

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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



Welcome Back!
08/09/2023

Dear Parents Carers,

Happy new academic year! We hope that you all had a great summer, even though the weather was not the best. We were all so excited to welcome the children back to school. We have missed them. The children all looked so smart in their new uniforms and everyone one has settled brilliantly into their new classes. Today we were very lucky to have a theatrical production of Oliver Twist, from the M&M Theatre Company. As always, the show was amazing and the children were so enthusiastic.

Meet the Team- Wednesday 20th September 2023- 9.05am Year 2-6

We would like to invite you to meet the staff who will be teaching your child this year. At the meetings, the staff will **share important information** about your child's class, year group and key stage. For all the meetings, please enter and sign in via the main entrance.

SHINE Awards- Years 1-6 Fridays 9.05am

As of next Friday, we will re-start giving out Shine Awards to the children. We would love you to join us.

McMillan Coffee Afternoon- 29th September- 2.45-3.15pm.

We will be hosting this annual event, to raise money for a very worthy cause. We would love for lots of parents to come, as last year we had very few attenders and a lot of cakes!

Attendance Matters

Let you child be the best that they can, and 'Let Their Light Shine.'

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your child to fulfil their potential and for them to have the best possible start in life. Here at The Whitley, our aim is to work with families to support the best possible attendance of children at school. Going to school every day gives your child enormous benefits and advantages, ensuring that they learn to read, make excellent progress in their learning, supports them to develop friendships and not miss out on educational or social experiences. There may be times when you are unsure about whether you child is too ill for school. The DFE have issued a useful document to help parents to answer this question: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Please go to our website for more information about attendance, under the 'Parents' button.

Safeguarding

As you will have seen, the repairs to our roof are still underway. We have spoken to the children in school about safety around the site compound. Please can you also reinforce this with your children.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

We are committed to supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We know that everyone experiences life challenges that can make us vulnerable and at times, anyone may need additional emotional support. We take the view that positive mental health is everybody's business and that we all have a role to play. On our website, under the 'School Information' button, we have useful information and resources that we will be adding to on a regular basis.

Uniform

Please can I remind everyone that hoodies are only to be worn on PE days.

Have a great weekend and good luck to anyone running in the Great North Run on Sunday. Mrs Gray

