

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

Dear Whitley Family,

What an unprecedented year this has been. I have been so proud to be Head Teacher during this year. It may have been very different, and at times difficult, but I have so many special and lovely memories of all the fantastic activities that the children have done. I would like to thank the teachers and the support staff. Without their hard work and dedication we wouldn't have got through this academic year as smoothly as we have done. I would like to extend this thanks to you, children, Governors and any other members of The Whitley Family I have not mentioned. We don't know what the new academic year will bring for us yet, but as always, we value all your support and we will work together as one big family.

St Cuthbert's Fair

Please support St Cuthbert's summer fair:

Saturday 7th August in St Cuthbert's and the churchyard

Raffle, children's tombola, 'bag of fun', 'wine or what?' books, dvds, cakes.

Whitley Friends Raffle

Thank you for all your donations and for buying tickets. The winners have been notified.

Uniform- (Our policy can be found on our website)

Sports kit:

As previously mentioned, part of the school uniform next year will be black tracksuit bottoms and top or a red (grey Y5&6) hoody. This is additional to a white t-shirt and black shorts.

These items can now also be purchased from:

<https://www.thekitmen.co.uk/collections/whitley-memorial-c-of-e-school>

Earrings:

If you are getting your child's ears pierced please remember to do this next year as earrings cannot be worn in school and children will be asked to remove them. Flesh coloured, flat retainers may be worn.



Out of Hours Phone (07887903432)/Facebook/Safeguarding

The out of hours phone will be available for reporting any positive Covid cases until Monday night. After this time you need to report any Covid concerns via the Public Health system. If you have any Safeguarding emergencies you may also contact this phone number. Please do not send any Facebook messages unless it is an emergency.

September

Children will return to school on Tuesday 7th September. There will no longer be staggered start and finish times. The doors will be opened at 8.45am with school starting at 8.55am and the school day will end at 3.10pm. EYFS staff will inform you separately of their 'back to school' arrangements.

Before I sign off I wanted to share with you a time for reflection:

*The demands on you have been huge. Some days have been easier than others, but for some it has felt relentless working longer hours and through the holidays. The huge demands of home schooling, isolation have been draining. For others who have had Covid-19 or have been impacted by loved ones being unwell, it has completely zapped your strength. Looking forwards, there is no definitive end yet in sight but look how far you have come, look at all the things you have learned, look at how strong you have been. And just take a moment of quiet to hold on to this: **You are amazing!***

I wish you all have a lovely summer holidays and may the sun shines on us all.

Take care. Mrs Gray

