

# 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,

Last week, I had the most wonderful and exciting weekend with our amazing Year 6 children and school staff at Dukeshouse Wood. I have never seen such bravery, fantastic team work and joviality from both the children and teachers. I am so proud of them all. The staff at DHW spoke really highly of the children too. You cannot have failed to see all the photos and videos that were posted on our Facebook page!

Next week there is a lot to look forwards to including Year 4's trip to Alnwick Castle and Poetry Day on Thursday. As usual we have lots of sports and sporting clubs going on as well.

## Attendance

Congratulations to our weekly winners- Langley Class with 97.5%. They were delighted to have the cup back. Last year they won nearly every week so it is good that they have some competition now.

## Harvest Festival

We have arranged with Reverend Ian for this to be held at St Cuthbert's on the last Friday of half-term. I apologize that this event will only be for the children. Hopefully we will be able to start inviting parents to more events very soon. We will be collecting food for the Salvation Army food bank. Please send any donations into school via your child's class. We can only accept non-perishable items such as tins and packets.

## Uniform

Please check that your child has brought home the correct jumper as we have had a few go missing, especially in Year 2.

## Community Police

As part of our PSHE syllabus, Year 6 had a talk today from the community police officers about making good choices. We are planning more visits to cover topics such as road safety, the role of the community police officer etc.

## Parent Evenings

We are planning to hold these after half-term. This year we are going to do face-to-face meetings as we consider it a really positive way to get to know each other so that we can work in partnership with each other.

## Safeguarding

Our safeguarding leads are; Mrs Gray, Mrs Townsend and our chair of governors- Mrs Thompson. Please contact us if you have any safeguarding worries or queries.

## Reading

I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of your child reading regularly at home so please continue to do so regularly. If anyone has an hour or two to spare to come into school to hear children read we would really appreciate it. Please contact the class teachers.

Have a lovely weekend and take care. Mrs Gray

