

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16

Our Current Core Value: Compassion

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Dear Whitley Family,

It was so lovely to see all our family together for the children's Christmas performances this week. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating both the children and staff for their amazing efforts. It has been a long time since we have been able to hold this event and it was magical to see it back. The children's performances and costumes were amazing, even more so when, due to absences, a lot of children were last minute stand-ins. The Year 5 staff stand-ins weren't too bad either! Next week is going to be a very busy week with parties, crafts, church etc and then we finish the day before Christmas Eve. It is going to be so much fun.

Christmas Party Food- Years Nursery to Year 4

On the morning of your child's Christmas party, please can he/she bring in an individual plate of food just to be eaten by them self. As we have limited refrigeration facilities, please do not send in anything that need to be kept in a fridge eg sausage rolls. Also, as we have children with allergies, please don't send in any foods containing nuts. School will provide drinks. Years 5 and 6 are arranging food in school and they will send out more details.

Nursery/Reception	Year 3	Year 5&6	Year 4	Years 1&2
Friday 16 th	Monday 19 th	Monday 19 th 4pm	Tuesday 20 th	Wednesday 21 st

Christmas Service at St Cuthbert's Friday 23rd December

We are taking the children up to church on Friday in two different groups. We will be serving drinks and mince pies in the school hall for parents, whilst they wait for their child to walk up to church with them.

Reception, Years 1,2,3- 9.15am start at church. Assemble in the school hall from 8.50am if you wish to walk up with your child.

Years 4,5,6- 10.15am start at church. Assemble in the school hall at 9.50am if you wish to walk up with your child.

In School Christmas Sing Along- Friday 23rd afternoon.

Unfortunately, due to restricted space, we are unable to invite parents to this event.

Breakfast Club

We have decided that Breakfast Club will remain in the Key Stage 2 area, so please use the Key Stage 2 door to enter. Please **do not** drive into the school staff car park to drop children off.

After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs next week.

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. We have more and more children arriving late. This not only disrupts the education of your child but also the other children in the class and it also impacts on the very busy office staff.

Holidays

Just a reminder that we finish for the holidays at **2pm Friday 23rd December** and children return to school on **Tuesday 10th January 2023**. Please remember our new January opening hours; official start time to **8.50am** and finish time **3.20pm** from 10th January 2023. The classroom doors will be open from 8.45am for the children to be ready for registration at 8.50am.

Have a great weekend. Mrs Gray

