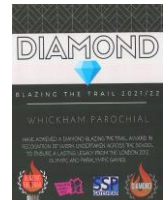
Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Weekly %	97.12%	96.45%	97.06%	97.27%	97.92%	97.16%	96.66%
Whole School %	97.10%						

Celebrations

Congratulations to our amazing WonderWall pupils who have impressed their teachers so much this week and made us proud. Chillingham and Lindisfarne took the housepoints and our TTRockstars engagement trophy went to Year 5, again, with 97%! Well done to everyone!



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

- Clubs resume on **Monday 13th January**, before and after-school.
- Irish Dancing is cancelled on **Friday 17th January**, hopefully you've all received the message from Kelly Hendry.
- Reception and Year 6 have their heights and weights check on **Tuesday 21st January** – please see Tuesday's email from Mrs Baird.

Things to remember...

- Lessons for the annual **Dance Festival** begin this Monday – the Dance Festival is for any child in Years 4, 5 and 6. If your child would like to take part in the Dance Festival, they will have to attend the Dance after-school club on a Monday evening, 3.20-4.20pm. Their space can be booked on ParentPay.
- Grass Roots run a **gymnastics club** at our school on a Tuesday evening, 5-6.30pm. Please see the flyer attached.
- Gateshead West Uniform Scheme accept **donations of branded uniform** – as our Uniform Exchange is currently full, please feel free to drop off any unwanted uniform at their donation station in Whickham Library.
- 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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