# 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 Whitley Family,

This week we have been thinking about the Queen and honouring her life and work. We join the Royal Family and the nation in their grief and offer our heartfelt condolences. As a mark of respect, please remember that school will be closed on Monday.



Welcome back to Worship. It has been so special to see parents and friends at Worship today, to see the children receiving their Shine Awards. School working in partnership with parents and the whole community is such an essential part of the education of our children. I have shared a poem that I found, on the back of this letter, which I feel sums this up. From next Friday, the Shine Award Worship will be held at 9.05 for Years 1-6.

#### **Attendance Winners**

We have had very good attendance this week; 96.8% across the school. Our winners are Morpeth with an impressive 100%. Our runners up are Dunstanburgh 99.2% and Prudhoe 99%. Well done.

#### **PE Kit**

After trialling keeping PE kits on pegs in school and listening to feedback from both staff and parents, we have decided that the children may come to school in their PE kits on their specified PE day. As with normal uniform, it is very important that the children are wearing the PE kit as specified in the Uniform Policy on our website: PE Kit • Plain white t-shirt (not vest) • Plain black shorts or skort • plimsolls / trainers • Pair of socks if tights are worn • Hairband (to tie back long hair) and no jewellery, including earrings • Plain black tracksuit bottoms and black or red (grey Y5&6) tracksuit top or hoodie. (There should be no logos or badges on any uniform, except the school one.)

If children come to school in non-uniform clothing, they will be asked to change into stock that we have in school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help in purchasing the correct clothing. We are here to help. If you wish to buy clothing with the school badge on, these can be purchased from thekitmen.co.uk.

The PE days are; Year 1 Monday, Year 2 Monday, Year 3 Wednesday, Year 4 Thursday, Year 5 Tuesday, Year 6 Tuesday.

### **Promoting Positive Attitudes and Behaviours for Learning Policy**

We are currently developing this new policy. As part of this, we have developed, in conjunction with the children, new school rules which are designed to help the children to achieve their very best. We would really appreciate it if you could talk to your children about these rules and help them to learn them. These rules are:

**Show Respect**- Show and have respect for everyone and everything in our community.

**High Expectations**- Have a positive attitude and high expectations of yourself and others.

**Include Everyone**- Everyone is equal and deserves to be treated the way you would like to be treated.

Never give up- Be determined and persevere even when you are finding things difficult.

Ensure Safety- Remember you should keep and feel safe. Remember you can talk to trusted adults to feel safe.

## **McMillan Coffee Morning**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9.05am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gray













# The Sculptors

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher—the tools she used Were book, music and art.

The other, a parent, worked with a guiding hand

And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toild with touch

That was careful, deft and sure.

While the parent labored by his side

And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last, their work was done
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed If each had worked alone. For behind the parent stood the school And behind the teacher, the home.

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