

# WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER 10/9/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so lovely to welcome the children back into school, so many smiling faces and so much excitement (both staff and children.) It's like the children have never been away. I am so proud of the way the children have confidently returned to school and adapted to new routines. I have heard so many positive comments from staff, children and parents.

### **Bishop of Newcastle**

Today Bishop Christine Hardman visited to officially open the school as a Primary school. Bishop Christine unveiled a plaque to commemorate the event. We will put pictures on our website and Facebook. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, this had to be a very low key event. We would have loved to invite all the children and parents. We are planning to have a bigger event for all when this is possible.

### **Communication with teachers**

If you need to send a message to a teacher, please do this via a note, on Tapestry (EYFS) or a phone call to the office. This will help us to maintain social distancing outside the classrooms. If it is something that is urgent, then you may have to wait until all the other parents have left. The teachers will use the same protocol.

### **Movement around the grounds**

Thank you for social distancing in the school grounds. You will see that we have drawn arrows on the path leading to the top gate. Please stay to the left. Also, there are 2m distance lines outside classroom doors. Please stay behind these lines.

### **Reading Folders**

Please can all children's reading folders be brought in this week. Your child will be issued with two books on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these books at home and return them to school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. We are not able to change books during the week due to COVID restrictions.

### **Face Masks**

It is important that anyone entering the school reception porch wears a face mask to protect our staff. We understand that some people are unable to do this due to medical reasons.

### **Out of Hours Contact Phone**

If your child test positive for coronavirus please contact the school office during working hours. If out of school hours, please use the following phone number to contact us 07587243694. Please only use this number as a last, out of hours, resort. Hopefully you will never need to do this. It is essential that we have at least two up to date contacts for each child in case we need to phone you.

Thank you for your continued support in these new and difficult times. We all need to continue to work together to keep Whitley C of E Primary School the safe, special place that it is.

Mrs Gray

