

# WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

08/10/21

Dear Whitley Family,

Watching the Reception children learning outside now in the beautiful warm sunshine, I find it hard to believe the awful wet and windy weather that the poor Year 4 children had to deal with on their trip to Alnwick castle this week. They all demonstrated resilience and a positive attitude in the way that they battled through the deluge to have a great time. The teachers are so proud of them. I am keeping my 'good weather' fingers crossed for Year 1's trip to the Discovery Museum next week, especially as I am going on it!



#### Attendance

Congratulations again to Langley class who are the winners for the second week running with 97.1%. Prudhoe were in second place. Well done Year 6. The half-termly winners will be having a treat soon.

#### Whitley Friends (PTA)

This week, I had a meeting with the Whitley Friends. It was great to hear all the exciting ideas that they have to organise fun and exciting events in school. If there is anyone who would be interested in joining the PTA, even in a smaller role, they would really appreciate the help.

**Pennies for PJs**-The Whitley Friends would like you to join us in supporting the Children's Hospital Pyjamas appeal with a non-uniform/PJ Day on 15th October 2021 in exchange for a donation towards this worthwhile cause. This charity collects PJs to donate to Hospitals, Hospices, School Hospital Teams and Women's refuges up and down the country. In our region the UHND Treetops Ward and all the paediatric wards at the Great North Children's Hospital (RVI) benefit from this charity. We will collect any donations and buy PJs on behalf of the whole school to donate to the charity.



#### School Grounds Health and Safety

**Vaping**- Like smoking, vaping is not allowed in our school grounds.

**Puppies and Dogs**- Please don't bring dogs or puppies into the school yard as we have children who are allergic or frightened.

**Wheelie Manners**- Please make sure that your child is not riding any type of transport in the school grounds. (Bikes, skateboards, scooters, hoverboards etc).

#### Uniform

If your child is not able to attend school in the correct uniform or PE uniform for any reason, please contact the child's class teacher. Please remember that all earrings must be removed before attending school.

#### Whitley Parliament

Next Thursday afternoon (14<sup>th</sup> October), the elections for our new MPs will be held. If your child would like to be considered they need to bring their pre-written manifesto to read out to their class. We will announce the results on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> in Worship.



#### Harvest Donations

Thank you for the donations that we have received so far. Any more donations will be gratefully accepted before 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### Information, Questions and Queries

If you need to speak to a class teacher, please can you make an appointment via the office as dropping off and picking up times are very busy and we need to ensure that all children come in and out safely.

Have a lovely weekend and make the most of the unseasonably warm weather.

Mrs Gray



