

# WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Thank you to Reverend Ian who held a reflective worship this morning, to highlight our love and respect for the Queen and the service that she has given across 70 years. Some year groups have also been discussing this in class as some children may find this an unsettling time. Our love and thoughts go out to the Royal Family.

We have had a lovely first week back at school and hope that you all had a lovely summer break. Everyone was so excited to welcome the children back to school as we have missed them all so much. They have settled really well into their new classes in fact you can't tell that it is only the first week back.

## Attendance

What a great start we have had. Prudhoe, Morpeth and Lindisfarne have all had 100% attendance and the rest of the classes have not been far behind.

## SHINE Awards

As of next Friday, we will re-start giving out Shine Awards to the children. We are delighted to be able to invite parents back to these events. Years 4,5,6 will be held at 9.05am in the school hall and Y1,2,3 will be at 2.45pm. Please queue at main reception door and turn off your mobile photos as no photography is permitted in school.

## Theatrical Production

On Monday we are having a theatrical production of The Jungle Book. Years 5 and 6 will also be taking part in a workshop following the show. We will be doing lots of focussed work on the show and the values in the story.

## British Values

This half-term all the children will be doing work on British Values and producing a new hall display on this theme: Respect, Law, Tolerance, Liberty, Democracy.

## Promoting Positive Attitudes and Behaviour for Learning Policy

We are currently developing this new policy in school and our new Golden Rules. The children are helping us to develop these.



**Uniform**

All the children have looked so smart this week. We appreciate that some families have not yet received their clothing orders and that there is sometimes a delay.

**PE Trainers-** Children can wear their trainers to school on PE days as I know that leaving them at school can be a costly inconvenience. Most classes are now having PE more than one a week and the class teachers will inform the parents of those days.

**Earrings-** Please can you make sure that all earrings have been removed for school, plastic retainers can be worn.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support or advice in obtaining uniforms as we understand the financial pressures that all families are under at the moment and we may be able to help with this.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Mrs Gray