

WHITLEY MEMORIAL C of E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

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Dear Whitley Family,

WELCOME BACK!!

It was so lovely to see the children return on Tuesday. They all looked so smart in their new school uniform, especially the Year 5s who have now become part of UKS2. Since their return, the children have all been fantastic and have settled so well into their new classrooms and routines. We are so proud of their attitude and behaviour. I have heard so much laughter and excitement as I have walked around the school. I can tell that we are going to have a fantastic year, especially as Covid restrictions are slowly lifting.

I would also like to welcome all our new families and children who have joined 'The Whitley Family' this week. On our school website we hope that you will find all the information that you will need, if not please ask.

(<http://www.whitley.northumberland.sch.uk/website/home/88895>) We also regularly use our Facebook page to send out information or to celebrate our wonderful children and the work that they are doing.

(<https://www.facebook.com/whitley.northumberland/>)

Please read 'Our Vision' in the School Information section.

Attendance

Congratulations to Alnwick and Lindisfarne classes who are joint winners of our attendance trophy with 100%!

Covid Risk Assessment

I have put our new RA and Contingency Plan on the school website. Please remember that this is a working document and changes will be made as appropriate. Remember we are always willing to listen to your ideas and views. We are hoping to allow parents back into school for Worship as soon as possible but I feel that we need to tread carefully until we see the impact of schools return on the number of Covid cases.

Theatre Experience

AHOY! What a fantastic day the children had watching the theatre production of Treasure Island today. To be COVID safe, this year, it was done very cleverly using one actor and a film. The actor even kept disappearing into the screen!

We loved it so much I have already booked Jungle Book for next September.

Shine Awards

Next week, we will be awarding children with our new Shine Awards. These will be instead of the WOW awards. We felt that Shine Awards fit in with our school motto; 'Let your light shine' which comes from Matthew 5:16: 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'

PE Kit

Thank you for your feedback on PE kit. Having taken into consideration the different parental and staff opinions, children from all year groups (Years 1-6) may come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days, as long as they are wearing the **PE kit uniform**. This comprises of:

- Plain black tracksuit bottoms and or plain black shorts (depending on the parent's opinion of the weather conditions that day.)
- Plain white, short sleeved t-shirt (no vests)
- Black tracksuit top or red hoody
- Trainers/ socks



There must be **no logos** on the items of clothing, except for the Whitley Memorial Badge. (Please don't think that you have to buy the WMPS branded items of clothing.)

If you prefer, you child may bring their kit in a bag to get changed in school. I know some parents prefer leaving the kit at school. I am aware that some people have not received their uniform orders yet and I request that those children wear plain coloured kit until their order arrives.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Year 1	Monday	Year 5- More information to follow. The children will come to school dressed in their normal uniform on swimming day.
Year 2	Thursday	
Year 3	Tuesday	
Year 4	Monday	
Year 5	Wednesday	
Year 6	Tuesday	

Earrings

Please remember that earrings are not to be worn in school. The children will be requested to remove them for the following day, if they are wearing them. Neutral coloured, flat plastic retainers may be worn.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to announce that breakfast club is beginning next week. Thank you for booking your place via the reply slips. Your child should come to the club between the hours of 8.00am and 8.20 am. They need to enter the building via the KS2 door.

Heritage Fayre

St Cuthbert's, Saturday 18th Sept. 10am until 2pm- free admission

- craft stalls, refreshments, home produce stall, free crafts for children.

Dukeshouse Wood

The Year 6 children are getting so excited about their upcoming residential trip. Not long now.

Have a lovely weekend and good luck to anyone running the Great North Run.

Mrs Gray