

# WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

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Dear Whitley Family,

I can't begin to tell you what an emotional, busy, strange week we have just had. Sitting here looking at the rain, I can't believe that just 3 days ago, it was 20 degrees hotter than it is now and plans had to be changed which meant packing everything into the last few days: The fair and disco were both a great success, thanks to the tireless work of The Whitley Friends who need great praise for their hard work and determination to make these events happen. Thank you to Reverend Ian for the three services he held in church for us this week; there wasn't a dry eye in St Cuthbert's at the Year 6 Leavers Worship and it was lovely to see all the parents both at that event and at this morning's Super Hero service. The Early Years had great fun at their Sports Day and I am sure it was a very special moment for all the adults who attended. And last, but not least, the Year 6 parents with the water pistols at the end of the day. We weren't expecting that! It was a great, fun send off for the children.

Finally, I need to thank all the staff in school who have worked so hard to teach and nurture your children to ensure they receive the very best learning journey and have every opportunity to 'Let Your Light Shine.'

Have a fantastic safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Gray

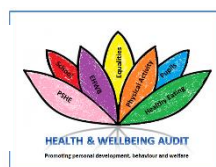
## Information for Next Year:

| Autumn Term Dates  |                                 |                                   |
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| HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE   | DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE | DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN |
| Summer Break   | Friday 22nd July 2022           | Tuesday 6th September 2022        |
| October Half Term  | Friday 21st October 2022        | Tuesday 1st November 2022         |
| Christmas Break  | Friday 23rd December 2022       | Tuesday 10th January 2023         |
| Teacher Training Days : Monday 5th September 2022, Monday 31st October 2022, Monday 9th January 2023 |                                 |                                   |

## Uniform

It is really important that the children wear their school uniform. This sets the children into the correct mind-set for being in school. It also lives out our school vision of equality for all.

Our school uniform is very affordable and can be bought from many supermarkets at value prices. You are also able to buy Whitley Memorial CofE branded uniform from Emblematic and [www.thekitmen.co.uk](http://www.thekitmen.co.uk) (that is where you can buy tracksuits from.) The uniform list can be found on the school website. Please note, children can wear skorts instead of shorts for PE.



Please note that as of September, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 need to **bring their PE kit to school in a drawstring bag on the first day of term and leave it in school for the full half-term.** Years 5 and 6 can come dressed in their kit on their PE days, which will be advised by the class teachers. Reception will send out their own details of when they want the PE kit brought in, again in a drawstring bag to be left at school.

### **Jewellery**

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school on health and safety grounds and children will be asked to remove it. Children should not wear earrings, although plastic retainers are permissible. If your child is going to have their ears pierced, please remember to have them done this weekend so that they can be removed for return in September.