

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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'Let your light shine' – Matthew 5:16

Our Current Core Value: Compassion

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's Christmas! I am so proud of how everyone; staff, children, parents and governors have worked so hard and closely together to provide the best and safest education that we could in these very difficult times. It is the happy smiling faces of the children that have kept everyone's spirits up when times have been hard. It is an absolute pleasure for everyone to come to school every day and work with your wonderful children. Everyone deserves a great Christmas and a well deserved rest.

Virtual Nativity

I hope that you are going to watch our virtual nativity play on Facebook, a chance for the whole family to gather around and enjoy watching the children perform this traditional story. I think that it is amazing and I would like to send a great big thank you to everyone involved, but especially to Mr Blackburn for writing, filming and editing it.

Christmas Worship

We had a lovely whole school virtual Christmas Worship on Tuesday led by Reverend Ian and our special guest Mrs Hobson. I am really missing not being able to go to church tomorrow morning as it is my favourite event of the year.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army and I would like to send a huge thank you to Kielder class for organising a collection for the Salvation Army. I am sure that you will agree that their video on Facebook was amazing. Through your kind donations we raised £124.

Also, thank you for the toys that were donated to school for the Salvation Army to distribute to families who have very little this Christmas.

Attendance

This week the winners are **Kielder** again with an amazing 100%. Kielder have won week after week. They have been awarded with certificates and prizes for their efforts. In second place were Lindisfarne with 97.6% and in third place Mitford with 96.4%. Unfortunately our whole school percentage was only 93.3%, below our school target of 97%.

Questionnaires

Thank you for all the questionnaires that we have received and all the kind, supportive and constructive comments. It is great to get everyone's feedback as we continually strive to further improve. I will be putting the results on the school website as soon as possible.

House Points

Our termly winners are the Foxes. Well done to all the children for getting so many house points this term.

Positive Cases of Coronavirus

On the back of this letter is the information that you require should you unfortunately have to report a positive case of coronavirus during the holiday. Our out of hour's phone number is: 07887 903432. The phone will be turned off at midday Tuesday 22nd December.

Dinner staff

We want to appoint another casual staff member for dinner times. If you are interested please contact the office.

Christmas Holidays

The children will be returning to school on Tuesday 5th January.

Message from the Governors

Happy Christmas from all the Governors. We hope the children all have a fun and happy time as they've been fantastic this term. They've all taken the constant changes and extra rules in their stride and been brilliant at doing everything they were asked.

Message from St Cuthbert's

Reverend Ian and the congregation of Saint Cuthbert's Church would like to wish all of the children, staff and parents of the Whitley Memorial Primary School a very joyful and safe Christmas and every success for the coming year. May God bless you all with good health and happiness in Jesus Christ our Saviour, born for us in Bethlehem!

Have a lovely, safe, restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.

Mrs Gray

