

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16
Our Current Core Value: Thankfulness

September 17th 2021

Dear Whitley Family,

It's only the second week of term and it's as though the children have been here for weeks. They have all settled into their new classes so quickly. There have been so many fun learning activities taking part, which you can see on our Facebook page. It was also so lovely to see parents in our school on Tuesday evening for the Dukeshouse Wood meeting. We can't wait to have parents in on a more regular basis. We will soon be arranging Key Stage meetings so that you can gain further information about your child's year group.

Attendance

Congratulations to Lindisfarne Class who are this week's winners with 97.8%, followed closely by Morpeth with 97.5%. Unfortunately, our whole school percentage was only 94.4%. Let's all try together to raise this to our school target of 97%.

PE Kit Uniform

Thank you for sending your children in their PE kit uniform this week. We appreciate that some parents have not been able to purchase the uniform yet and we hope to see all the children dressed in uniform very soon. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can help you with this. Also, we would appreciate a letter or discussion with the class teacher if PE uniform cannot be worn for some reason. We have PE kit at school that the children will be asked to change into if they don't have the appropriate clothing. Remember the clothes **must not have logos** on them.

If anyone wishes to purchase one of the tracksuits with the school badge on them, they can be purchased from thekitmen.co.uk. You can also purchase other PE kit and the iron on badges on this site.

Earrings

Please remember that earrings are not to be worn in school. The children will be requested to remove them for the following day, if they are wearing them. Neutral coloured, flat plastic retainers may be worn.

Sweets/ Party Invitations

If you wish to send a treat into school for your child's class on their birthday, please send in something that is individually wrapped for each child and in its original packaging so that we can check the ingredients as we have many children with allergies. The sweets mustn't contain nuts.

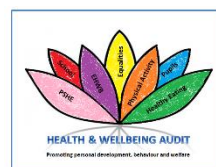
We would prefer that party invitations are not given out during school time as some children get upset if they aren't invited.

Dukeshouse Wood

If you were unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, please contact Mrs Robertson or Mrs Roome if you haven't received the information or if you have any questions.

Family Learning

Next Tuesday 21st September, Newcastle United Foundation are beginning a **free** Family Learning programme in school. I have attached the information on the back of this letter. This is a great opportunity for you to take part in fun learning with your child and we would love families to attend. If you are interested, please inform school providing the following information: name of child/children, year group, name of adult and a contact telephone number.



Macmillan Coffee Morning- September 24th 2021

Unfortunately we won't be able to hold our usual coffee morning for parents. However, we would still like to raise money for this very worthy charity so we have decided to have a coffee morning for the children in school. School will provide the cakes and drink for the children. If you would kindly like to make a monetary donation, please send this in with your child on that day. We are sadly unable to accept any food donations from parents. I'm sure that the children will love taking part in this event. This will be a non-uniform day and it would be great if the children could wear something green to mark the occasion.

Breakfast Club

I am sure that you will agree that our new breakfast club is amazing and I would like to thank the staff who are giving up their time to run this on a voluntary basis and to Mrs Townsend for setting this up. The children are enjoying fruit juices, cereal, toast and fruit. Some days there are extra treats like pancakes, a real feast!

Please note that parents **must not** drive into the school car park to drop their children off and must use the pedestrian side gate if entering via the car park as staff are arriving at this time.

Packed Lunches

No foods containing nuts please due to children with allergies in school.

Heritage Fayre

St Cuthbert's Church, Saturday 18th Sept. 10am until 2pm: free admission, craft stalls, refreshments, home produce stall, free crafts for children.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Gray



Dear Families,

Newcastle United Foundation are running a **FREE** 5 week Family Learning programme at **Bedlington Whitley Memorial Primary School** starting in **September**. The fun-filled programme will start straight after the school day starting on **Tuesday 21st September** and run until 4.15pm. Each child **MUST** be accompanied each week by **one** adult over the age of 18.

Each week will be split into a fun classroom based learning session, where you will be working closely with your child around various topics including:

- Inclusion
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Teamwork

As well as this, there will be a practical element to the course where Newcastle United Foundation staff will deliver some fun and enjoyable games where you can spend quality time with your child.

All you need to take part in the course is yourself, and sensible shoes! Places are limited to 15 adults and their accompanying children so return the completed slip below to school ASAP for your chance to take up this fantastic opportunity!

If you require any further information please contact jak.hogg@nufc.co.uk or Mr Blackburn